



PROJECT BRIEF

Raising Awareness
of the Istanbul
Convention and other
Gender Equality
Standards in Azerbaijan

A life free violence is
every woman's right;
The Istanbul Convention:
Ending Violence Against Women

**Partnership for
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This brief covers the period July 2020 to December 2021 and includes the most relevant results, activities and publications of the project. However, the project was extended until August 2022 and might be extended until February 2023. A section at the end of this publication includes the activities foreseen in the new period.

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- ▶ [Campaign for 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence 2020: results](#)
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Project testimonials (videos)





- ▶ [3 video testimonials from participants to one of the webinars on articles of the Istanbul Convention](#)

THE PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED ON 1 JULY 2020 WITH A KEY MESSAGE:

A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE IS EVERY WOMAN'S RIGHT

THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT CAN BE FOUND THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

-  Project website on the Council of Europe's Capacity-building and Co-operation Projects Unit of the Gender Equality Division in [EN](#) and [FR](#);
-  PGII website [link](#) to the project website;
-  CoE Baku office's [website](#) in Azerbaijani;
-  Project factsheet [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

A news item with information on the project appeared on the national online news webpage [Apa.az](#) (Azerbaijani only).

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7-11 SEPTEMBER

An online needs assessment with all relevant stakeholders took place to re-assess the real needs in the field of violence against women and domestic violence and to update project activities accordingly.

IT ALSO SERVED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE COMMITMENT BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



25 NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the project launched social media campaign to raise awareness of the convention in Azerbaijan. The campaign presented the **info graphics** and the **brochure** on the four pillars of the Istanbul Convention in Azerbaijani through a series of social media posts (**Twitter**, **Facebook** and **website**).

The project campaign and the Istanbul Convention also featured in several local media outlets:

Official **Facebook page** of Azerbaijani Bar Association (EN and AZE);

- ▶ **State news agency;**
- ▶ **Report Information Agency;**
- ▶ **Huquq.az;**
- ▶ **Sabah Info;**
- ▶ **Femida;**
- ▶ **AZ Vision;**
- ▶ **Aqreqator;**
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- ▶ Baku EUD **Facebook Page**.



#OrangeYourHome #OrangeTheWorld!
16 days of activism against gender-based violence in Azerbaijan

25 November – 10 December 2020

PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE II "RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND OTHER GENDER EQUALITY STANDARDS IN AZERBAIJAN"



The Social Media campaign reached 49,479 people reached through 17 posts (**Twitter**, **Facebook**) and 2 news items (**website**).

#OrangeTheWorld



In addition, the project called for participation through the hashtag **#OrangeTheWorld** **#OrangeYourHome** to give visibility to violence against women in Azerbaijan. 30 people sent photos in orange to join the campaign in Azerbaijan





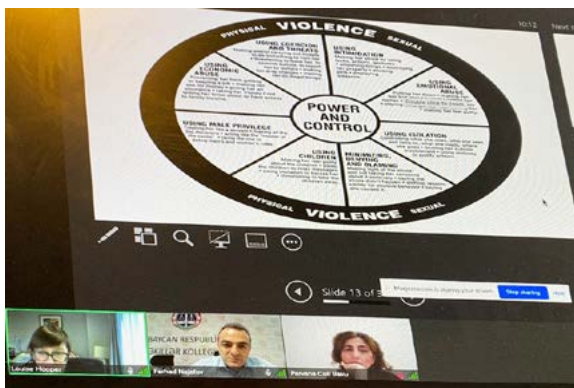
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18 DECEMBER

THE
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TRANSLATION OF THE
**LEFLET ON THE ISTANBUL
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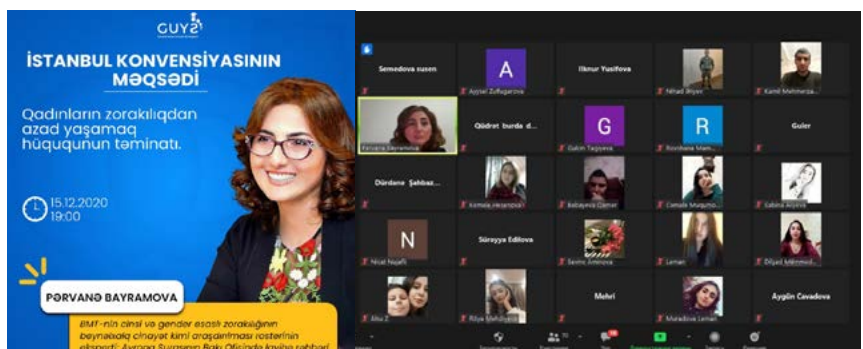
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Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



On 18 December, one of the international experts who developed the Human rights Education for Legal Professional (HELP) course on violence against women and domestic violence delivered a coaching session to the Azerbaijani national HELP tutor, Mr Farhat Najafov, in order to explain the course and the logic under which it was prepared.

On 21 December, the Senior Project officer of the project, Parvana Bayramova, delivered a presentation on the Istanbul Convention, followed by a Q&A session, in a webinar organised by the GUYS Youth Organisation. 67 students from universities from Baku and the regions attended the event and actively participated.



News item in Azerbaijani on [Facebook page](#) and the [Instagram account](#) of the organization prior to the event, and posts on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) afterwards.



JANUARY 2021

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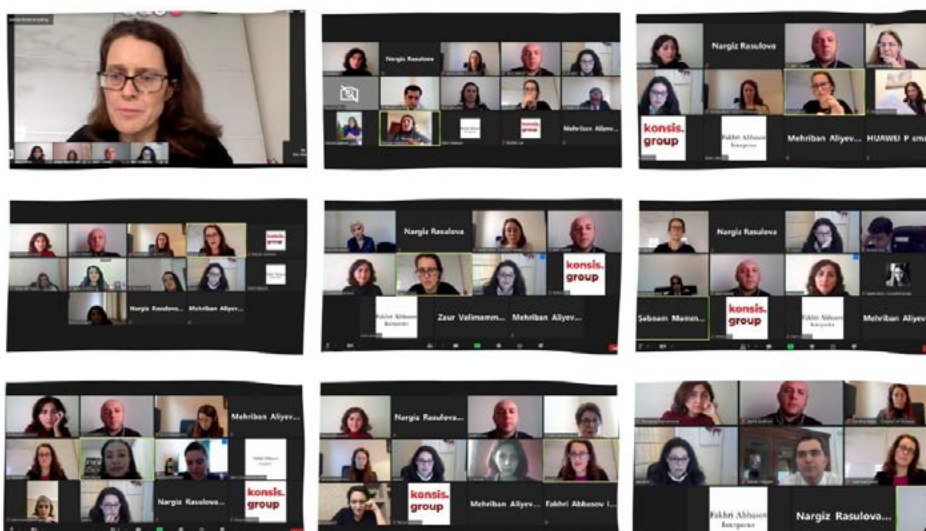
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14-15 JANUARY 2021

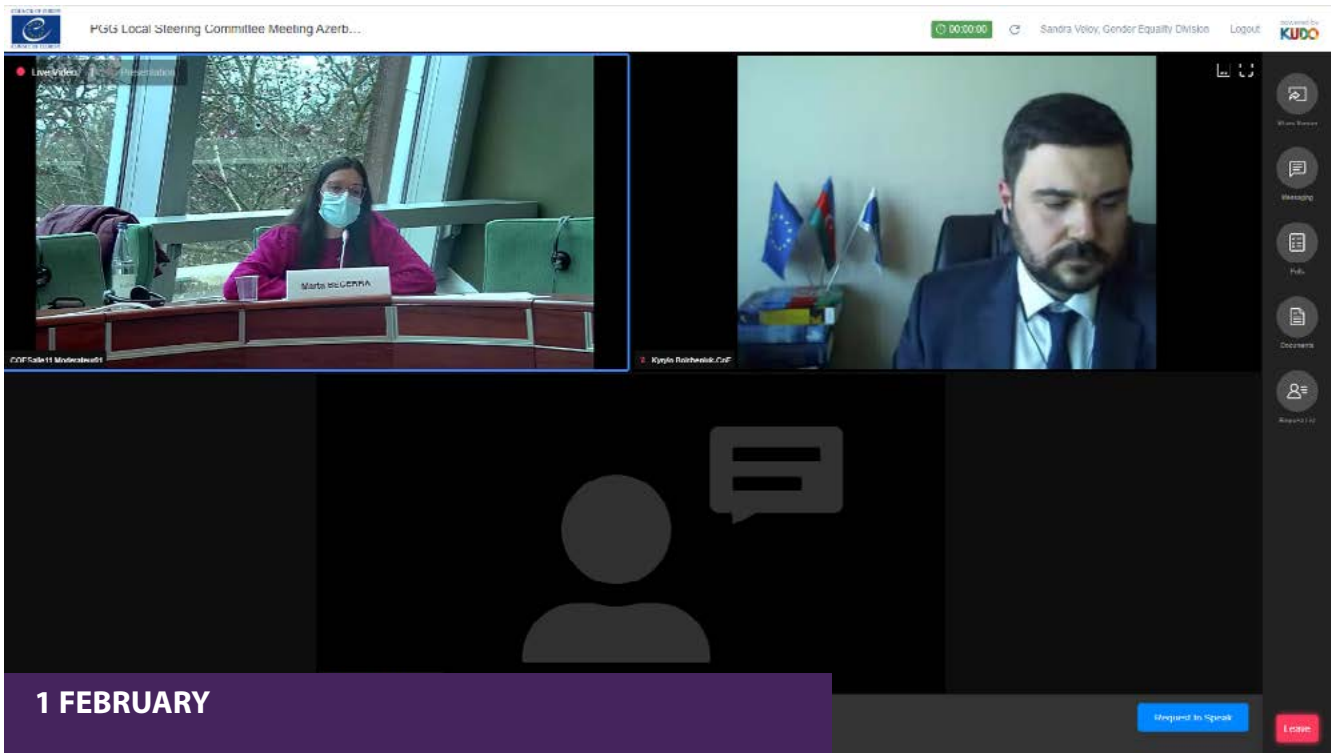
On 14-15 January 2021, several online needs assessment meetings took place to prepare a gap analysis of the Azerbaijani legislative and policy frameworks in the field of violence against women and domestic violence in line with the Istanbul Convention.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#)

21 JANUARY

Session on violence against women and domestic violence delivered for staff from the Ombuds office and CSO representatives within the framework of another PGII project (synergies and enhanced co-operation).

