

# Council of Europe co-operation on gender equality and violence against women

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MAKING EUROPEAN  
STANDARDS ON GENDER  
EQUALITY A REALITY  
FOR ALL WOMEN

” Achieving gender equality

” Ending violence against  
women and domestic  
violence



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# Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle



# Co-operation and the GES

- Co-operation activities and projects are contributing to the delivery of the GES
- When funding is available, technical assistance on demand is possible for member states
- Funding through voluntary contributions
- Share of resources and tools (translations, adaptations) can assist member states in delivering on GES and other commitments

# Where do we work?

- **European Union:** Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic (Norway Grants).
- **Eastern Partnership countries:** Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine (regional and bilateral projects)
- **Western Balkans:** Kosovo\*
- **Turkey** (Women's Access to Justice)
- **Targeted support upon demand:** Latvia
- Co-operation with **WAVE-Network** and **UN Women**

# What do we do?



# Support and advice to state authorities

Strengthening multi-agency co-operation

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova

Support to align policy/legislative frameworks to international and CoE standards

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo\*

Peer exchanges

Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Kosovo\*



# Capacity-building of professionals

## Legal professionals

HELP courses on Violence against women and Women's Access to Justice

- VAW available in 25 languages;
- WAJ in 11 (currently being made available in Serbian and Albanian too)

Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kosovo\*, Latvia

Work with universities targeting future legal professionals and law professors

Azerbaijan, Kosovo\*

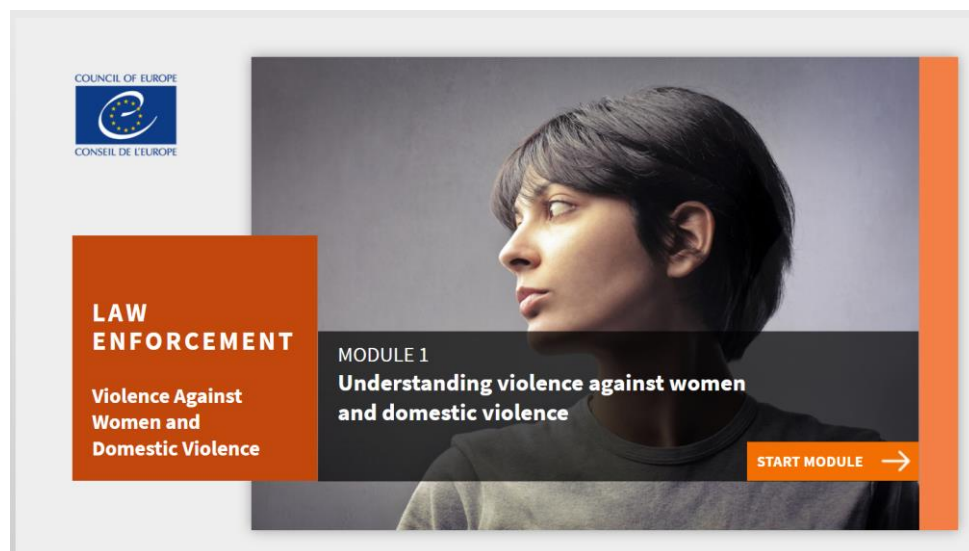
# Law enforcement

HELP module for law enforcement available since December 2021, being translated into Romanian

Republic of Moldova

Other targeted trainings for police

Armenia





# Combating gender stereotypes and sexism in and through education

## Other professionals

Journalists **Armenia, Azerbaijan**

Social Workers  
**Armenia, Kosovo\*, Republic of Moldova**

Forensic medical experts  
**Georgia**

Educational institutions  
**Armenia**



# Awareness-raising

## Grants to NGOs

- Methodology developed with UN Women and WAVE Network

Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland

## Campaigns

Azerbaijan, Armenia

## Other awareness-raising and visibility actions

Azerbaijan, Georgia

## International Conferences

SYNERGY Network (Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic)

## Translations



# Twinning methodology in the field of VAW/DV

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Tool for peer exchanges in the field of VAW/DV:

- **structured approached** on how to develop this type of peer exchanges;
- it is focused on violence against women, domestic violence and gender equality, and uses the **Istanbul Convention as the main standard for improving policy, legislation and practice** in these fields; and
- it can be used as a **tool for state authorities** wishing to engage in peer experiences in a more autonomous way, and **based on their respective institutional settings, needs and priorities**.



# Added Value

- Can be used regardless of ratification status of the Istanbul Convention
- Organised around 3 phases with clear steps to follow:
  - Defining scope, goal and added value (6 steps)
  - Dynamics and format of the meetings (4 steps)
  - Assessing impact and moving forward (2 steps)
- *Learning-by-doing* approach
- Practical recommendations and guidance



Thank you for your attention!

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[Capacity building and co-operation projects \(coe.int\)](http://coe.int)

Making gender equality standards a reality in Europe!