

WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE-UPDATES

20th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission
23-25 November 2021

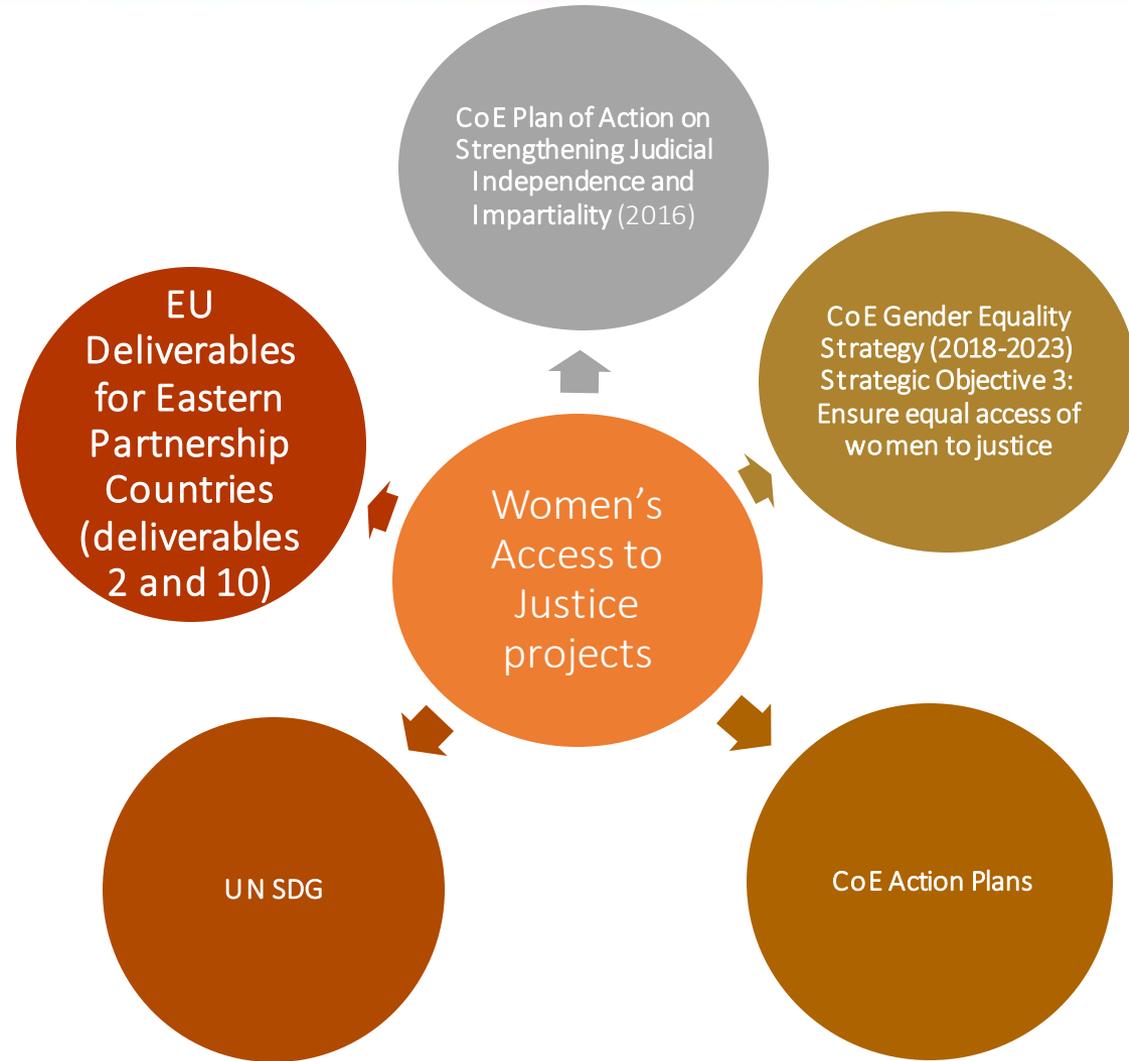
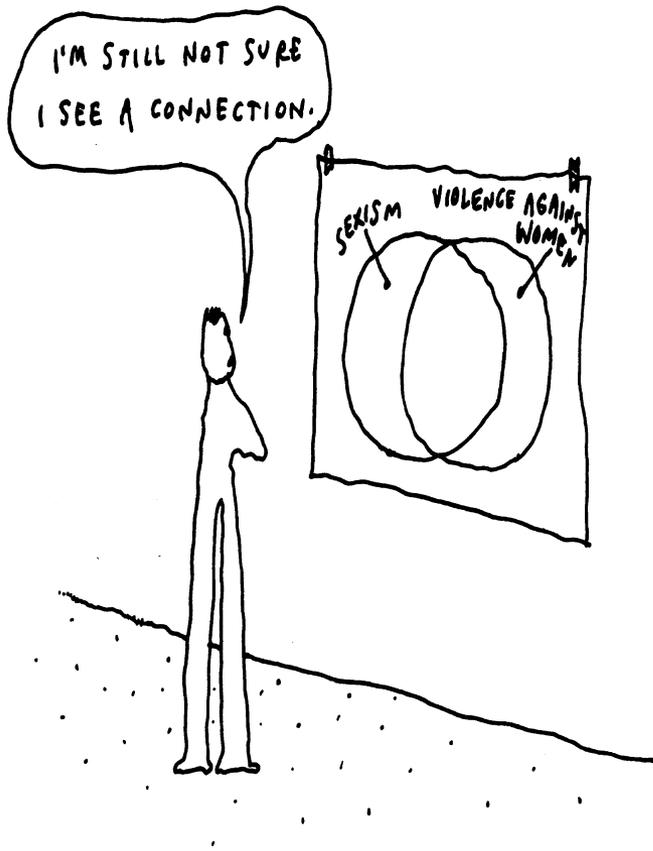
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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S ADDED VALUE