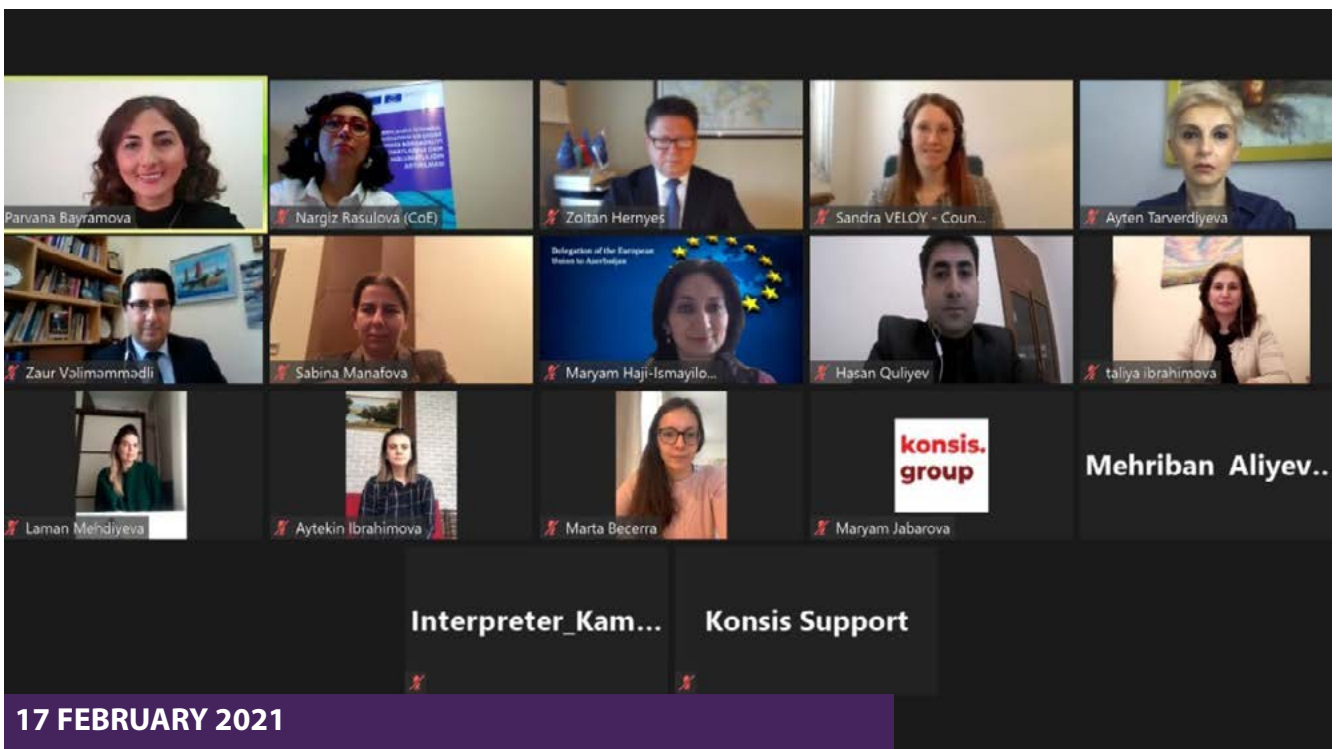


1 FEBRUARY

The project presented its results during the annual Local Steering Committee meeting of the Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022), on 1 February 2021, in which the project presented its results so far, its challenges and lessons learned during the COVID-19.



Press release in **EN** only.



17 FEBRUARY 2021

On 17 February, the project held its first Project Board meeting. During the meeting, fruitful discussions took place on how the implementation of the project could further contribute to the work in Azerbaijan to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, and partners presented specific proposals seeking the support of the Council of Europe in this regard.



Press release available in **EN** and **AZE**.



İSTANBUL KONVENSIYASI HAQQINDA VEBINARLAR

18 MART 2021
14:00-16:00 (BAKİ VAXTI)

ÜMUMİ ÖHDƏLİKLƏR HAQQINDA 12-Cİ MADDƏ

#IWD2021
#STRONGERTOGETHER
#ISTANBULCONVENTION

8 MARCH

In light of International Women's Day on 8 March, the project published the translation of the Council of Europe's publication 'Gender Equality and Women's Rights, Council of Europe Standards'. It also launched the series of webinars on specific Articles of the Istanbul Convention by announcing the date of the first webinar on Article 12 on general obligations of states in preventing violence against women.

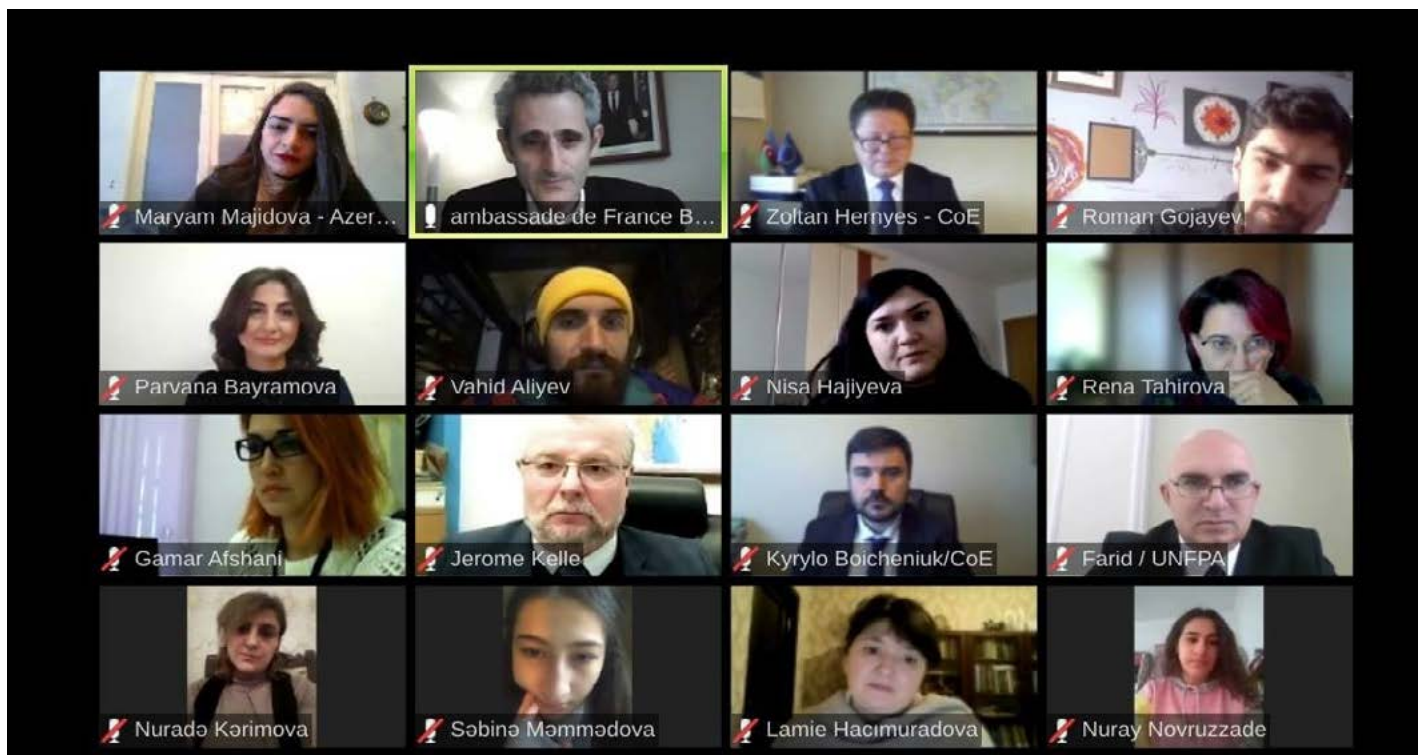


Publication available [here](#).



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

Also on 8 March, the Senior Project Officer, Parvana Bayramova, participated in the event "Equal opportunities for everyone: Women's rights in Azerbaijan" in light of International Women's Day. The event was [promoted](#) in the [Facebook account](#) of Gender Hub Azerbaijan, event organiser.



News item appeared in Gender Hub Azerbaijan's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, as well as in local media in [France Alumni Azerbaijan](#) and [İki sahil](#) (in Azerbaijani only).

