

# EVALUATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WORK UNDER THE SUB-PROGRAMME "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" 2016-2020 (2022)



## Evaluation questions

To what extent is the work in the sub-programme:

- Relevant?
- Effective?
- Having impact?
- Adding value?

## Methodology



## Strengths and ways to improve

- 1 The Istanbul Convention is a founding document resting on a fragile consensus
- 2 Gradual progress linked to the Istanbul Convention, its monitoring, and related cooperation programmes
- 3 Holistic approach to Violence against women and domestic violence requires continuous learning and coordination
- 4 Sharpened focus needed building on the Council of Europe's legal innovation trademark

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Internal functioning

- Provide clearer information on links between the GREVIO findings and the Committee of the Parties recommendations
- Engage the signatory countries in Committee of the Parties sessions
- Increase funding of the Secretariat

### Promoting ratification of the Istanbul Convention

- Reinvigorate internal consultation and coordination mechanisms
- Develop a strategy for countering disinformation and anti-gender narratives
- Engage with other international organisations

### Emerging issues and "soft standards"

- Pay attention to monitoring gaps in practices and strengthen focus on collecting new emerging practices
- Update the 2008 standards for protection services
- Cooperate on the facilitation of multi-country dialogue platforms

### Holistic approach

- Focus more on the nexus between the four pillars of the Istanbul Convention
- Consider how to engage in guidelines on data collection about Violence against women and domestic violence