

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

UPDATES

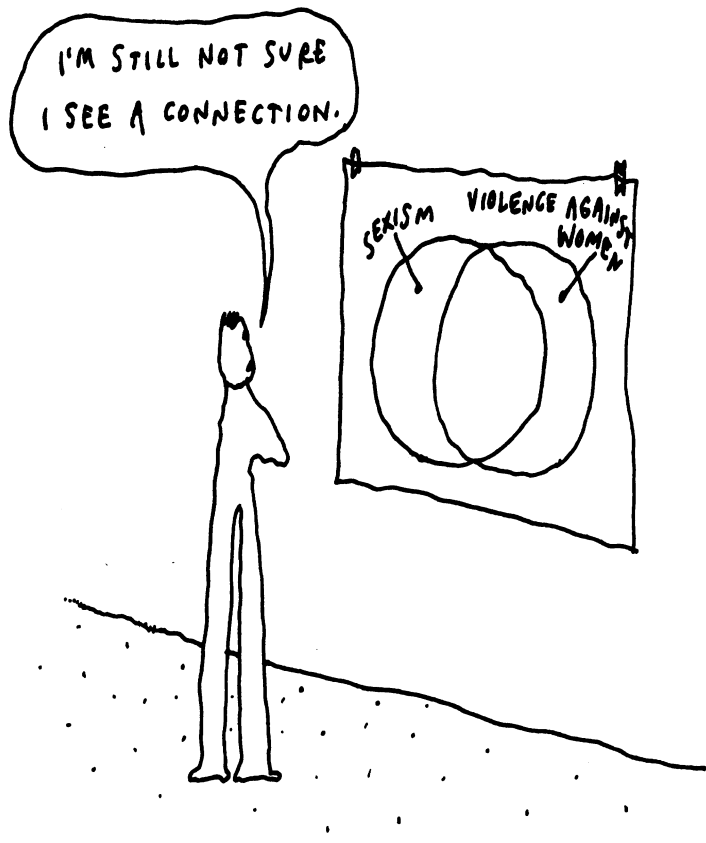


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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S ADDED VALUE





2023 CONTEXT

- **All** long lasting WAJ barriers and challenges re-emerged
- Emerging additional barriers -ie. digital divide
- Crisis situations impact on WAJ

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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



HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

-Cooperation sector's "modus operandi"-

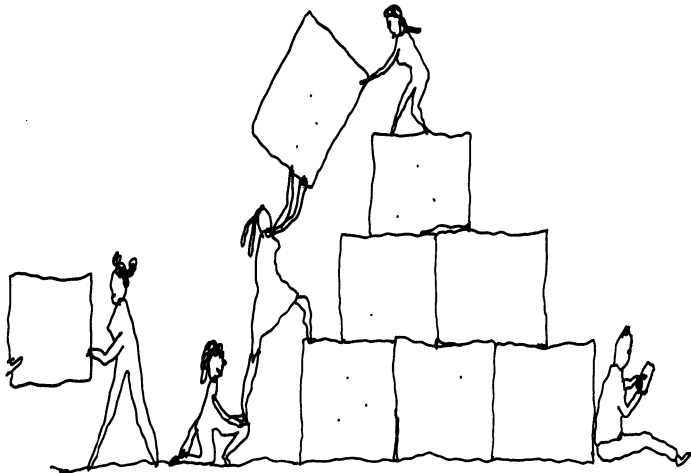
Enhanced capacity building with a focus on the legal sector

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:** 12 Beneficiaries and counting
- **Identify and support removal** of obstacles to women's access to justice: *new caselaw from ECtHR*
- **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: *increased link to digital VAW*
- 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

- **HELP COURSE** on Access to Justice for Women in the aftermath of natural disasters (upgrade) +**GENDER ANALYSIS**
- **MENTORING PROGRAMME FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS** on Women's Access to Justice- flagship capacity building methodology
- **STRATEGIC LITIGATION HANDBOOK** on Women's Access to Justice +training (including on legal literacy)