12 AND 17 MARCH

Three focus groups with intergovernmental organisations and civil society in Azerbaijan to support the development of a national campaign against violence against women and domestic violence and to raise awareness of the Istanbul Convention in Azerbaijan;



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

Partnership for Good Governance



18 MARCH

A series of online webinars on the Istanbul Convention was launched to contribute to raising awareness on the content of the Istanbul Convention and to promote dialogue at national level on why Azerbaijan should join the convention. The first webinar took place on 18 March and was dedicated to Article 12 on general obligations.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media through ASAN Radio ([News 1](#), [News 2](#), [Youtube](#), [Facebook 1](#), [Facebook 2](#)), [Real TV](#) ([Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#)), [Apa](#) ([EN](#) and [Youtube](#)), [Azerbaycan 24](#), [Poliqon Informasiya Agentliyi](#), [Baku Post](#) and [News 24](#) (in Azerbaijani only).



The Azerbaijani translation of the study “[Prevention of violence against women: Article 12 of the Istanbul Convention](#)” was made available



QADINLARA QARŞI ZORAKILIĞIN QARŞISININ ALINMASI: İSTANBUL KONVENSIYASININ 12-Cİ MADDƏSİ



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Konvensiyasına dair sənədlər toplusu

Tərcümə Avropa İttifaqı
tərəfindən birgə maliyyələşdirilir



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Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



4 MAY

The Council of Europe's Human rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) course on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence was launched in May. The event was co-organised with the Academy of Justice. The online free course will be available to everyone who would like to take it later in 2021.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

11 MAY

In light of the 10th anniversary of the opening for signature of the Istanbul Convention, Ceyhun Qaracayev, judge from the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan, highlights its value and importance in ending violence against women.



Ceyhun Qaracayev

Judge at Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (Republic of Azerbaijan)

“The Istanbul Convention is a major legal tool that has successfully performed its mission for years and has a great potential for the protection of women against violence.”



Link to post in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



31 MAY

A new Twinning Methodology in the field of violence against women, domestic violence and gender equality, based on the standards set in the Istanbul Convention, was piloted among representatives of the Azerbaijani authorities. This methodology will help authorities to improve their policies and practices in the field of VAW/DV and gender equality through peer learning.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

8 JUNE

The second of a series of online webinars on the Istanbul Convention took place to contribute to raising awareness on the content of the Istanbul Convention and to promote dialogue at national level on why Azerbaijan should join the convention. This webinar was dedicated to Article 13 on raising awareness on violence against women.



Webinar on Article 13 of the Istanbul Convention on raising awareness on violence against women

"Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan"

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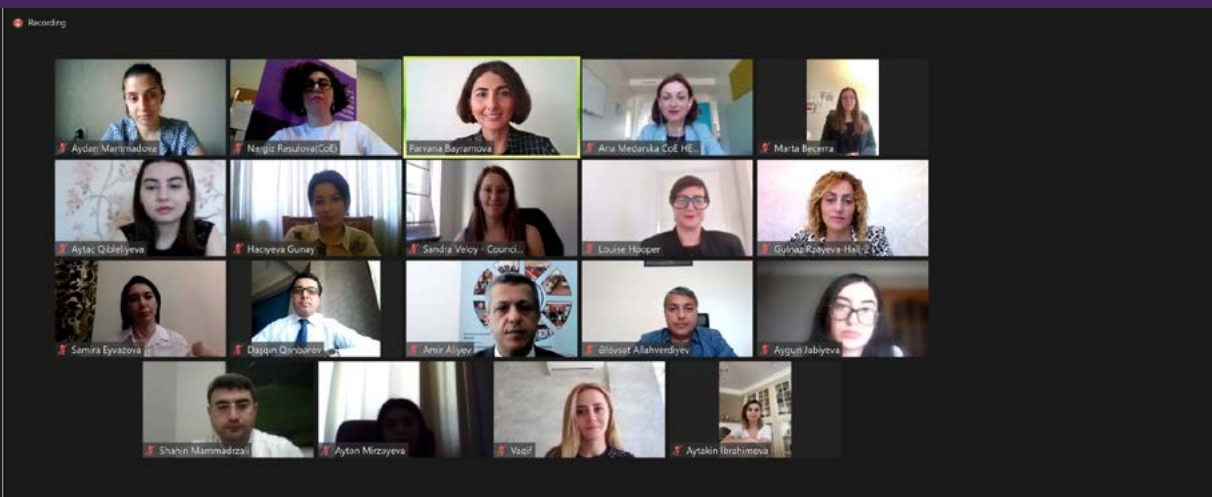


Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media in ASAN Radio ([News 1](#), [News 2](#), [Youtube](#), [Facebook 1](#), [Facebook 2](#), [Instagram](#)), Apa ([News](#) and [Facebook](#)), [Azerbaycan 24](#) and [Baku Post](#).

16-17 JUNE

A Training of Trainers (ToT) for the Council of Europe's Human rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) courses was delivered among professors of the Faculty of Law at Baku State University. Certified participants will become HELP tutors in Azerbaijan, and will be able to use the HELP course on violence against women in their teachings.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media in [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib - AZƏRTAC - Azərbaycan Dövlət İnformasiya Agentliyi \(azertag.az\)](#), Faculty of Law, Baku State University website: [Bakı Dövlət Universiteti \(bsu.edu.az\)](#), [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib \(tehsil.biz\)](#), [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib \(mektebgushesi.az\)](#) and [BDU-da təlimlər keçirildi \(rupor.az\)](#).

23 JUNE

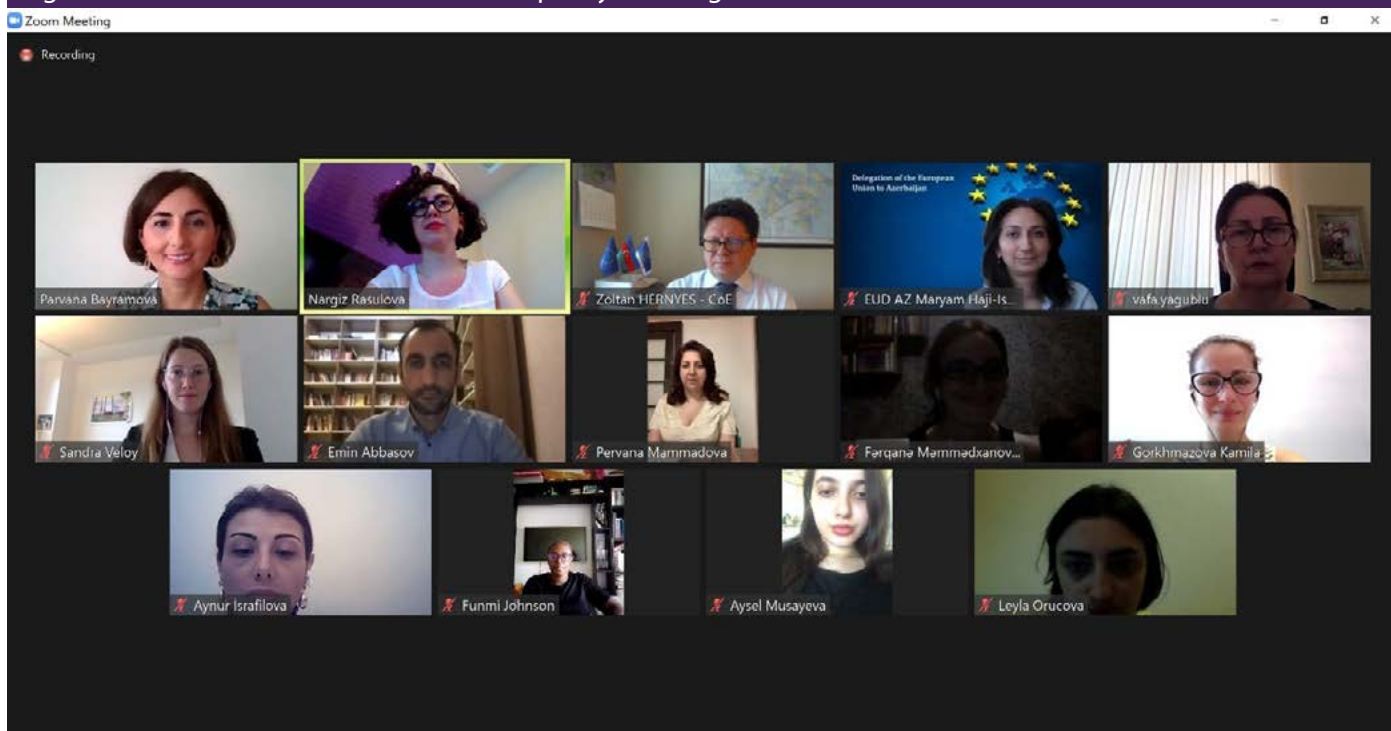
The Azerbaijani translation of the study "[Raising awareness on violence against women: Article 13 of the Istanbul Convention](#)" was made available.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

2-12 JULY

A series of capacity-building sessions took place for Azerbaijani authorities and civil society representatives working in the field of violence against women and domestic violence (VAW/DV) to jointly develop a campaign to raise awareness on these issues. Capacity-building sessions



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

A series of posts were published providing statistics on violence against women:



Link to post [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#).

