

COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WORK ON WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

UPDATES

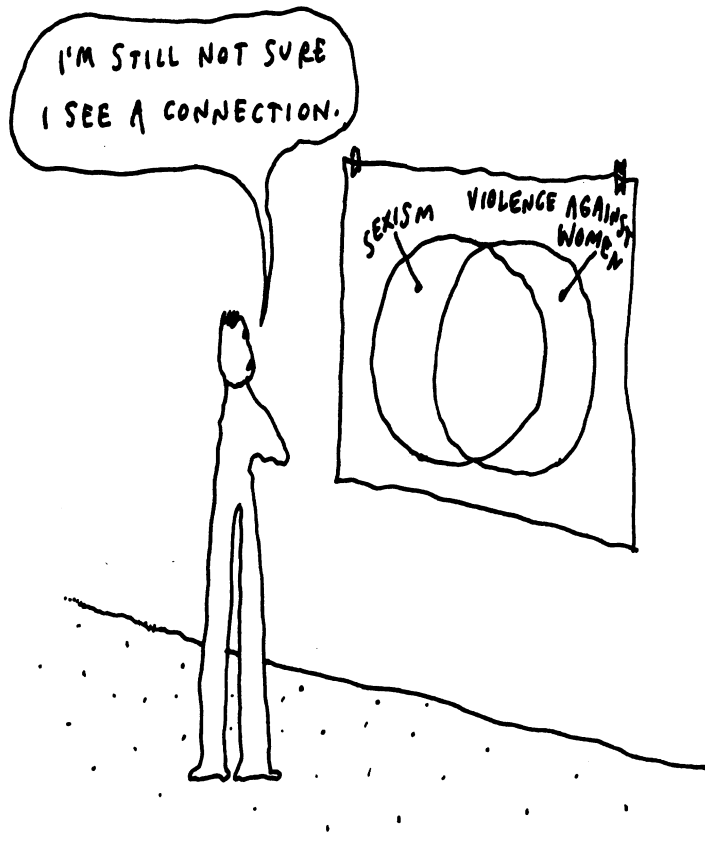


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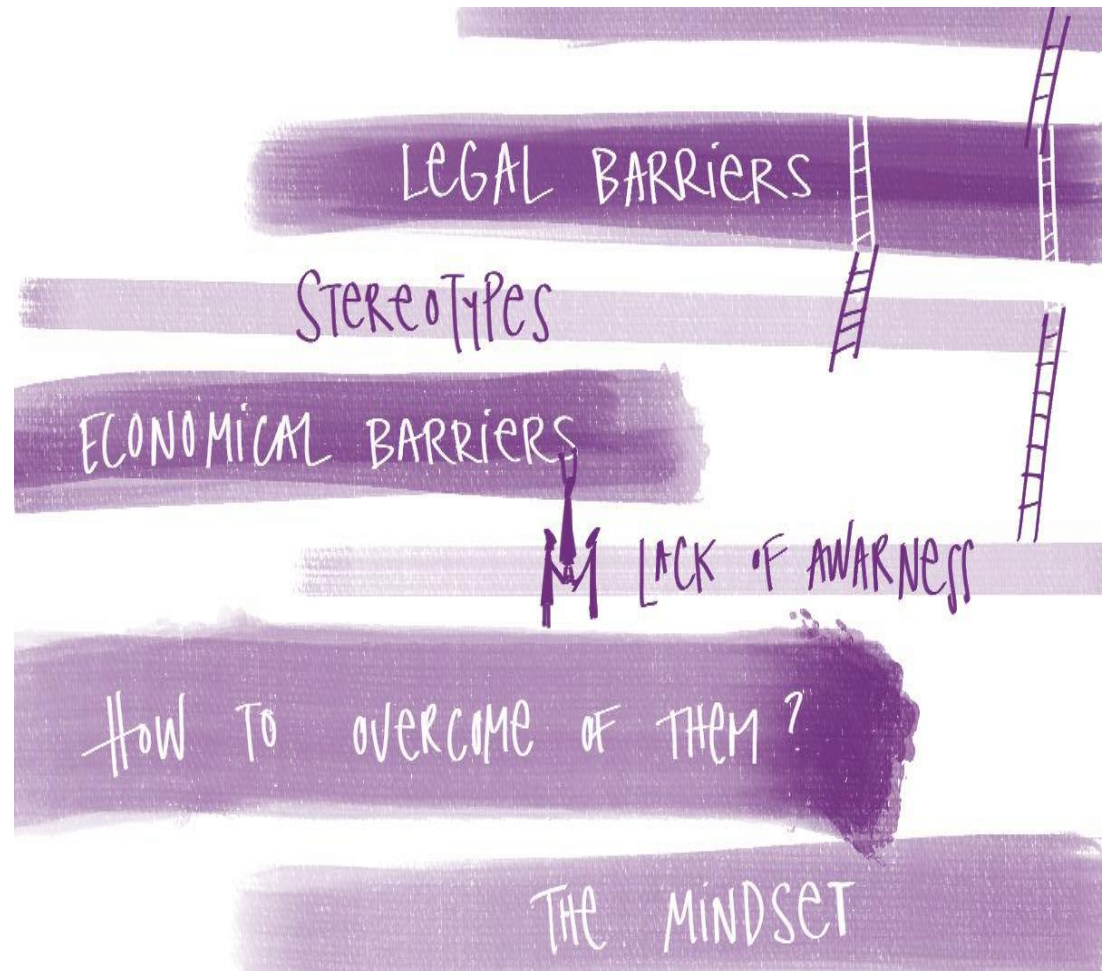
TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S ADDED VALUE





