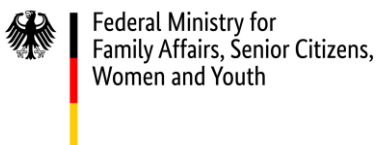


# Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action

Conference organised by the Council of Europe in partnership with the  
German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,  
Women and Youth in the framework of the  
German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

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## PROGRAMME



10:00 – 10:35 am

**Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator

**High-level opening of the conference: The Istanbul Convention today and its achievements**

**Franziska Giffey**, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

**Marija Pejčinović Burić**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Rik Daems**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

**Marceline Naudi**, President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

**Marcella Pirrone**, President, Women Against Violence Europe

***Signature of a Mutual Declaration between the German Presidency of the Council of Europe and the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union***

**Franziska Giffey**, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

**Mariana Vieira da Silva**, Minister of State of the Presidency, Portugal

10:35 – 10:40 am

*Project of video “Stronger than violence” by Eko Fresh, Rapper*

10:40 – 10:55 am

*Coffee break*

10:55 – 11:20 am

**Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator

**The Istanbul Convention: the gamechanger for women and girls**

**Feride Acar**, first President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

Presentation of the four Ps (Pillars) of the Istanbul Convention in video format – Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Co-ordinated Policies

11:20 – 12:30 pm

**Panel Moderator: Nils Muiznieks**, Director, Europe Regional Office, Amnesty International

**The Istanbul Convention: Gold standard, useful tool or dangerous ideology?**

**Dubravka Šimonović**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and Co-Chair of the drafting committee of the Istanbul Convention

**Nina Nordström**, President of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention

**Neil Datta**, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

**Beka Dzamashvili**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

12:30 – 2:00 pm

*Lunch break*

*Projection of videos produced by Germany and by the Council of Europe during the lunch break*

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2:00 – 3:15 pm

**Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator

**Combating gender stereotypes and sexism: tackling the roots of gender inequality and violence against women**

*Projection of Council of Europe video on preventing and combating sexism*

**Andreia Lourenço Marques**, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission

**Emily Yiolitis**, Minister of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus

**Élisabeth Moreno**, Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, attached to the Prime Minister, France

**Juliane Seifert**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

**Joanna Maycock**, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby

**Alexandra Timmer**, Associate Professor, Utrecht University School of Law, the Netherlands

3:15 – 3:30 pm

*Coffee break*

3:30 – 3:50 pm

**Elif Shafak**, Writer, Academic, Public Speaker, and Women's Rights Activist

3:50 – 4:15 pm

**Concluding remarks**

**Christine Chinkin**, Conference Rapporteur

**Bjørn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

**Michael Roth**, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office