

Fostering a comprehensive institutional response to violence against women and domestic violence in Turkey

What is the goal?

- ▶ To strengthen national authorities' capacity to respond to cases of violence against women and domestic violence, in compliance with European standards on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, especially with [the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence \(Istanbul Convention\)](#).

Who benefits from the action?

- ▶ Victims/survivors of violence against women and domestic violence;
- ▶ the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services;
- ▶ the Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ the Justice Academy of Turkey;
- ▶ the Ministry of Interior, including the Police and Gendarmerie;
- ▶ public officials at national and local levels, including the judges and prosecutors, police and gendarmerie officers, support service workers and judicial support officers;
- ▶ international and non-governmental organisations working for combating violence against women, gender equality and women's rights in Turkey.

How will the action work?

Building on [recommendations](#) of the [monitoring mechanism](#) of the Istanbul Convention, the Action supports the Turkish authorities in reinforcing their response to effectively prevent violence against women, to protect women victims/survivors from violence and to prosecute perpetrators through:

- ▶ revising and developing training programmes and modules for legal and law enforcement professionals, officials providing support services and other public officials;
- ▶ establishing pool of trainers and conducting specialised trainings, including training-of-trainers, cascade trainings and a tutored on-line HELP training course;
- ▶ developing guidelines, protocols, checklists and practical tools;
- ▶ organising expert discussions, peer-to-peer exchanges, international and provincial workshops and seminars;
- ▶ awareness raising through a study visit, sharing promising practices of other countries and publication of materials.

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What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Increased knowledge and skills of key authorities to effectively prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence;
- ▶ strengthened institutional mechanisms of support services to address the rights and needs of women victims/survivors of violence;
- ▶ enhanced access to justice of women victims/survivors of violence by building the capacities of judicial support services;
- ▶ strengthened co-ordination and co-operation among the relevant state authorities and stakeholders in their response to the cases of violence against women and domestic violence;
- ▶ increased awareness on the need for data collection on cases of violence against women, including sexual violence.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 800.000 EUR.
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- ▶ Council of Europe, Gender Equality Division: www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality
- ▶ Council of Europe Ankara Programme Office website: www.coe.int/en/web/ankara
- ▶ Horizontal Facility website: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/horizontal-facility/home>
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