2023 CONTEXT

- **All** long lasting WAJ barriers and challenges re-emerged
 - Emerging additional barriers -ie. digital divide
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- WAJ is a means of implementation of women's rights
 - WAJ contributes to the fight against impunity towards women
 - WAJ combats poverty and exclusion
 - WAJ protects from economic exploitation and abuse



CoE HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH -our “modus operandi”-

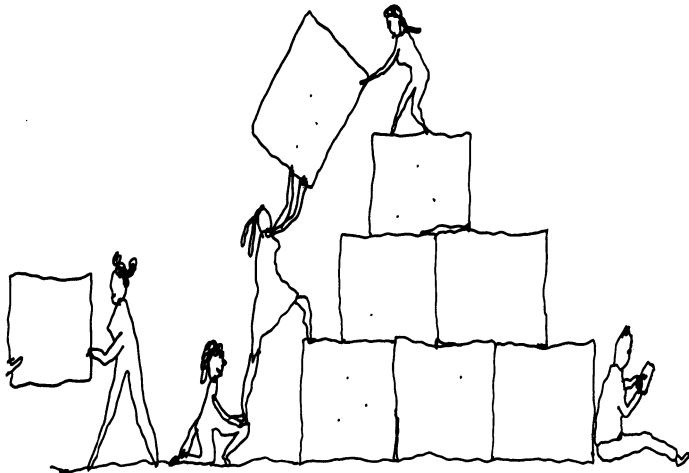
Enhanced capacity building with a focus on the legal sector

Continuous efforts towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention

Fostering exchanges among relevant stakeholders on advancing gender equality

Strengthening structures for continuity and sustainability

Advancing an interdisciplinary human rights approach to women's access to justice



WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROJECTS

- **Growing interest:** EaP and WB geographic areas: 12 Beneficiaries and counting
- **Identify and support removal of** obstacles to women's access to justice
- **Improve gender-responsiveness of the justice systems**
- **Increase application of CoE standards among justice sector professionals,** especially the Istanbul Convention and the European Court of Human Rights
- **Contributes towards ratification and full implementation of the Istanbul Convention.**
- **Enhanced regional dialogue and exchange** among national authorities, national training institutions and legal professionals on improving women's access to justice and the ratification/full implementation of Istanbul Convention

