

Meeting of national co-ordinating bodies established under the Istanbul Convention

Helsinki, 15 November 2022

Engel Hall, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Katajanokka
Merikasarmi, Laivastokatu 22, Helsinki
Registration: Reception lobby, building G on Laivastokuja 3 G4.

Draft programme

9:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 Welcome words

- Krista Oinonen, Director, Unit for Human Rights Courts and Conventions, Legal Service, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

10:05 Opening of the meeting

- Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Marja Ruotanen, Director of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
- Marie Fontanel, President of the Committee of the Parties, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe

10:30 Keynote speech: GREVIO's findings in relation to national co-ordinating bodies

- Iris Luarasi, President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

Questions and discussion

11:00 Sharing experiences on the functioning of co-ordinating bodies set up pursuant to Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention

Experiences from state parties

- Taina Riski, Secretary General of the Committee for combating violence against women and domestic violence (NAPE), Finland
- Matilde Almandoz Rios, Head of Violence against women Unit, Government of Spain

Questions and discussion

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Multi-agency co-operation and an integrated approach to implementing the Istanbul Convention: trends and challenges

Introductory statements:

- Sari Laaksonen, Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE): The role of women's specialist support services in multi-agency co-operation on violence against women
- Johanna Nelles, Executive Secretary of the Istanbul Convention: GREVIO's findings in the area of multi-agency co-operation

Experiences from state parties:

- Multi-agency co-operation on domestic violence: presentation by Albania on its referral mechanism (tbc)
- Katriina Bildjuschkin, Senior specialist, MA, midwife, SERI Support Center for Victims of Sexual Assault, Finland
- Stefania Chiru, European and International Affairs Office, Directorate General for Social Cohesion, Ministry of Solidarity/Ministry of Equality

Questions and discussion

14:00 Evaluation and data collection on measures to combat violence against women under Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention

Experiences from state parties:

- Ross X. Wynne, Department of Justice, Ireland: Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Ireland: An Audit of DSGBV Structures and Building on its Recommendations
- Marta Silva, Commission for Gender Equality and Citizenship, Portugal: Data collection on violence against women in Portugal

Questions and discussion

15:00 Coffee

15:30 Learning from each other: designing national action plans and strategies on the basis of the Istanbul Convention

Experiences from state parties:

- Gian Beeli, Head of Section Violence, Federal Office for Gender Equality (FOGE), Federal Department of Home Affairs, Switzerland

Anna Collins Falk, International Coordinator and Senior Advisor, Swedish Gender Equality Agency

Questions and discussion

16:45 Closing remarks

- Nina Nordström, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe and former President of the Committee of the Parties
- Johanna Nelles, Council of Europe

17:00-18:00: End of meeting and cocktail reception hosted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (Place Engel Hall Lounge)