**2019-2022: Women's
Access to Justice:
delivering on the
Istanbul Convention and
other European gender
equality standards**

**2021- 2022: Fostering
Women's Access to
Justice in Turkey**



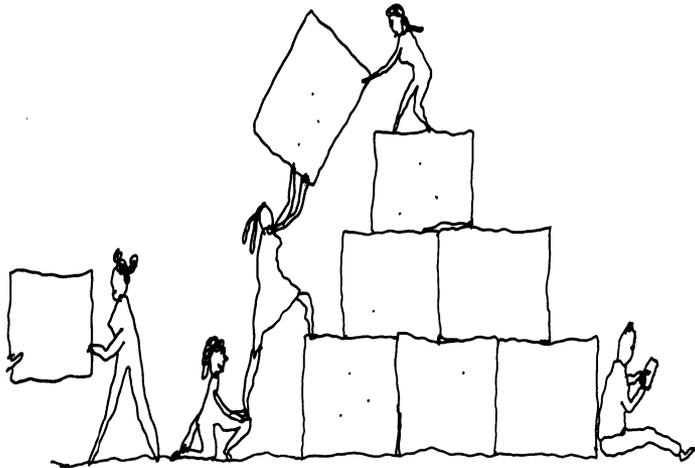
2021 CONTEXT

- **All** WAJ barriers and challenges re-emerged

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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



FUTURE PLANS



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

PGG regional Women's Access to Justice-project objectives

- **Identify and support removal** of obstacles to women's access to justice in the Eastern Partnership countries
- **Improve gender-responsiveness of the justice systems** in the Eastern Partnership countries including in cases of violence against women
- **Increase application of CoE standards among justice sector professionals**, especially the Istanbul Convention and the European Court of Human Rights
- Contributes towards the Eastern Partnership countries **ratification 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 of Istanbul Convention



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Women's Access to Justice

A REGIONAL LAUNCH and 6 national
tutored HELP courses on Access to
Justice for Women

REPORT of the roundtable on
"Framework to measure access to
justice including specific challenges
facing women"

TRAINING COURSES for legal aid
lawyers on Women's Access to
Justice



NEW IN 2022

- **TRAINING OF MENTORS** on Women's Access to Justice
- **RESEARCH** on impact of Covid-19 on Women's Access to Justice
- **VISIBILITY VIDEOS** : Mentoring Programme for legal professionals on Women's Access to Justice
- **HELP COURSE** on Access to Justice for Women
- **DISSEMINATION** of all project knowledge products



