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Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice

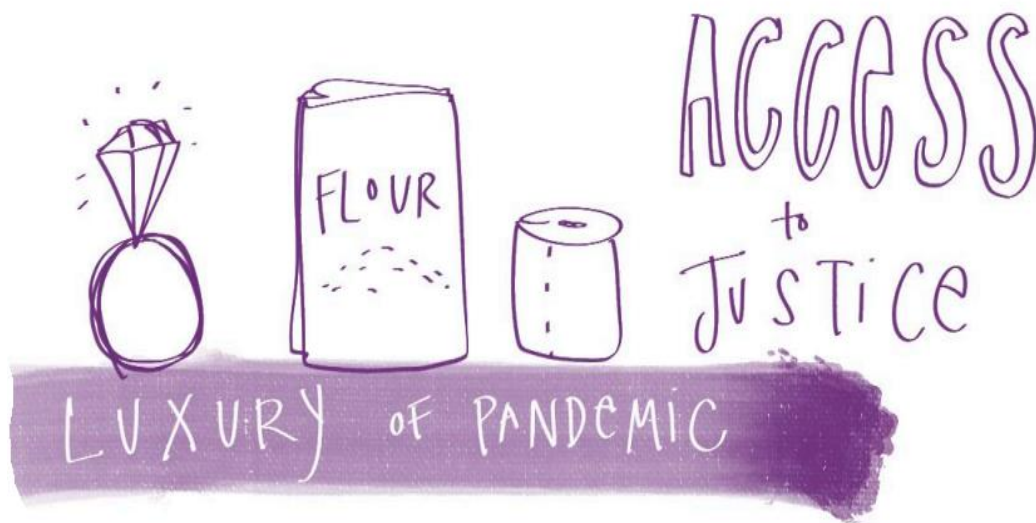
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2:30-3:00 pm Opening remarks

Roberto Olla, Head of Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department,
Council of Europe

Andreia Lourenço Marques, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission, Council of
Europe

Jeroen Willems, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Neighborhood and
Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

3:00-3:45 pm Presentation of the report and its findings

Lori Mann, Council of Europe expert

Discussant: **Jaša Vrabec**, President of the Working Group on the evaluation of judicial systems of the
European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice, Council of Europe
Q&A

3:45-4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00-4:45 pm Notes from the field

Vafa Rustam, national expert, Azerbaijan

Baia Pataraia, national expert, Georgia

Doina Straisteanu, national expert, Republic of Moldova

Tamara Bugaiets, national expert, Ukraine

Session moderator: **Elisabeth Duban**, expert on women's access to justice
Q&A

4:45-5:00 pm Closing remarks

Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Gender Equality Division and Secretary to
the Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe

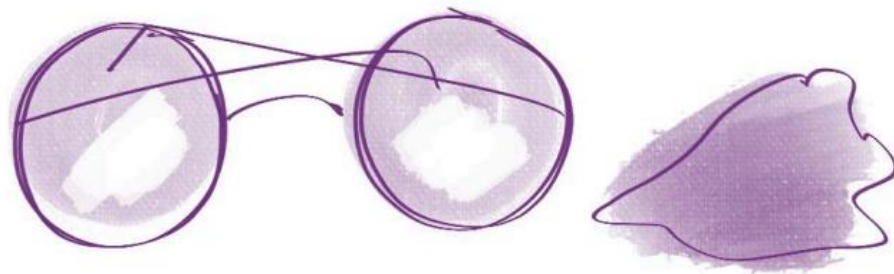
Cristian Urse, Head of Division, Programming and Resource Mobilisation
Department, Directorate of Programme Co-ordination, Council of Europe

Event moderator: **Roberto Olla**

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The launching event will present the findings of the report on the Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice in Europe. The event will offer an opportunity to participants to discuss ways forward on addressing the persistent and emerging challenges for Council of Europe member States in ensuring equal access to justice for women and men, including in times of crisis. The event will be an opportunity for members of the Gender Equality Commission to reflect on the status of implementation, at national level, of the [Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023](#), and more particularly its third strategic objective on ensuring equal access of women to justice. Participants will also exchange on how to integrate the findings of the research in post pandemic policies promoting gender equality.

The participants will be representatives from the national authorities, relevant national stakeholders and civil society organisations, including legal professionals, involved in promoting and implementing the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as the Istanbul Convention standards.

The event is organised by the regional project of the European Union/Council of Europe Joint Programme for Good Governance II "*Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards in the Eastern Partnership countries*" with support from the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission, in the margins of its 22nd plenary meeting.