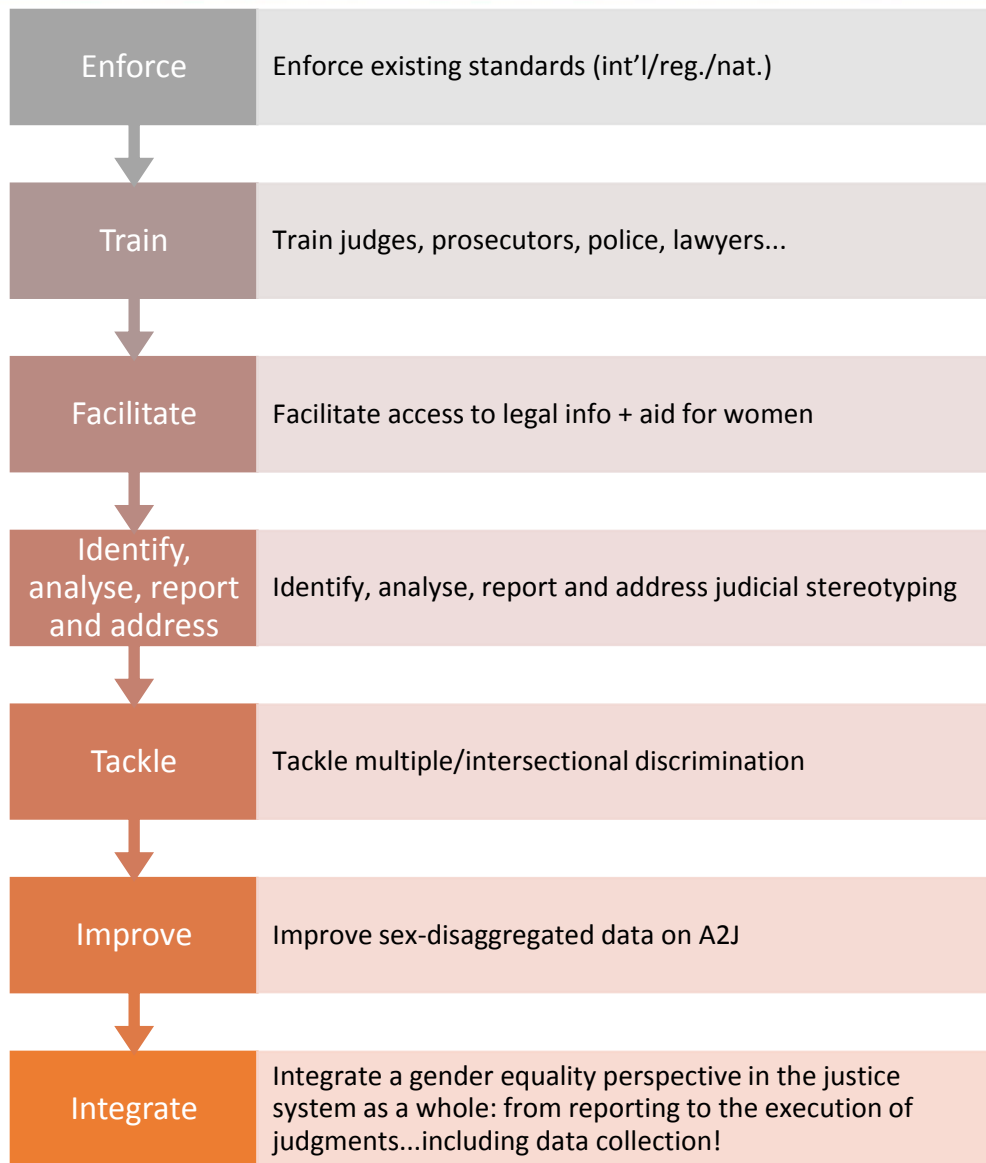
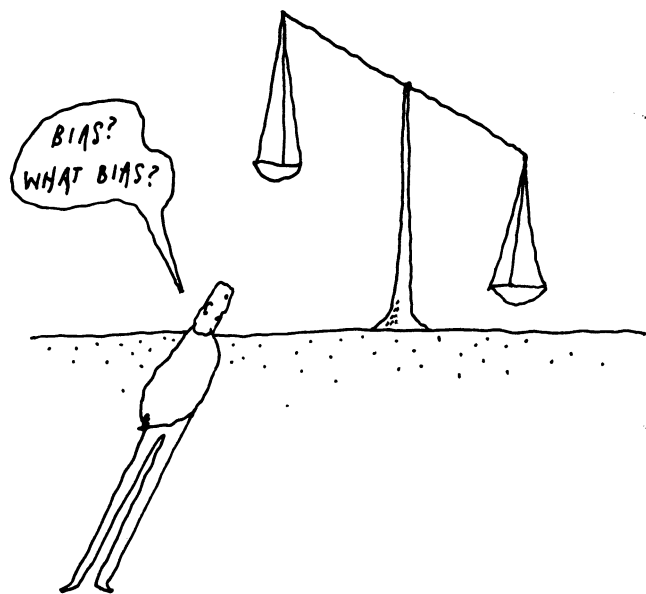


