

Synergy for change

Civil society raising awareness on violence against women in a context of global challenges

Budapest (Hungary), 11-12 July 2024 European Youth Centre, Zivatar utca 1-3

Conference organised within the framework of the Council of Europe

Ending violence against women: multi-country programme

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Thursday, 11 July 2024

Conference moderator and rapporteur: Eleri Butler, expert on prevention and response to violence against women, Council of Europe consultant

Conference graphic facilitator: Vanda Kovács

9:00 – 10:00 Opening and setting the scene: Supporting civil society organisations on raising awareness on the Istanbul Convention

- Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director, Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, Council of Europe (video greeting)
- Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
- Sara Slana, Member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Slovenia
- Angelina Zaporojan-Pirgari, Member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
- Stephanie Futter-Orel, Executive Manager, Women Against Violence Europe Network WAVE Network

10:00 – 10: 30 Civil society's awareness raising initiatives on the Istanbul Convention supported by the Council of Europe

- **Bulgaria: Iliana Balabanova,** President of the European Women's Lobby (EWL), Director of the Bulgarian Platform
- Czech Republic: Klára Hlavačková, Coordinator, Czech Women's Lobby

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 Civil society's awareness raising initiatives on the Istanbul Convention supported by the Council of Europe (continued)

- Latvia: Iluta Lace, Director, and Beata Jonite, Policy Coordinator, MARTA centre
- Poland: Joanna Gzyra-Iskandar, Spokesperson, Feminoteka Foundation
- Hungary: Fanni Dés, NANE Women's Rights Association

Lithuania: Zuzana Vasiliauskaitė, Project Manager, and Lilija Henrika Vasiliauskė, founding President, Vilnius Women's House Association

Q&A

12:30 -12.40 *Group photo*

12:40 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 Workshop 1: Raising awareness on the digital dimension of VAW: practices, challenges, needs and ways forward

Moderator: **Elina Nikulainen,** expert on prevention and response to violence against women, Council of Europe consultant

Workshop 2: Raising awareness on sexism and gender stereotypes: practices, challenges, needs and ways forward

Moderator: **Cécile Gréboval**, Programme Manager, Gender Mainstreaming - Senior Gender Equality Adviser, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30 Workshop 3: Raising awareness on women's access to justice: practices, challenges, needs and ways forward

Moderator: **Elisabeth Duban**, Gender expert, Council of Europe consultant

Workshop 4: Addressing the gender backlash: practices, challenges, needs and ways forward

Moderator: **Susana Pavlou**, Director, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, Council of Europe consultant

17:30 – 18:00 Summary of burning issues from discussions on Day 1 by moderators hosting the World Café small groups on Day 2

19:00 – 21:00 *Networking dinner*

Day 2 - Friday, 12 July 2024

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction: World Café rules and burning issues for discussion

Larissa Kireeva, Project manager, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe

9:15 - 11:15 World Café

Participants will address burning issues of Day 1 at 10 different tables, rotating every 20 minutes. To ensure continuity of ideas, each group is introduced to the previous discussion at their new table by a designated "table host".

Note: Coffee is self-served during the World Café session

11:15 – 12:00 **Technical Break** (to draw up the Call for Action based on the conference discussions)

12:00 – 13:00 Conclusions of the World Café and the conference: Call for action

Moderator and conference rapporteur: **Eleri Butler**, Gender equality expert, Council of Europe consultant

- Summary of discussions by moderators/hosts of tables
- Agreement on the final conclusions: Call for Action presented by the conference rapporteur and graphic facilitator.
- Closing by Marta Becerra, Head of Capacity Building and Cooperation Unit, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe

13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch*



The participation of some representatives has been supported under the framework of the European Union and the Council of Europe joint programmes the Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye and the Partnership for Good Governance for Eastern Partnership countries. Views expressed herein can in no way be taken to reflect the official opinion of the European Union or the Council of Europe.