Fostering Women's Access to Justice in Turkey- project objectives

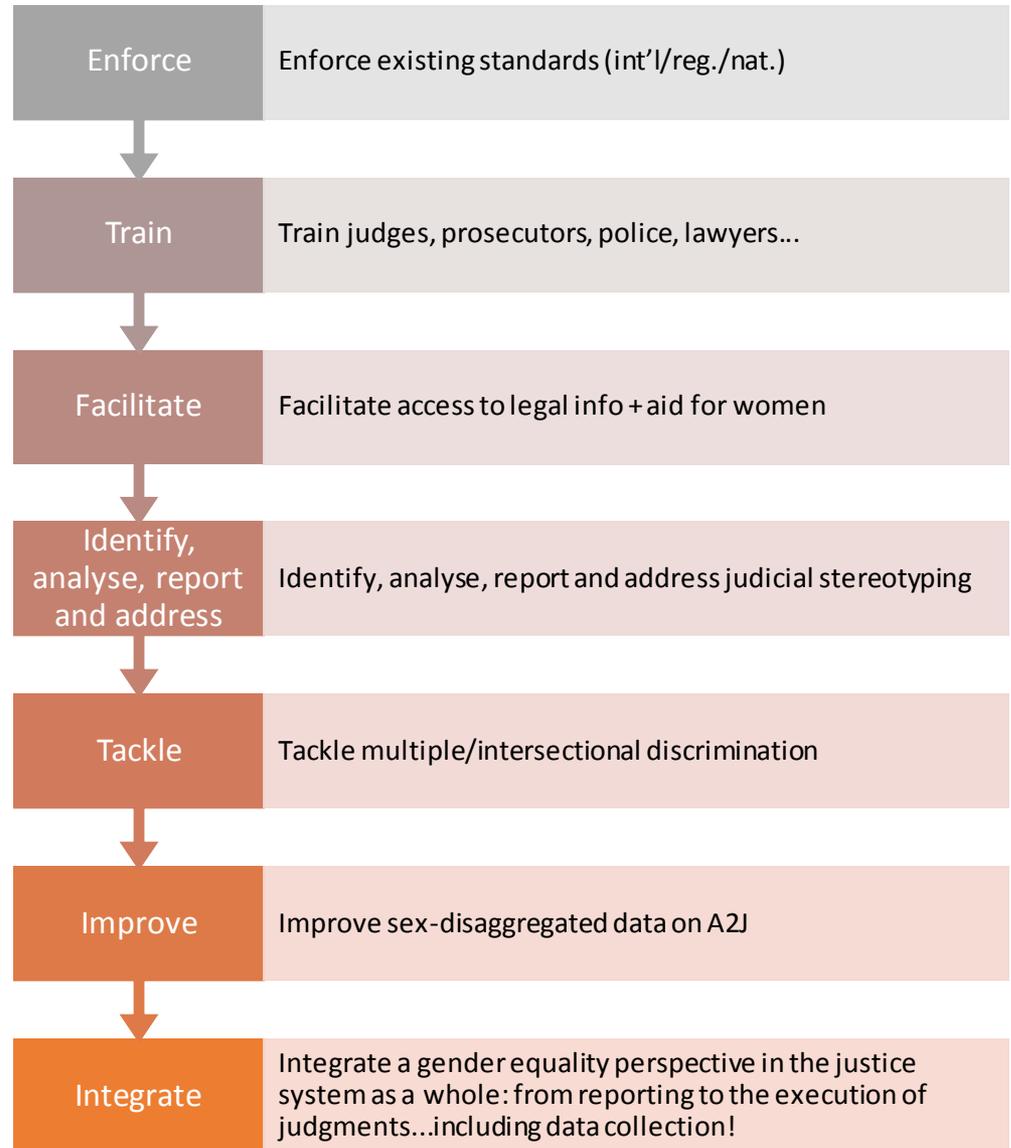
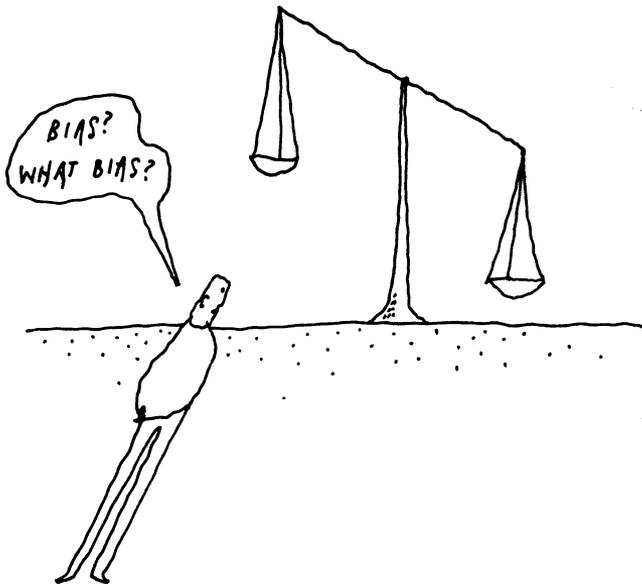
- Improving the **gender responsiveness of legal aid and victim support services** to effectively respond to the needs of women.
- **Enhancing legal aid access** for women, including through working with legal aid lawyers and civil society.
- **Increasing legal literacy and awareness** among women, especially groups of women in vulnerable situation.



