

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 Meeting<sup>1</sup>  
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**

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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** European Institute for Gender Equality

**Ms Simona Lanzoni, GREVIO<sup>2</sup> Second Vice-President**, Council of Europe (TBC)

**Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of HELP<sup>3</sup> Unit**, Council of Europe

**Ms Joanna Piotrowska**, President of Feminoteka Foundation, Poland

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<sup>1</sup> Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> European programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals.

16.00 - 17.30

**Panel 2. The 4 Ps<sup>4</sup> 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**

**Representative from the CSO (TBC)**

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**

**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**

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<sup>4</sup> Prevention, Protection, Prosecution together with the implementation of integrated Policies