Publication of translation of factsheets on case law of the European Court of Human Rights on violence against women, domestic violence and gender equality now available in Azerbaijani

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- Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq
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- Gender bərabərliyi

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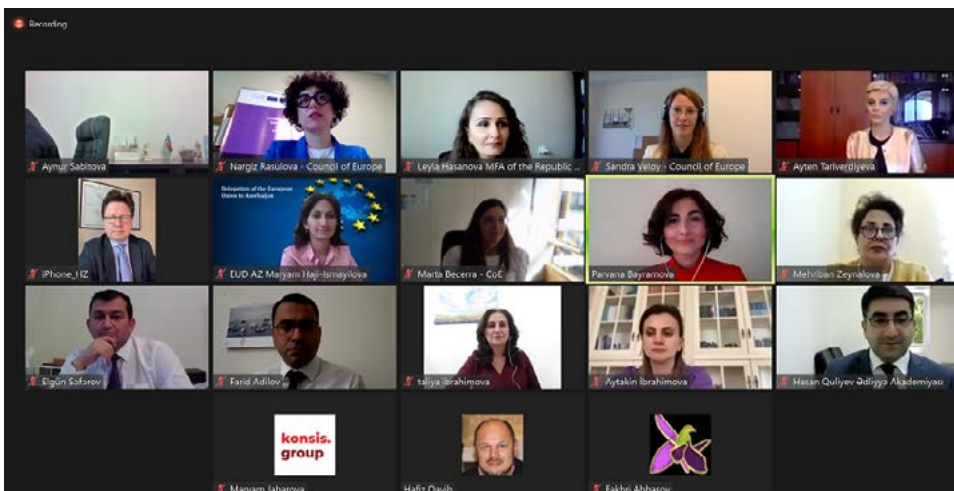
News item available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

LINK TO FACTSHEETS:

European Court of Human Rights case law on [domestic violence](#)

European Court of Human Rights case law on [violence against women](#)

European Court of Human Rights case law on [gender equality](#)



30 SEPTEMBER

The Board of the project met online on 30 September. During the meeting, the project management informed Board members and observers about the progress of the project, the results achieved to date from project activities and presented an estimate calendar of remaining activities.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

12 OCTOBER

The third of a series of webinars dedicated to explaining specific articles of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) in Azerbaijan took place. The focus was Article 16 on perpetrator programmes.



Webinar on Article 16 of the Istanbul Convention on domestic and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

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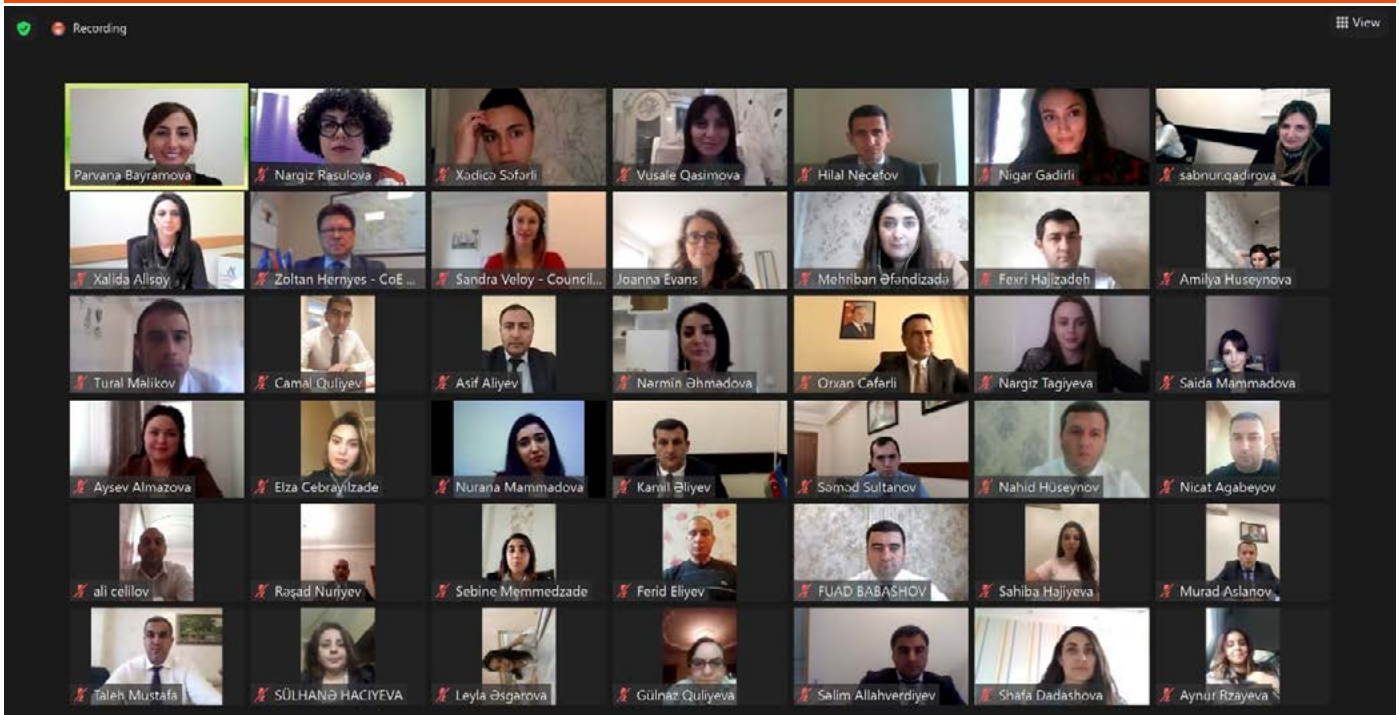
#IstanbulConventionSavesLives
#StrongerTogether



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

19 OCTOBER

A group of 40 judge candidates from Azerbaijan were trained on the main standards in the field of violence against women and domestic violence, including the Istanbul Convention. The training also focused on how to apply the standards of the Istanbul Convention and the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights in this field. The training was organised in co-operation with the Academy of Justice of Azerbaijan.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

15-17 NOVEMBER

A delegation of representatives from the Azerbaijani state authorities visited Georgia to hear about promising practices in the field of violence against women and domestic violence, as well as the Georgian experience of implementing the Istanbul Convention. Both countries agreed on the benefits of peer-learning experiences.



News item available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The study visit appeared in Georgian media outlets:

- ▶ [Website of the Human Rights Secretariat](#);
- ▶ [Facebook page](#) of the Gender Equality Council of the Georgian Parliament;
- ▶ [Website](#) of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee of the Parliament;
- ▶ [Website](#) of the Public Defender's Office.

QADIN ZORAKILIGINA QARŞI BEYNƏLXALQ MÜBARİZƏ GÜNÜ

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25 NOVEMBER

An awareness-raising Social Media campaign was launched on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women and under the umbrella of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. Under the campaign, the project also delivered 3 radio interviews through ASAN radio: 1 with the Council of Europe Head of office, one with the European Union Ambassador to Azerbaijan and one with the Chair of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs.

The posts and videos of the campaign can be found on the Facebook page of the CoE Office in Baku:

[Post 1](#); [post 2](#); [post 3](#); [post 4](#); [post 5](#); [post 6](#); [post 7](#); [post 8](#) (video); [post 9](#) (video); [post 10](#) (video); [post 11](#); [post 12](#).

29 NOVEMBER

From 29 November to 2 December 2021, four workshops took place in the Azerbaijani regions of Gabala, Zagatala and Shaki, in the context of the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence. The workshops were organised in co-operation with the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs and touched upon gender stereotypes and the Istanbul Convention.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

In co-operation with the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs the project delivered a workshop on gender stereotypes and violence against women in Gokhmukh village school in Azerbaijan for school children.



News item available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

21 DECEMBER

The last webinar of a series of webinars on specific articles of the Istanbul Convention was dedicated to Article 52 on emergency barring orders in cases of domestic violence. The event was livestreamed on the Facebook account of the CoE office in Baku.



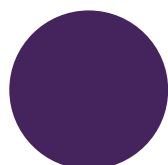
The event also appeared in local media through Asan radio [video](#) on Facebook page, [news item](#) on Facebook page, [Youtube channel](#), [Instagram account](#); Baku Post: [video](#) on Facebook page, [Instagram account](#), [news item](#); and Apa TV: [video](#) on Youtube channel, [news item](#).



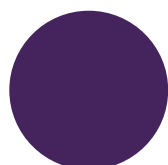
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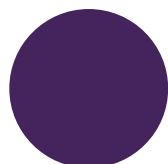
The project will run until August 2022, and is considered for an extension until February 2023. Here is a list of the activities foreseen:



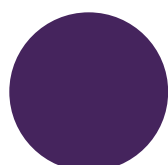
Study on protection orders and roundtable presentation



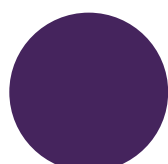
Study visit to Spain



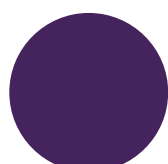
HELP course on VAW/DV for state authorities



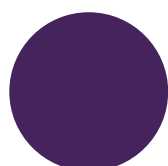
Multi-agency working group on VAW/DV



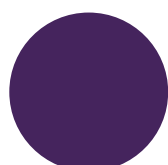
Meeting with parliamentarians on VAW/DV and the Istanbul Convention



Expert assessment of legislative amendments in the area of VAW/DV and meetings with relevant authorities to negotiate amendments



Needs assessment meeting for a potential next phase of the project



Project external evaluation

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PGGII website:

<http://partnership-governance2-eu.coe.int>

Baku CoE website:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/baku/home>

CoE Gender Equality Division's website:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/co-operation-projects>

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THE PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED ON 1 JULY 2020 WITH A KEY MESSAGE:

A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE IS EVERY WOMAN'S RIGHT

THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT CAN BE FOUND THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

- Project website on the Council of Europe's Capacity-building and Co-operation Projects Unit of the Gender Equality Division in [EN](#) and [FR](#);
- PGGII website [link](#) to the project website;
- CoE Baku office's [website](#) in Azerbaijani;
- Project factsheet [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

A news item with information on the project appeared on the national online news webpage [Apa.az](#) (Azerbaijani only).

