

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting¹
on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2017
**"The Istanbul Convention: combating violence against women at national
and EU level"**

Tuesday, 21 November 2017, from 15.00 to 18.30

European Parliament in Brussels - room JAN 6Q2

Chaired by:
Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĒ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

DRAFT PROGRAMME

15.00 - 16.00

Panel 1. The Istanbul Convention in the Member States: ratification and monitoring

Topic: assess the main problems of the ratification process in the signing countries and show the situation of the first round of evaluations made by GREVIO.

Keynote speeches by

Ms Virginija Langbakk, Director, and Ms Blandine Mollard, Research Officer, European Institute for Gender Equality

Ms Simona Lanzoni, GREVIO² Second Vice-President, Council of Europe

Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of HELP³ Unit, Council of Europe

Ms Joanna Piotrowska, President of Feminoteka Foundation, Poland

¹ Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

² Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence - the independent expert body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence by the Parties

³ European programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals.

16.00 - 17.30

Panel 2. The 4 Ps⁴ in practice: how member states tackle gender based violence and domestic violence

Topic: based on the provisions of the Istanbul Convention discuss its implementation and best practices

Keynote speeches by

Ms Francesca Puglisi, Chair of the Parliamentary Enquiry Committee on Femicide and any other forms of gender-based violence, Italian Senate

Ms Pilar Cancela Rodríguez, Chair of the Equality Commission, Spanish Congress

Ms Jacqui Hunt, Director of the Europe's Office, Equality Now

17.30 - 18.30

Panel 3. The path to the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention

Topic: The situation of GVB at EU level and the status and perspective of the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention

Keynote speeches by

Ms Liisa Oviir, Member of the Legal Affairs Committee and European Union Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament

European Commission representative (TBD)

Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, General Rapporteur on violence against women, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Laura Albu, Executive Committee Member, European Women's Lobby

With the participation of **Ms Anna Maria Corazza Bildt**, FEMM co-rapporteur on the EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

⁴ Prevention, Protection, Prosecution together with the implementation of integrated Policies