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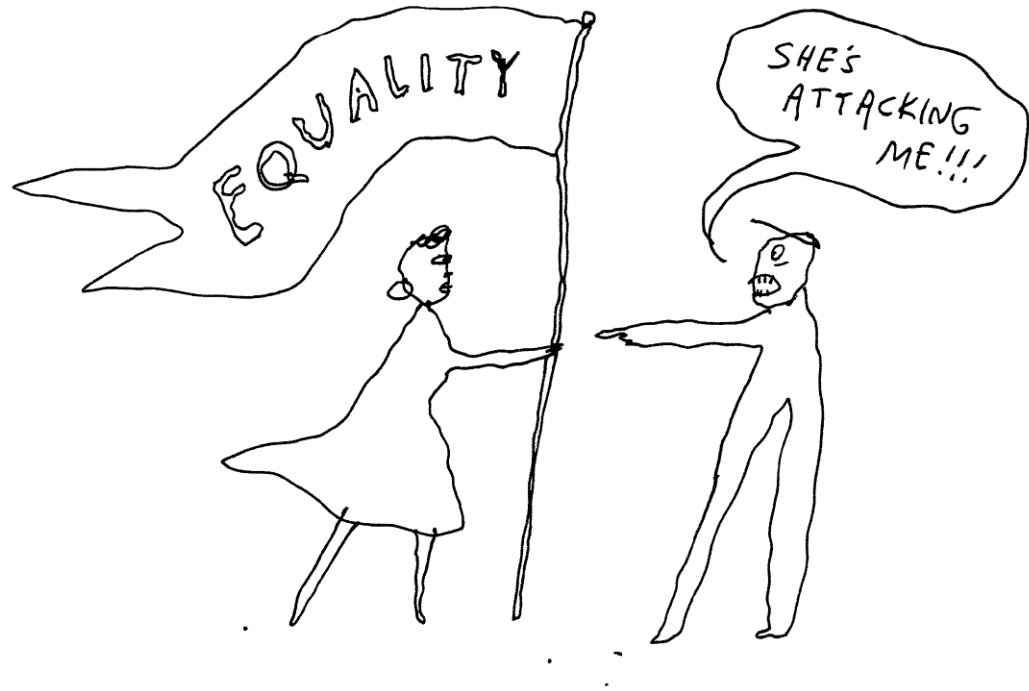
- **PARTNERS LED NETWORK** development on Women's Access to Justice
- **MAPPING** of Law Schools curricula in light of enhancing the gender mainstreaming of overall Law Schools
- **DISSAGRAGATED DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS** in all 12 countries (gender and sex)



LESSONS LEARNED



MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN



THANK YOU!