

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

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MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN

” Achieving gender equality

” Ending violence against
women and domestic
violence



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Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle



What do we do?



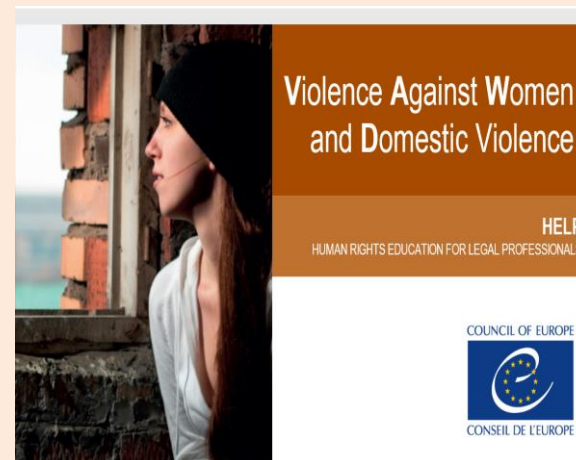
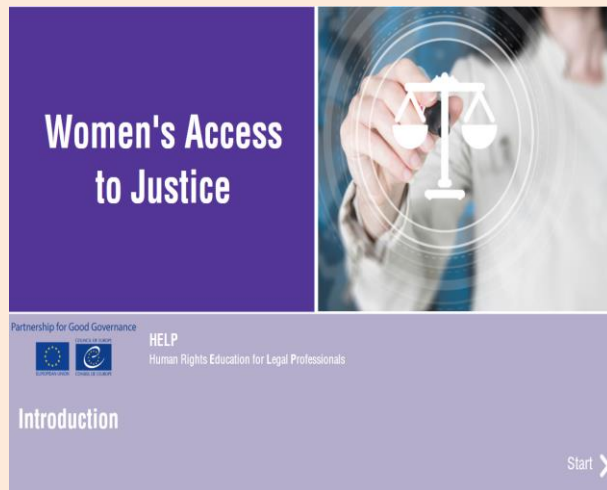
Where do we work?

- **European Union:** Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic (Norway Grants).
- **Eastern Partnership countries:** Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
- **Russian Federation** (starting June 2021)
- **Western Balkans:** Kosovo* (phase III July 2021)
- **Turkey**
- **Targeted support upon demand:** Latvia
- Co-operation with **WAVE-Network** and **UN Women**

Some of the tools available

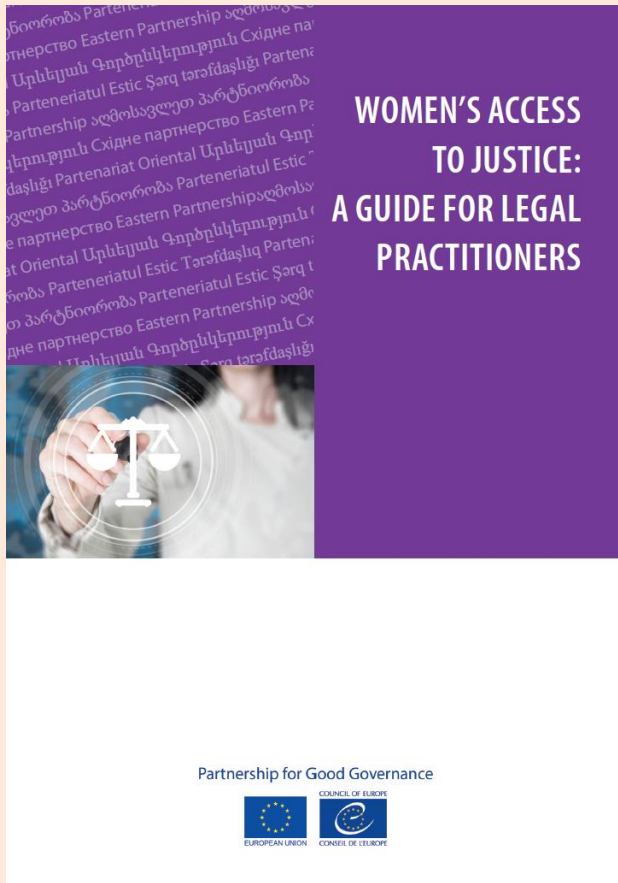
HELP online courses on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and Women's Access to Justice

- Available languages VAW: EN, ALB, ARB, ARM, BOS, GEO, LIT, IT, MAC, MON, MOL, POL, RU, SB, SI, ES, TK, UKR.
- Available languages WAJ: BOS, EN, UKR, RU



Some of the tools available

Research and other guidance materials



**WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE:
A GUIDE FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

Partnership for Good Governance

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**RISK ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AND
METHODOLOGIES FOR DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS
IN UKRAINE:**

NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Analytical Report

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Some of the tools available

Visibility materials

- Istanbul Convention -
Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

The Istanbul Convention is based on four pillars

PREVENTION PROTECTION PROSECUTION CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

PREVENTION

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to take the following measures:

- TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS
- PARTICIPATION OF MEDIA AND PRIVATE SECTOR
- ROLE OF MEN AND BOYS
- AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGNS
- PROGRAMMES FOR PERPETRATORS
- EDUCATION ON NON-VIOLENCE AND EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN
- PROMOTING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
- CHALLENGING GENDER STEREOTYPES

ISTANBUL CONVENTION / PREVENTION
www.coe.int/t/treaties/ConventionAgainstViolenceAgainstWomen

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PROTECTION

The safety and needs of victims and witnesses must be at the heart of all protective measures adopted by a country. Their rights include:

- RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF CHILD WITNESSES
- INFORMATION ON THEIR RIGHTS
- FREE TELEPHONE HELPLINES 24/7
- SUPPORT SERVICES
- SAFE CUSTODY AND VISITATION RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN
- REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPLAINT MECHANISMS
- PROTECTION OR RESTRAINING ORDERS
- SHELTERS
- EMERGENCY BARRING ORDERS
- REPORTING VIOLENCE TO AUTHORITIES
- RAPE CRISIS OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTRES

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PROSECUTION

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to ensure:

- DISUASIVE SANCTIONS FOR PERPETRATORS
- EFFECTIVE POLICE INVESTIGATION
- EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PROSECUTION
- LEGISLATION CRIMINALISING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- CONSIDERATION OF AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES
- VICTIMS PROTECTION DURING INVESTIGATION AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS
- PROTECTION OF CHILD VICTIMS AND WITNESSES
- VICTIMS RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND SUPPORT
- CO-ORDINATED RISK ASSESSMENTS
- VICTIMS RIGHT TO PRIVACY
- NO VICTIM-BLAMING

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CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

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- RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION
- INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION
- WHOLE SOCIETAL RESPONSE
- SUPPORT AND WORK WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOs
- COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION AND GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICIES
- CO-ORDINATE ACTION AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION
- FUNDING FOR POLICIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED POLICIES

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Conferences, peer to peer exchanges, trainings, study visits, etc

Some of the tools available



Latest developments

- Work on visibility and counter-narratives on the Istanbul Convention (Armenia, Rep. Moldova) including in co-operation with UNW and WAVE Network.
- Continued work with: Azerbaijan and Russian Federation (non signatories).
- On demand technical assistance.
- Increase use of online resources and tools.
- Withdrawal of Turkey to the IC