

TRAINING SEMINAR:
**MAPPING SUPPORT SERVICES
FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN LINE WITH THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION STANDARDS**

**8 November 2018
Strasbourg, France**



**Council of Europe, Agora Building
Meeting room G03**



Background

The Council of Europe is currently implementing the multi-country project “Violence against Women” on combating and preventing violence against women and domestic violence in line with Council of Europe standards and with the support of the Government of Finland. The Council of Europe’s co-operation activities support bridging gaps to meet Council of Europe standards by increasing the knowledge of professionals and facilitating exchanges about promising practices in the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention).

Within this framework, the Council of Europe is organising a one-day training seminar which will present a Council of Europe methodology and tools for mapping support services for victims of violence against women. Participants will be trained in how to use them for their own research and mapping purposes in order to measure progress in the implementation of the standards of the [Istanbul Convention](#). The seminar will also provide an opportunity to share experiences about support services regarding violence against women among the States Parties to the Istanbul Convention and other relevant professionals.

Aim of the event

The training event will:

- present the Council of Europe standards, notably the Istanbul Convention, on support services for victims of violence against women and girls;
- train participants on how to administer and use a methodology and tools for mapping support services for victims of violence against women and girls;
- identify and promote promising practices on support services;
- strengthen co-operation and synergies between state authorities and NGOs and with action at national, regional and international level to map support services for victims of violence against women and girls;
- facilitate and create networking opportunities;
- contribute to the implementation of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018–2023.

Participants

- Representatives from the National Co-ordinating Bodies of the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention (established under the Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention);
- Permanent representations to the Council of Europe
- Representatives of relevant Council of Europe bodies and departments;
- Representatives of international organisations;
- Civil society organisations, equality bodies, women’s rights organisations and other relevant stakeholders.

Working languages

The working languages will be **English** and **French**, with simultaneous interpretation.

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	Registration of participants
9:30 – 9:45	Opening – welcoming address <i>Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe</i>
9:45 – 10:45	The Istanbul Convention’s protection pillar – access, availability and affordability of support services for victims of violence against women and domestic violence <i>Biljana Branković, GREVIO member, Serbia</i> Q & A
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	Legal, policy and financial frameworks for support services for victims of violence against women and domestic violence – meeting the requirements of the Istanbul Convention and sharing promising practices <i>Moderator: Marta Becerra, Head of Unit for Capacity Building and Co-operation Projects, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Professor Marianne Hester, University of Bristol, United Kingdom</i>- <i>Špela Veselič, Association SOS Help-line for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Slovenia</i>- <i>Biljana Branković, GREVIO member, Serbia</i> Q & A
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch offered by the Council of Europe
14:15 – 15:15	Methodology and tools for mapping support services for victims of violence against women and girls – an interactive session with participants <i>Professor Liz Kelly, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	Previous session continues
17:00 – 17:15	Closing – concluding remarks <i>Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe</i>