

BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE DIO EVALUATION OF THE SUB-PROGRAMME “VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”

Period covered 2016-2020

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- 530 documents analysed
- 5 case studies countries Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine.

It covers the dynamic triangle: standard setting (essentially Istanbul Convention, IC), monitoring (GREVIO) and Cooperation/Capacity Building (Gender Equality Division).

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the accountability towards the CoE's governing bodies, the direct and indirect beneficiaries of the VAWDV sub-programme
- To describe how the CoE's standard setting, cooperation and partnerships have contributed to changes towards the elimination of VAWDV
- To inform, for the purpose of future decision making

15 FINDINGS

Briefly:

“The overall relevance of the Council of Europe’s work in the area of violence against women and domestic violence is high: it responds closely to the needs identified by the Council of Europe monitoring bodies, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Committee of Ministers, the European Court of Human Rights and the Department for Execution of the Court’s judgement and the observations made through cooperation projects”.

11 RECOMMANDATIONS

1. Strengthen internal consultation and coordination practices of DG II, SG, PACE, Commissioner with the view to advancing the ratification of IC, monitoring activities and co-operation.
2. Clarify the links between the GREVIO findings and the Committee of the Parties recommendations (and more generally about the Committee of the Parties role and function).
3. Ensure that IC signatory countries participate in the Committee of the Parties sessions.
4. Develop a concept/strategy on whether and how to engage in guidelines on data collection about VAWDV.

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5. On the 2nd monitoring round, IC (GREVIO) should look into gaps in the implementation of integrated policies in the fight to VAW and DV and strengthen focus on (collecting and) considering new and diverse practices that are emerging.
6. Consider updating the 2008 standards for protection services to highlight the low funding of the sector and while taking into account the special nature and needs of women affected by armed conflict (and the specific vulnerabilities of refugees and internally displaced persons).
7. Cooperate on the facilitation of multi-country dialogue platforms.
8. Cooperation activities should focus more on the nexus between the four main pillars of the Convention in particular on the social integration of victims and focus on social services.

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9. Consider developing a strategy for countering disinformation and anti-gender narratives.
10. Consider strengthening of the Secretariat.
11. Engage with other relevant international organisations with the view to bring together synergies and ensure complementarities.