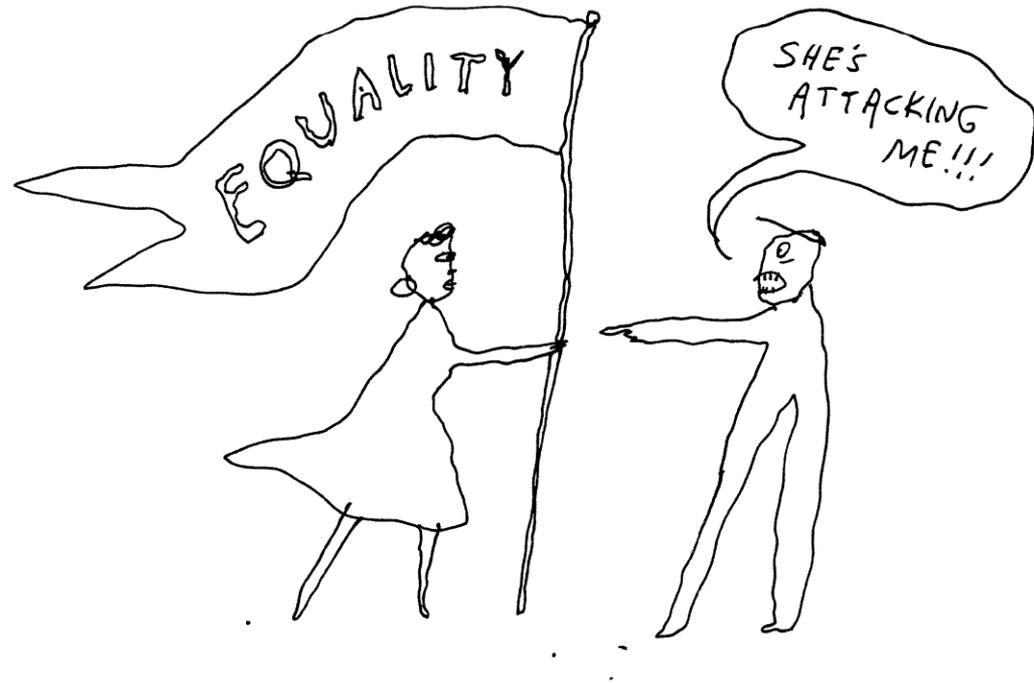
- **A RESEARCH** on WAJ barriers
- **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES** for legal aid lawyers and judicial support officers
- **GUIDELINES/CHECKLIST** for lawyers providing legal aid for women.
- **SEMINAR AND PUBLICATION** on measuring women's access to justice
- Targeted **OUTREACH AND AWARENESS RAISING**



LESSONS LEARNED



MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN



THANK YOU!