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The Istanbul Convention: ending violence against women

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7-11 SEPTEMBER

An online needs assessment with all relevant stakeholders took place to re-assess the real needs in the field of violence against women and domestic violence and to update project activities accordingly.

IT ALSO SERVED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE COMMITMENT BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



25 NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the project launched social media campaign to raise awareness of the convention in Azerbaijan. The campaign presented the **info graphics** and the **brochure** on the four pillars of the Istanbul Convention in Azerbaijani through a series of social media posts (**Twitter**, **Facebook** and **website**).

The project campaign and the Istanbul Convention also featured in several local media outlets:

Official **Facebook page** of Azerbaijani Bar Association (EN and AZE);

- ▶ **State news agency;**
- ▶ **Report Information Agency;**
- ▶ **Huquq.az;**
- ▶ **Sabah Info;**
- ▶ **Femida;**
- ▶ **AZ Vision;**
- ▶ **Aqreqator;**
- ▶ **Official webpage** of Azerbaijani Bar Association;
- ▶ Baku EUD **Facebook Page**.



#OrangeYourHome #OrangeTheWorld!
16 days of activism against gender-based violence in Azerbaijan

25 November – 10 December 2020

PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE II "RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND OTHER GENDER EQUALITY STANDARDS IN AZERBAIJAN"



The Social Media campaign reached 49,479 people reached through 17 posts (**Twitter**, **Facebook**) and 2 news items (**website**).

#OrangeTheWorld



In addition, the project called for participation through the hashtag **#OrangeTheWorld** **#OrangeYourHome** to give visibility to violence against women in Azerbaijan. 30 people sent photos in orange to join the campaign in Azerbaijan





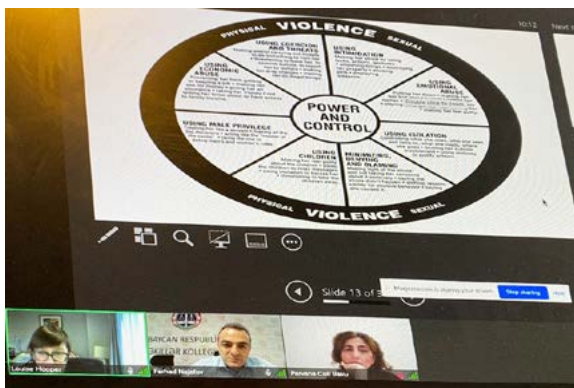
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18 DECEMBER

THE
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Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



On 18 December, one of the international experts who developed the Human rights Education for Legal Professional (HELP) course on violence against women and domestic violence delivered a coaching session to the Azerbaijani national HELP tutor, Mr Farhat Najafov, in order to explain the course and the logic under which it was prepared.

On 21 December, the Senior Project officer of the project, Parvana Bayramova, delivered a presentation on the Istanbul Convention, followed by a Q&A session, in a webinar organised by the GUYS Youth Organisation. 67 students from universities from Baku and the regions attended the event and actively participated.

News item in Azerbaijani on [Facebook page](#) and the [Instagram account](#) of the organization prior to the event, and posts on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) afterwards.



JANUARY 2021

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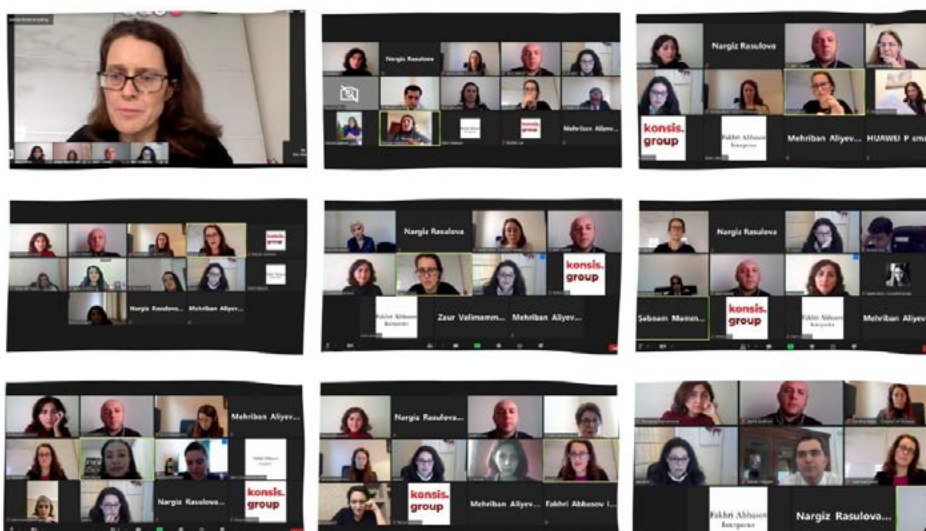
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Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#)

14-15 JANUARY 2021

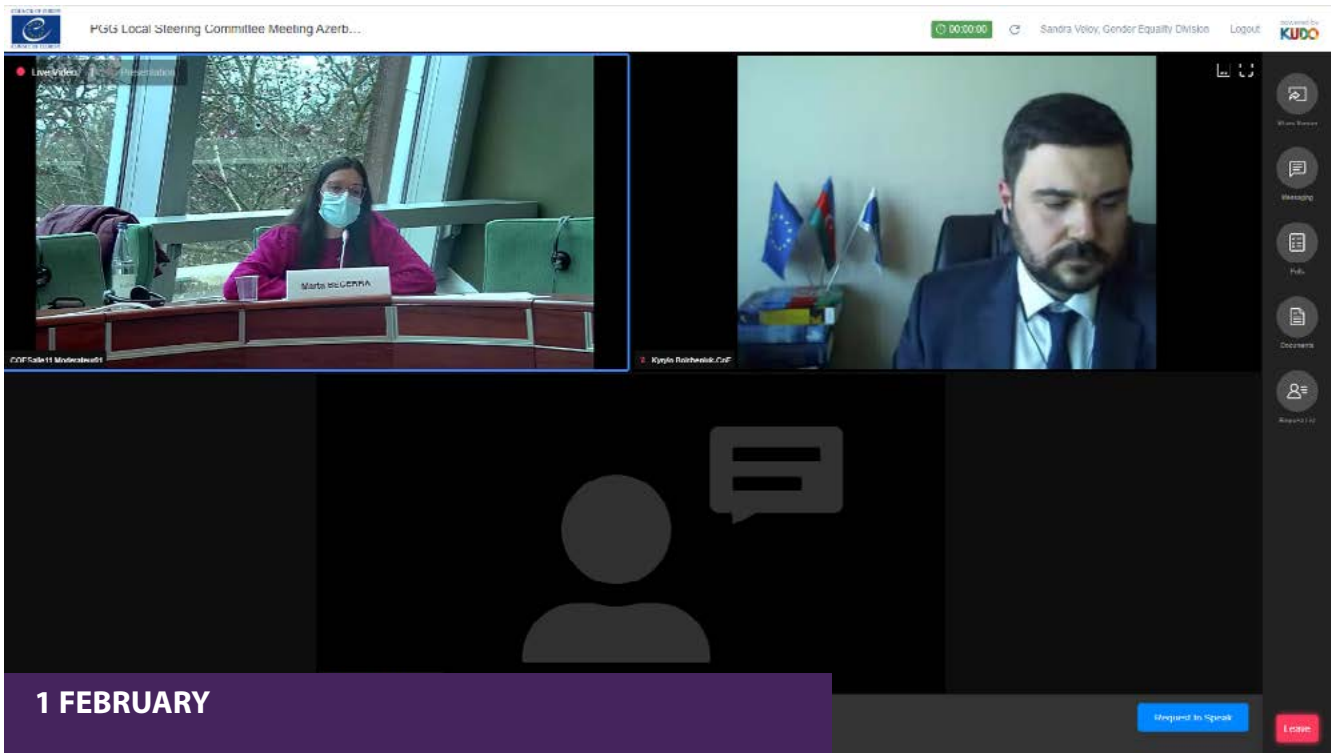
On 14-15 January 2021, several online needs assessment meetings took place to prepare a gap analysis of the Azerbaijani legislative and policy frameworks in the field of violence against women and domestic violence in line with the Istanbul Convention.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#)

21 JANUARY

Session on violence against women and domestic violence delivered for staff from the Ombuds office and CSO representatives within the framework of another PGII project (synergies and enhanced co-operation).