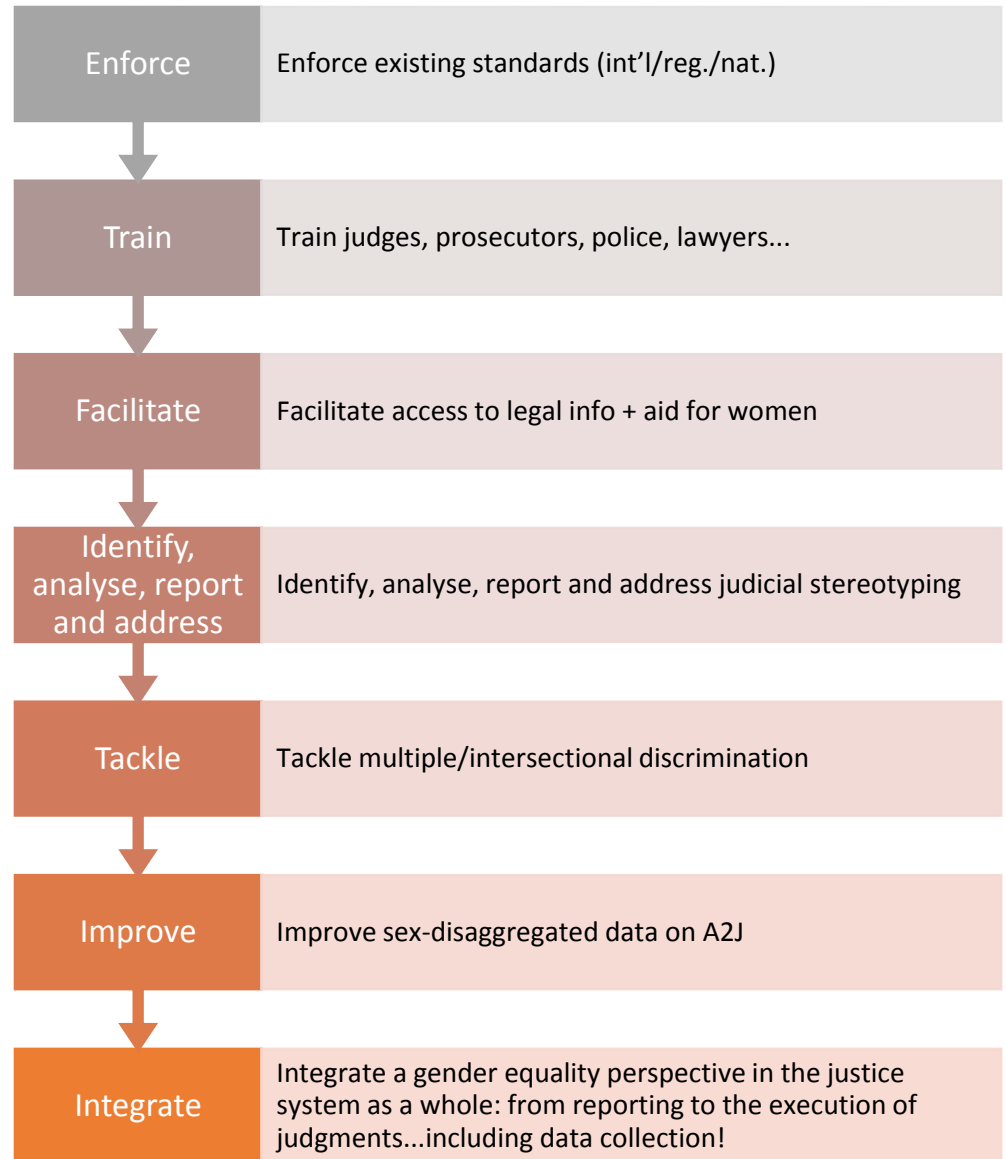
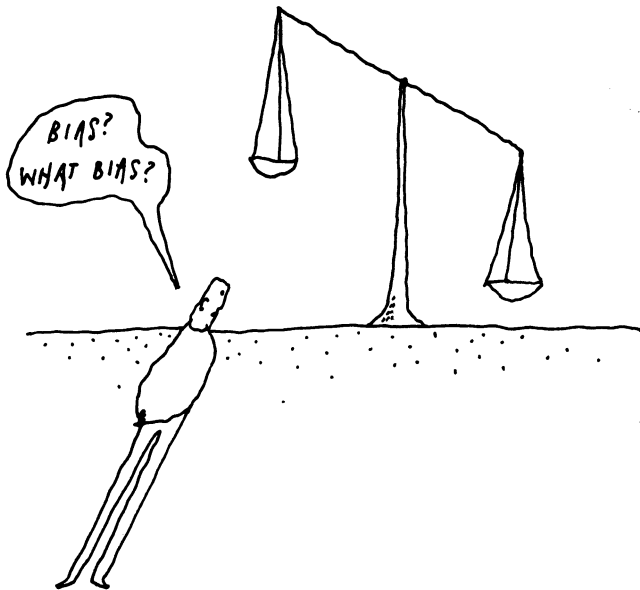


