

Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

CZECH REPUBLIC

I. National campaigns

1. Is your government currently carrying out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?

Yes No

2. Has your government carried out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the past?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

3. Is your government planning on carrying out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the future?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

Please provide a brief description of the present or past national campaign, by using the space in the following boxes:

- a. Campaign slogan

GAME OVER - When domestic violence starts a game is over

- b. Campaign duration

Since 1.10.2003 until now

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

Since 1 October 2003, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has been implementing a **public information campaign on unacceptability of domestic violence**, aimed in particular at prevention among young persons between 15 and 25 years of age. The campaign should provide young people with facts about domestic violence and learn to recognize its manifestations in early stages of a relationship. At the same time, they should be informed that a relationship where one of the partners tends to commit domestic violence should be wound up as soon as possible. This campaign continues until now.

d. Expected or achieved results

Better awareness of young people about domestic violence that can help in combat against phenomenon of domestic violence and prevent it.

e. Campaign website address

www.domacinasili.cz

II. National Plan of Action

1. Has your government adopted a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?

Yes No

If yes, which year

Since 1998

2. Is your government currently implementing a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?

Yes No

3. Has your government implemented a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the past?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

Every year since 1998

4. Is your government planning on implementing a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the future?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

Please provide a brief description of the national plan of action, by using the space in the following boxes:

a. Aims, activities and expected or achieved results of the national plan of action

Conduct a publicity campaign on the unacceptability of domestic violence and other forms of violence committed against women and enable nongovernmental organizations to be represented in the working party set up to fulfil this task. Focus social work on assistance for the victims of violent crime, on families in which the healthy development and upbringing of children is at risk. Support, as part of this assistance, an expansion in the network of shelters for female victims of violence. Support the establishment of shelters with secret addresses and support women's nongovernmental organizations involved in these activities.

Adopt legislative and other measures to combat domestic violence and improve the protection of domestic violence victims, and reflect legislative measures in the recodification of the Criminal Code.

With respect to the implementation of measures leading to an interdisciplinary solution to domestic violence issues the establishment of an integrated system of assistance for victims, continuously monitor steps aimed at combating domestic violence and submit regular information to the Government.

- b. Duration of the national plan of action
Since 1998 until now
- c. National Plan of Action website address
www.mpsv.cz

III. National Task Force/inter-agency working group to combat violence against women, including domestic violence

- a. Has your government set up a national Task Force or inter-agency working group to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?
Yes No

- b. If yes, please provide a brief description of this body, including its composition, mandate, duration and expected results

Inter-ministerial working group was established under the competence of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech republic in 2002 and it consists of representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and representatives of NGO's.

The group's main objectives:

- 1) to monitor a general situation, advancement concernig domestic violence, legislative and non legislative provisions for protection of victims
- 2) evaluate the situation and adopted measures
- 3) to draft proposals to improve the situation.

The group is responsible for drawing up an evaluating report and a draft recommendation on protection of victims of domestic violence, which is submitted to government by the Ministry of Interior each year. Each of before mentioned ministries is responsible for a specific measure to combat domestic violence to be taken in certain term.

IV. Additional information on national action to combat violence against women

The Government of the Czech republic adopted the 'Priorities and Procedures of the Government in Promoting the Equality of Men and Women' in April 1998 as a national action plan for the creation of equal opportunities for women and men. From the outset, the national action plan was set up in accordance with the implementation of the conclusions reached by the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women held in Beijing in September 1995. Of the twelve areas of concern set out in the Beijing Platform for Action, the national action plan for the promotion of gender equality in the Czech Republic focuses on seven areas relevant to the Czech Republic. One of the above mentioned seven areas is to **combat violence perpetrated against women.**