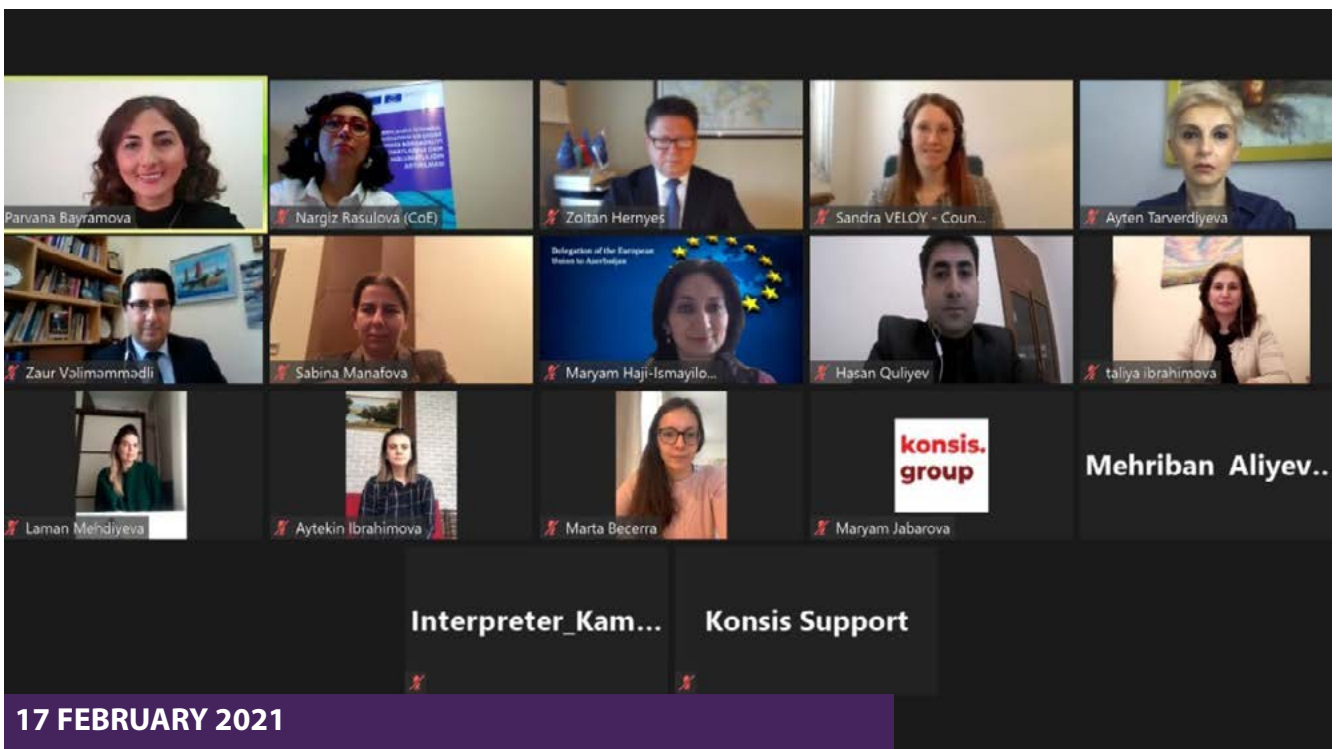


1 FEBRUARY

The project presented its results during the annual Local Steering Committee meeting of the Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022), on 1 February 2021, in which the project presented its results so far, its challenges and lessons learned during the COVID-19.



Press release in **EN** only.



17 FEBRUARY 2021

On 17 February, the project held its first Project Board meeting. During the meeting, fruitful discussions took place on how the implementation of the project could further contribute to the work in Azerbaijan to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, and partners presented specific proposals seeking the support of the Council of Europe in this regard.



Press release available in **EN** and **AZE**.



İSTANBUL KONVENSIYASI HAQQINDA VEBINARLAR

18 MART 2021
14:00-16:00 (BAKİ VAXTI)

ÜMUMİ ÖHDƏLİKLƏR HAQQINDA 12-Cİ MADDƏ

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8 MARCH

In light of International Women's Day on 8 March, the project published the translation of the Council of Europe's publication 'Gender Equality and Women's Rights, Council of Europe Standards'. It also launched the series of webinars on specific Articles of the Istanbul Convention by announcing the date of the first webinar on Article 12 on general obligations of states in preventing violence against women.

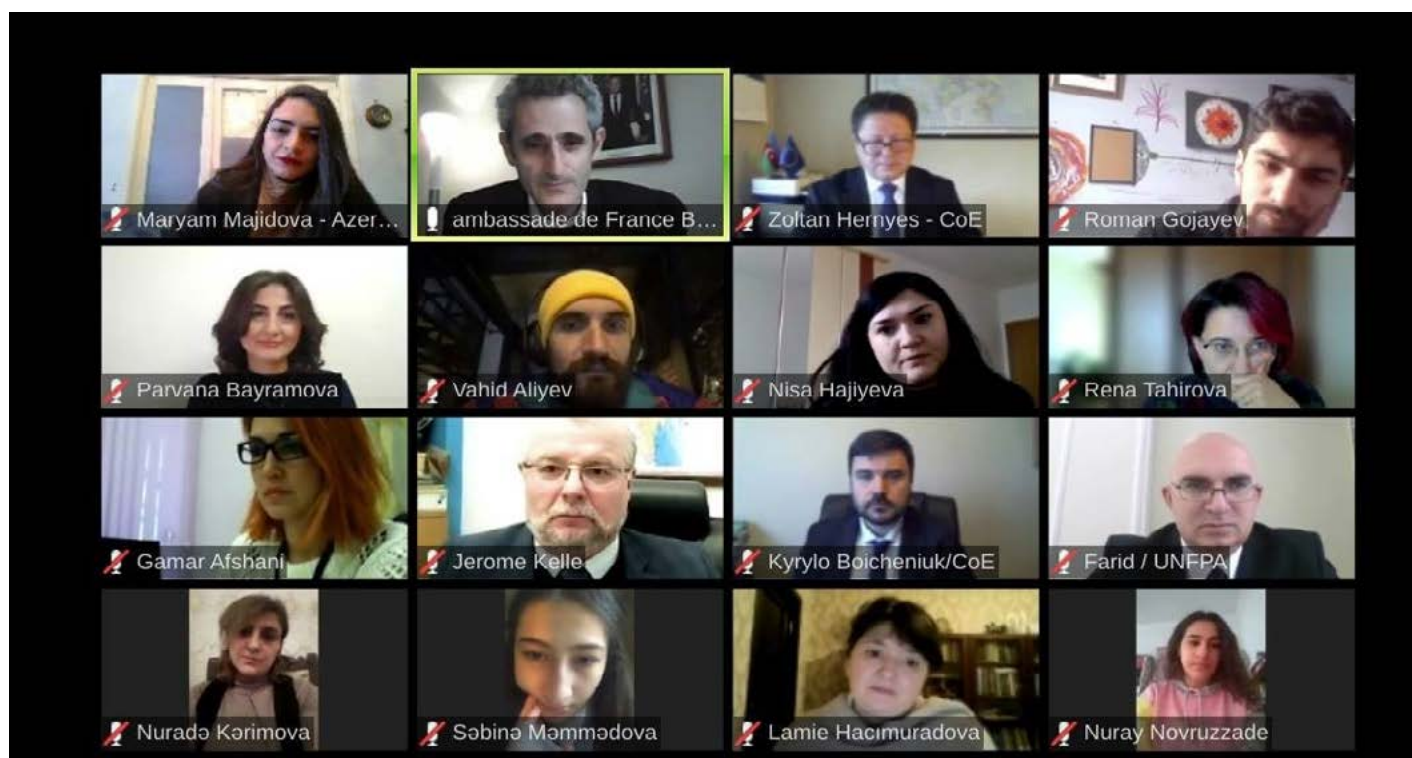


Publication available [here](#).



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

Also on 8 March, the Senior Project Officer, Parvana Bayramova, participated in the event "Equal opportunities for everyone: Women's rights in Azerbaijan" in light of International Women's Day. The event was [promoted](#) in the [Facebook account](#) of Gender Hub Azerbaijan, event organiser.



News item appeared in Gender Hub Azerbaijan's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, as well as in local media in [France Alumni Azerbaijan](#) and [İki sahil](#) (in Azerbaijani only).

12 AND 17 MARCH

Three focus groups with intergovernmental organisations and civil society in Azerbaijan to support the development of a national campaign against violence against women and domestic violence and to raise awareness of the Istanbul Convention in Azerbaijan;



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

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18 MARCH

A series of online webinars on the Istanbul Convention was launched to contribute to raising awareness on the content of the Istanbul Convention and to promote dialogue at national level on why Azerbaijan should join the convention. The first webinar took place on 18 March and was dedicated to Article 12 on general obligations.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media through ASAN Radio ([News 1](#), [News 2](#), [Youtube](#), [Facebook 1](#), [Facebook 2](#)), [Real TV](#) ([Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#)), [Apa](#) ([EN](#) and [Youtube](#)), [Azerbaycan 24](#), [Poliqon Informasiya Agentliyi](#), [Baku Post](#) and [News 24](#) (in Azerbaijani only).



The Azerbaijani translation of the study “[Prevention of violence against women: Article 12 of the Istanbul Convention](#)” was made available



QADINLARA QARŞI ZORAKILIĞIN QARŞISININ ALINMASI: İSTANBUL KONVENSIYASININ 12-Cİ MADDƏSİ



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Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



4 MAY

The Council of Europe's Human rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) course on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence was launched in May. The event was co-organised with the Academy of Justice. The online free course will be available to everyone who would like to take it later in 2021.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

11 MAY

In light of the 10th anniversary of the opening for signature of the Istanbul Convention, Ceyhun Qaracayev, judge from the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan, highlights its value and importance in ending violence against women.



Ceyhun Qaracayev

Judge at Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (Republic of Azerbaijan)

“The Istanbul Convention is a major legal tool that has successfully performed its mission for years and has a great potential for the protection of women against violence.”



Link to post in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).



31 MAY

A new Twinning Methodology in the field of violence against women, domestic violence and gender equality, based on the standards set in the Istanbul Convention, was piloted among representatives of the Azerbaijani authorities. This methodology will help authorities to improve their policies and practices in the field of VAW/DV and gender equality through peer learning.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

8 JUNE

The second of a series of online webinars on the Istanbul Convention took place to contribute to raising awareness on the content of the Istanbul Convention and to promote dialogue at national level on why Azerbaijan should join the convention. This webinar was dedicated to Article 13 on raising awareness on violence against women.



