



Launching event

New methodology and toolkit developed by the Council of Europe, WAVE Network and UN Women to support civil society organisations in raising awareness on the Istanbul Convention

*In the framework of the Council of Europe project
"Ending violence against women: multi-country programme 2022-2025"*

14 September 2022, 09:30 – 12:00 CEST

On-line

Background

The Council of Europe's [Gender Equality Division](#), Women Against Violence Europe Network ([WAVE](#)) and [UN Women](#) have developed a [methodology](#) providing advocacy resources and tools to support civil society organisations (CSOs) in promoting the values, aims and provisions of the [Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence](#), known as Istanbul Convention.

This methodology will help CSOs in running national communication and advocacy campaigns on the Istanbul Convention and will generate positive narratives and dispel myths and misinformation regarding the Istanbul Convention. The campaigns can be aimed either to pave the way towards the ratification of the Istanbul Convention or to increase the quality of its implementation. The promotion of the Istanbul Convention is expected to increase the target groups' awareness on women's rights and ultimately to help tackle domestic violence and prevent violence against women.

In 2021, this methodology was piloted by selected CSOs with experience in combatting violence against women and domestic violence in three countries: [Czech Republic, Latvia, and Poland](#). Lessons learned and recommendations were taken into consideration in the development of the methodological package which is now available for use by CSOs in all Council of Europe member states.

Following the pilot phase, in July 2022 the Council of Europe launched a [Call for proposals](#) for CSOs working in combatting violence against women and domestic violence in one of four countries: Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania or Slovak Republic. The projects are requested to use the methodology in developing their campaigns, adapting the proposed toolkit to the needs of each country. The deadline for submission of offers is 21 September 2022, 24:00 CET.

Aims of the event

- Promote and answer questions related to a new methodology providing advocacy resources and tools to support civil society organisations in promoting the values, aims and provisions of the Istanbul Convention
- Encourage broad participation in the Council of Europe call for proposals from civil society organisations working in Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania or the Slovak Republic

Participants

- representatives of CSOs working in combatting violence against women and domestic violence
- representatives of the Council of Europe, WAVE and UN Women

Working language

English

On-line venue

The meeting will be hosted via the BlueJeans videoconferencing platform.

The link will be shared with registered participants.

Wednesday, 14 September 2022

- 09:20 – 09:30 **On-line registration**
- Moderator of the event:
- Marta BECERRA**, Head of Capacity Building and Co-operation Projects Unit, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Opening remarks**
- Caterina BOLOGNESE**, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
- Yolanda IRIARTE**, Programme Specialist on ending violence against women, UN Women
- Stephanie FUTTER-OREL**, Executive Manager, WAVE Network (Women Against Violence Europe)
- 09:50 – 10:10 **The Istanbul Convention as a standard to prevent and combat Violence against women and domestic violence**
- Johanna NELLES**, Secretary to the Istanbul Convention monitoring mechanism
- Questions and answers
- 10:10 – 10:40 **Presentation of the methodology and the toolkit for running communications and advocacy campaigns on the Istanbul Convention**
- Video presentation
- Léa DUDOUET**, Project & Network Coordinator, WAVE Network (Women Against Violence Europe)
- Questions and answers
- 10:40– 11:10 **Sharing experiences of CSOs which piloted the methodology in 2021**
- Klara HLAVACKOVA**, Coordinator, Czech Women’s Lobby, Czech Republic
- Iluta LACE**, Head of the Association, MARTA Centre, Latvia
- Questions and answers
- 11:10 – 11:15 **Council of Europe call for proposals to support awareness-raising campaigns of CSOs in Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania and Slovak Republic**
- Larissa KIREEVA**, Project Manager, Capacity building and co-operation Unit, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe

11:15 – 11:50

General discussion

2-5-minutes interventions from participants

11:50 - 12:00

Conclusions and final remarks