

Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action

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10:00 – 10:35 am **Opening Session**
Conference moderator: Astrid Frohloff

High-level opening: 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
- ▶ **Mariana Vieira da Silva**, Minister of State of the Presidency, Portugal
- ▶ **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

10:35 – 10:40 am **Projection of video “Stronger than violence” by Eko Fresh, Rapper**

10:40 – 10:55 am **Coffee break**

10:55 – 11:20 am **The Istanbul Convention: the gamechanger for women and girls**
Conference moderator: Astrid Frohloff

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

Panel Moderator: Nils Muižnieks, Director, Europe Regional Office, Amnesty International

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

12:30 – 2:00 pm **Lunch break**

Projection of videos produced by Germany and by the Council of Europe

2:00 – 3:15 pm **Combating gender stereotypes and sexism: tackling the roots of gender inequality and violence against women**

Conference moderator: Astrid Frohloff

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

- ▶ **Andreia Lourenço Marques**, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission
- ▶ **Juliane Seifert**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **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 **Keynote speech**

- ▶ **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, Germany

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