The Convention of the Council of Europe on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence is a tool for actors of civil society, enabling them to enlarge their influence and their potential of action. Undeniably, civil society plays a key role in the fight against domestic violence and violence towards women. The North-South Centre organises one-day training on the use of the Istanbul Convention by NGOs within the focal areas of Prevention, Protection and Data Collection/Information to the EuroMed Rights’ Gender Working Group, carrying out its mission to empower civil society, in particular youth and women in Member States and in Neighbouring Regions. The purpose of the training is to provide representatives of civil society, activists in the domain of women’s rights and/or gender equality in Mediterranean Region with practical tools that will enable them to fight violence, as presented in the Convention, through sharing experiences and good practices.

Programme

9:00 – 9:10  Presentation of the North-South Centre and introduction to the training  
Ms. Narimen Beneddine, Empowerment of Women Programme Manager, NSC

9:10 – 9:20  General Introduction to the Istanbul Convention and GREVIO¹  
9:20 – 9:45  NGO in Istanbul Convention : Example of protection of victim  
Ms. Françoise Brié, Vice-Chair of Women Solidarity National Federation and Head of “Escale-Solidarité Femmes” (shelter for women victims of violence)

9:45 – 10:30  Article 12 – Prevention of violence  
Dr Alaa Murabit, Founder of The Voice of Libyan Women, UN Women Global Civil Society Advisor

10:30 – 11:15  Reflection and sharing experiences on Prevention of violence  
Dr Alaa Murabit

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15  Article 11 : Data collection and research  
Ms. Maria Giuseppina Muratore, Italian National Institute of Statistics

12:15 – 13:00  Reflection and sharing experiences on Data collection and research  
Ms. Maria Giuseppina Muratore

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:00  Workshop : Preventing violence and raise awareness  
Facilitated by M. Tarak Mahdhaoui, Vice-chair of Lam Echaml, Civic Association Network in Tunisia

15:00 – 15:15  Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15  Workshop : Data collection, research and information  
Facilitated by M. Tarak Mahdhaoui

16:15 – 16:30  Exchange of views, debriefing et evaluation

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