

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CO-OPERATION ON
GENDER EQUALITY AND
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN**



**MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN**

Achieving gender equality

**Ending violence against
women and domestic
violence**



Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle



Where do we work?

- **European Union**
- **Eastern Partnership**
- **Western Balkans**
- **Türkiye**
- **Targeted support upon demand: Latvia**
- **Co-operation with WAVE-Network and UN Women**
- **Non-member states: Kazakhstan**

Ongoing projects

PGGIII	HFIII	Multi-country	Armenia - VAW & DV
Kosovo* - Implementing the IC	Republic of Moldova - VAW & DV	Ukraine – VAW& DV and GE	Georgia – VAW & DV
Türkiye – Women’s access to Justice	BiH –SV and digital VAW	Belarus –support to CSOs	Norway/EEA Grants SYNERGY network

Upcoming projects

Kazakhstan
and Kyrgystan
– VAW and DV

Focus on: digital VAW

BiH

- **Gap analysis** of the policy, legal and institutional framework with recommendations for the alignment with the Istanbul Convention and GREVIO Recommendation No. 1 on the digital dimension of violence against women based on best practices in COE member states
- **Awareness raising** and capacity development for authorities
- Participation in the **Internet Governance Forum** in 2023.

Armenia

Research (desk review, and survey) of relevant CoE standards, national legislation and policies, practices, etc to identify prevalence, legislative gaps, perceptions among different target groups, and steps to be taken.

Rep. of Moldova:

- **Study on the alignment** of the legal and institutional framework of the Republic of Moldova in light of CoE standards including the Istanbul Convention.
- **Awareness raising:** The CoE project joined a nationwide campaign aligned with the global UNFPA Campaign "[A new Copyright to the human body](#)" with focuses on raising awareness among adolescents.
- **High-level Round Table** organised jointly by the CoE and UNFPA, with the participation of Members of Parliament and representatives from line ministries in Moldova, to discuss potential legislative amendments in December 2023.
- **Training on GREVIO General Recommendation N. 1** for Moldovan judges, prosecutors, and police officers.

Focus on: digital VAW

Norway Grants - EU:

- SYNERGY Network International Conference on the Digital Dimension of Violence against Women in 2022
- SYNERGY Resource page

Ukraine:

Translation and dissemination of the General Rec. n.1

Focus on: campaigning for the Istanbul Convention: civil society



- **Piloting in Czech Republic, Latvia and Poland**
2021-2022
- **Bulgarian Platform European Women's Lobby**
November 2022 – June 2023
- **Animus Association, Bulgaria**
November 2022 – June 2023
- **Hungarian Women's Lobby**
January – August 2023
- **Vilnius Women's House, Lithuania**
January – August 2023
- **Launch of the call for Slovakia**
2023-2024
- **Total grants : 145 000 EUR**



Multi-country programme on combatting VAW and DV 2022 - 2023



Nation-wide “Lithuanian StepUp campaign” reached over 1,000,000 people

“We believe that the campaign contributed to the mobilisation of other Lithuanian NGOs into action. Notably, 150 Lithuanian NGOs, including Vilnius Women’s House, joined forces to petition members of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, urging them to initiate an appeal to the Constitutional Court to determine whether the provisions of the Istanbul Convention are in line with the Constitution of Lithuania.

Vilnius Women House

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The online **campaign** reached over **23,600 people**
Networking events in **six municipalities** in Budapest

Despite the lack of ratification at the country level, with the help of the project we managed to strengthen and support the commitment of several municipalities to implement services for the support of victims of violence against women and domestic violence.

Hungarian Women's Lobby

Thank you for your attention!

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