Webinar on Article 13 of the Istanbul Convention on raising awareness on violence against women

"Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan"

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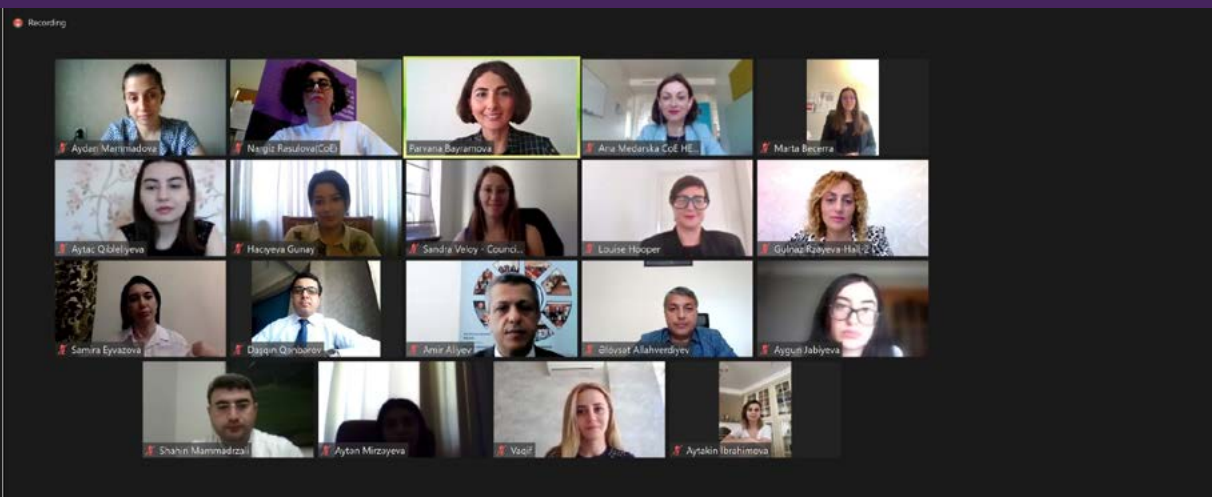


Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media in ASAN Radio ([News 1](#), [News 2](#), [Youtube](#), [Facebook 1](#), [Facebook 2](#), [Instagram](#)), Apa ([News](#) and [Facebook](#)), [Azerbaycan 24](#) and [Baku Post](#).

16-17 JUNE

A Training of Trainers (ToT) for the Council of Europe's Human rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) courses was delivered among professors of the Faculty of Law at Baku State University. Certified participants will become HELP tutors in Azerbaijan, and will be able to use the HELP course on violence against women in their teachings.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The event also appeared in local media in [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib - AZƏRTAC - Azərbaycan Dövlət İnformasiya Agentliyi \(azertag.az\)](#), Faculty of Law, Baku State University website: [Bakı Dövlət Universiteti \(bsu.edu.az\)](#), [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib \(tehsil.biz\)](#), [BDU-da "Qadınlara qarşı zorakılıq və məişət zorakılığına dair" təlimlər keçirilib \(mektebgushesi.az\)](#) and [BDU-da təlimlər keçirildi \(rupor.az\)](#).

23 JUNE

The Azerbaijani translation of the study "[Raising awareness on violence against women: Article 13 of the Istanbul Convention](#)" was made available.



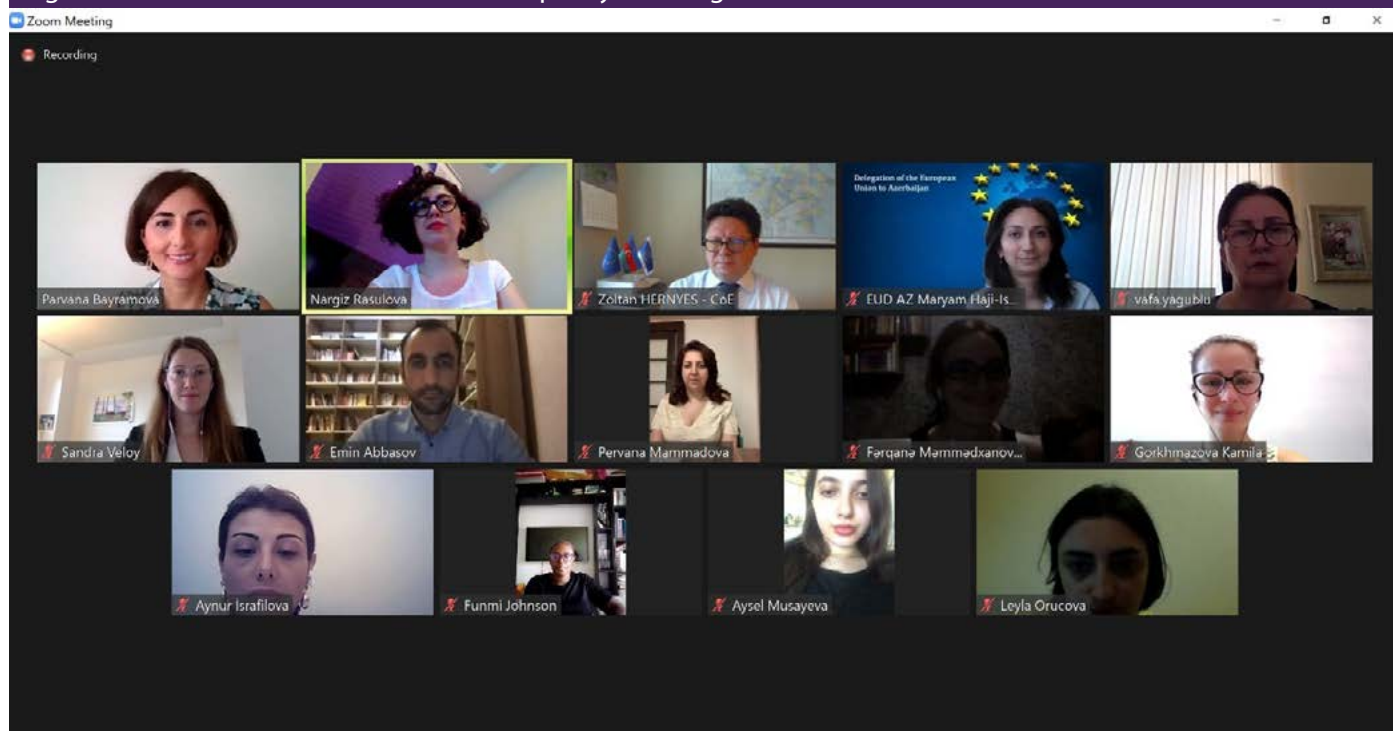
QADINLARA QARŞI ZORAKILIQ BARƏDƏ MƏLUMATLILIĞIN ARTIRILMASI: İSTANBUL KONVENSIYASININ 13-CÜ MADDƏSİ



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

2-12 JULY

A series of capacity-building sessions took place for Azerbaijani authorities and civil society representatives working in the field of violence against women and domestic violence (VAW/DV) to jointly develop a campaign to raise awareness on these issues. Capacity-building sessions



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

A series of posts were published providing statistics on violence against women:



Link to post [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#).

Publication of translation of factsheets on case law of the European Court of Human Rights on violence against women, domestic violence and gender equality now available in Azerbaijani



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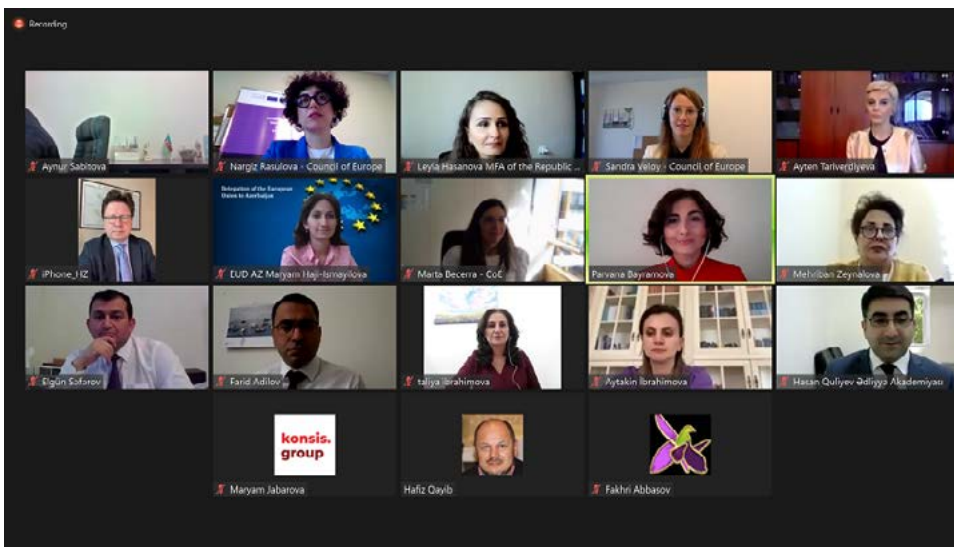
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LINK TO FACTSHEETS:

European Court of Human Rights case law on [domestic violence](#)

European Court of Human Rights case law on [violence against women](#)

European Court of Human Rights case law on [gender equality](#)



30 SEPTEMBER

The Board of the project met online on 30 September. During the meeting, the project management informed Board members and observers about the progress of the project, the results achieved to date from project activities and presented an estimate calendar of remaining activities.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

12 OCTOBER

The third of a series of webinars dedicated to explaining specific articles of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) in Azerbaijan took place. The focus was Article 16 on perpetrator programmes.



