Council of Europe co-operation work on gender equality and violence against women

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Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle
How we do co-operation?

The project teams apply a systematic approach to planning, implementing and monitoring the activities carried out within the project by:

- Identifying concrete needs and challenges of the beneficiary country in co-operation with national authorities.
- Establishing budgetary and human resources requirements.
- Defining measurable and sustainable goals.
- Monitoring progress to ensure ownership and sustainability of results.
What do we do?

Conduct evaluations and assessments to identify the needs in legal, regulatory, policy and institutional frameworks.

Support preparation and implementation of national strategies and action plans.

Support member States to sign, ratify and implement the Istanbul Convention.

Support the execution of judgments of the Court.

Provide legal, policy and operational advice on institutional structures and tools.

Design and deliver training across a variety of sectors (law enforcement, public authorities, civil society, media, etc.).
Where do we currently work?

- In the **European Union**: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

- In the **Eastern Partnership countries**: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

- **Russia**

- **Western Balkans** (pipeline): Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*.

*All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.
Some of the tools available

HELP training on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and Women’s Access to Justice (online training)
Some of the tools available

Research and other guidance materials

WOMEN’S ACCESS TO JUSTICE: A GUIDE FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Implementing Article 10 of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence — establishing national co-ordinating bodies

Analytical report of common challenges and lessons learned from bodies set up under different international human rights treaties
Some of the tools available

Conferences, peer to peer exchanges, training, study visits, etc.
Co-operation and the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy

- The main work so far has been on VAW and DV.
- Increased interest from beneficiary countries to deepen work on VAW and DV but also interest in new areas.
- Increased alignment with the 6 priority areas of the GE strategy (2018-2023) under the guidance of the GEC.