HIGHLIGHTS

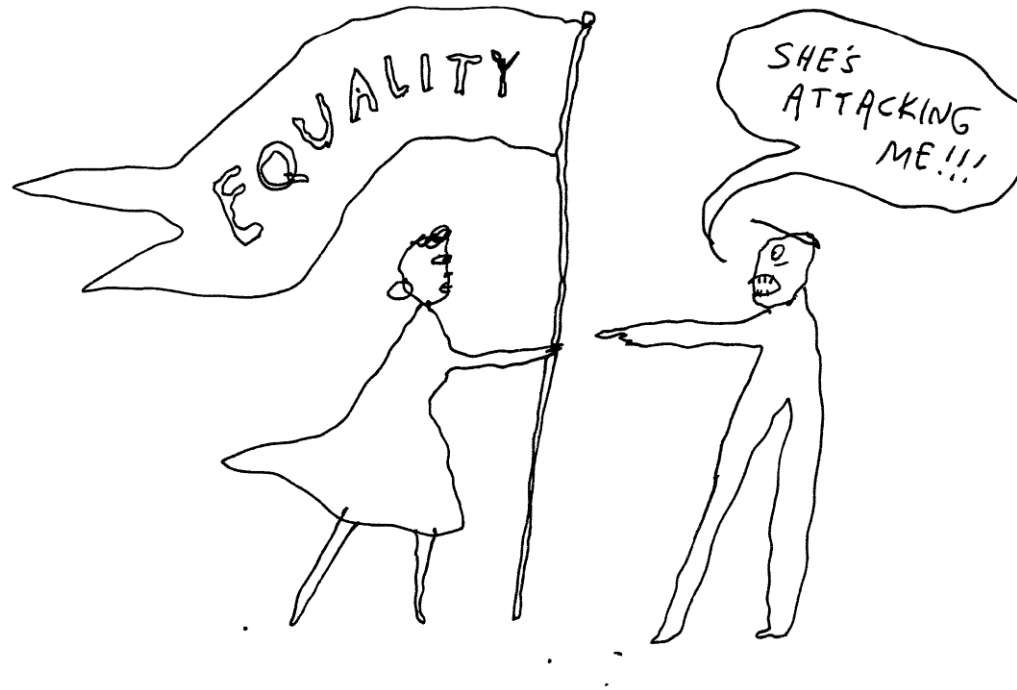
- **MENTORING PROGRAMME FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS** on Women's Access to Justice
- **STRATEGIC LITIGATION HANDBOOK** on Women's Access to Justice
- **HELP COURSE** on Access to Justice for Women
- **RESEARCH** on Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice
- In depth **COUNTRY STUDIES** on barriers, remedies and good practices for Women's Access to Justice
- **HANDBOOK FOR LEGAL AID LAWYERS** on Women's Access to Justice



LESSONS LEARNED



MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN



THANK YOU!