Webinar on Article 16 of the Istanbul Convention on domestic and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

"Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan"



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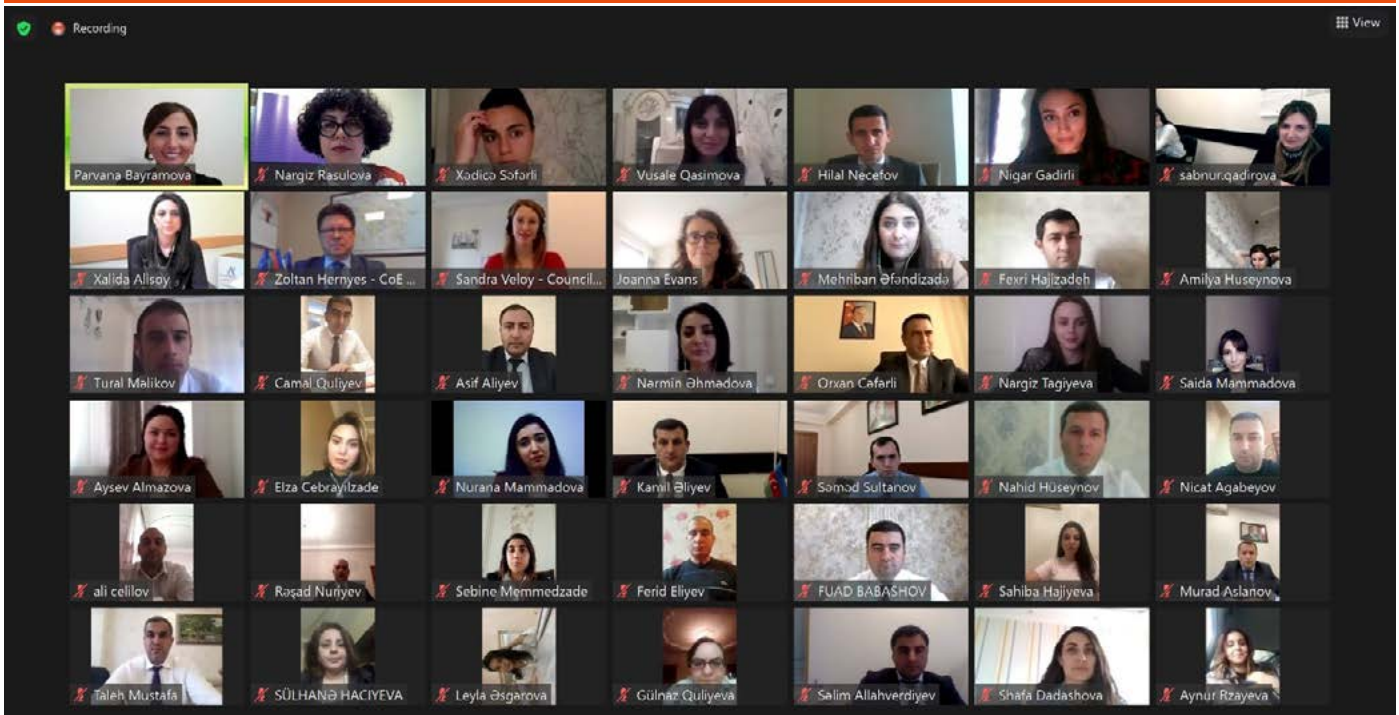
#IstanbulConventionSavesLives
#StrongerTogether



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

19 OCTOBER

A group of 40 judge candidates from Azerbaijan were trained on the main standards in the field of violence against women and domestic violence, including the Istanbul Convention. The training also focused on how to apply the standards of the Istanbul Convention and the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights in this field. The training was organised in co-operation with the Academy of Justice of Azerbaijan.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

15-17 NOVEMBER

A delegation of representatives from the Azerbaijani state authorities visited Georgia to hear about promising practices in the field of violence against women and domestic violence, as well as the Georgian experience of implementing the Istanbul Convention. Both countries agreed on the benefits of peer-learning experiences.



News item available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

The study visit appeared in Georgian media outlets:

- ▶ [Website of the Human Rights Secretariat](#);
- ▶ [Facebook page](#) of the Gender Equality Council of the Georgian Parliament;
- ▶ [Website](#) of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee of the Parliament;
- ▶ [Website](#) of the Public Defender's Office.

QADIN ZORAKILIGINA QARŞI BEYNƏLXALQ MÜBARİZƏ GÜNÜ

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25 NOVEMBER

An awareness-raising Social Media campaign was launched on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women and under the umbrella of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. Under the campaign, the project also delivered 3 radio interviews through ASAN radio: 1 with the Council of Europe Head of office, one with the European Union Ambassador to Azerbaijan and one with the Chair of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs.

The posts and videos of the campaign can be found on the Facebook page of the CoE Office in Baku:

[Post 1](#); [post 2](#); [post 3](#); [post 4](#); [post 5](#); [post 6](#); [post 7](#); [post 8](#) (video); [post 9](#) (video); [post 10](#) (video); [post 11](#); [post 12](#).

29 NOVEMBER

From 29 November to 2 December 2021, four workshops took place in the Azerbaijani regions of Gabala, Zagatala and Shaki, in the context of the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence. The workshops were organised in co-operation with the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs and touched upon gender stereotypes and the Istanbul Convention.



Press release available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

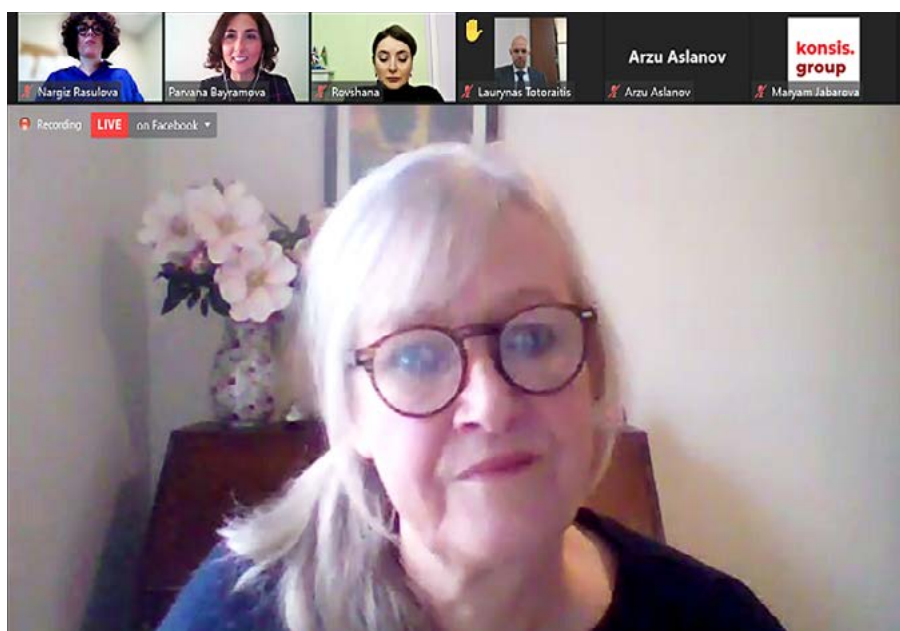
In co-operation with the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs the project delivered a workshop on gender stereotypes and violence against women in Gokhmukh village school in Azerbaijan for school children.



News item available in [EN](#) and [AZE](#).

21 DECEMBER

The last webinar of a series of webinars on specific articles of the Istanbul Convention was dedicated to Article 52 on emergency barring orders in cases of domestic violence. The event was livestreamed on the Facebook account of the CoE office in Baku.



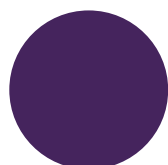
The event also appeared in local media through Asan radio [video](#) on Facebook page, [news item](#) on Facebook page, [Youtube channel](#), [Instagram account](#); Baku Post: [video](#) on Facebook page, [Instagram account](#), [news item](#); and Apa TV: [video](#) on Youtube channel, [news item](#).



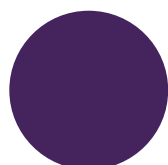
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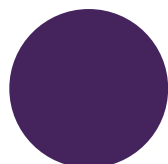
The project will run until August 2022, and is considered for an extension until February 2023. Here is a list of the activities foreseen:



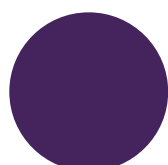
Study on protection orders and roundtable presentation



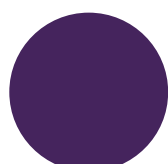
Study visit to Spain



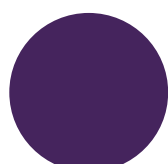
HELP course on VAW/DV for state authorities



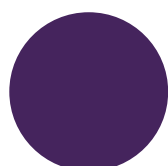
Multi-agency working group on VAW/DV



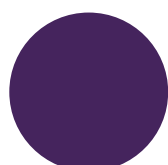
Meeting with parliamentarians on VAW/DV and the Istanbul Convention



Expert assessment of legislative amendments in the area of VAW/DV and meetings with relevant authorities to negotiate amendments



Needs assessment meeting for a potential next phase of the project



Project external evaluation

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<https://www.coe.int/en/web/baku/home>

CoE Gender Equality Division's website:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/co-operation-projects>

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