In 1997 the bill regulating the protection against violence in the family was passed in Austria, which provides protection for the victims of violence in the family, i.e. mainly women and children. In the years that followed, other important legal and social measures of violence prevention were taken. The Austrian way of protection against violence has become a good-practice model at European level and has inspired other countries to develop new measures.

Together we have achieved a great deal, but there are still a lot of active measures to be taken in order to meet the existing and coming challenges in the field of violence prevention in the future. The purpose of this international conference is to reflect on the experience gained over the past ten years and to present innovative measures and good-practice models. International and national experts are invited to report on their experience and findings from a variety of angles and to discuss and develop future perspectives together with the participants.
Programme

The official language of the Conference will be German; on Monday and Tuesday simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided. After each presentation, there will be some time for questions and discussion.

MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2007 – VIENNA

08:30 – 09:30  Registration
              Coffee

09:30 – 10:00  Welcome and opening
              Doris Bures, Federal Minister for Women, the Media and the Civil Service
              Günther Platter, Federal Minister for the Interior
              Charlotte Aykler & Rosa Logar, Welcoming address by the organizers
              Facilitator of the entire Conference in Vienna:
              Martin Stübinger, amnesty international Austria

10:00 – 10:45  International measures to counter violence against women
              Carina Hägg, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Violence against Women
                            of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
              Dubravka Šimonović, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of
                            Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Europe
                            Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence
              Facilitator: Karin Tertinegg, Institute for Human Sciences

10:45 – 11:15  Break

11:15 – 12:30  Ten years of experience with Austrian laws on violence prevention –
                the status quo and future perspectives
                Birgitt Haller, Institute for Conflict Research, Vienna
                Sylvia Löw, Association of Viennese Women’s Refuges –
                            Counselling Centre for Women
                Karl Mahrer, Major General, Chief of the Viennese Police
                Petra Smutny, Judge at the Higher Regional Court, Vienna
                Anna Sporrer, Chairperson of the Legal Aid Fund for Women
                Rosa Logar, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, Vienna
                Facilitator: Christine Stromberger, Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch
13:30 – 14:00 **Innovative legal measures against violence in Europe: New strategies and practices in Europe**

Carol Hagemann-White, Professor of Educational Theory and Gender Studies, University of Osnabrück, Co-ordinator of the Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV), Germany

14:00 – 14:30 **The importance of a comprehensive and co-ordinated policy on violence against women**

Liz Kelly, Professor, Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), London Metropolitan University, UK

14:30 – 15:00 **Do we need data on violence against women and what kind of data do we need?**

Renée Römkens, Associate Professor, International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT), Tilburg University, Netherlands

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:30 Three parallel panels

**Panel 1**

The tasks of the police in the prevention of domestic violence against women

Sonja Fiegl, Major and District Commander in Tulln, Lower Austria

Yasmin Rehman, Director of Partnerships and Diversity, Violent Crime Directorate, Metropolitan Police London, UK

Maria Schwarz-Schlöglmann, Violence Prevention Centre Upper Austria

N.N., Expert from the Swedish Police

Facilitator: Herwig Lenz, Ministry for the Interior, Federal Criminal Office

**Panel 2**

The potential of the public health system in the prevention of domestic violence against women

Friedrich Anger-Schmidt, Women’s Safety Unit, Hospital “Wilhelminenspital”, Vienna

Sabine Bohne, DAPHNE project PRO TRAIN, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Angelika May, S.I.G.N.A.L Berlin, Intervention programme for awareness-raising in the public health sector, Germany

Beate Wimmer-Puchinger, Vienna Commissioner for Women’s Health

Facilitator: Renate Egger, Psychotherapist and expert in the field of domestic violence
Panel 3
Migrant women and protection from violence

Sibylle Schreiber, Campaign “NO to Crimes in the Name of Honour”, Terres des Femmes, Germany
Ravi Thiara, Senior Research Fellow, School of Health and Social Studies, University of Warwick, UK
Tamar Çitak, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, Vienna
Facilitator: Zohreh Ali-Pahlavani, Vienna Chamber of Labour

17:30 Reception by the Federal Minister for Women, Media and the Civil Service, Doris Bures, at the Palais Auersperg

perspectiva: matria music as intervention Célia Mara/BR, Julia Siedl/A, Kenia Bernal/CU, on the tables: DJ sweet suzie

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2007 - VIENNA

09:00 – 10:30 New legislation on domestic violence against women and effective implementation

Carmen de la Fuente, Prosecution Service, Special courts for women victims of domestic violence, Spain
Birgitt Haller, Institute for Conflict Research, Vienna
Funmi Johnson, Domestic Violence Implementation Lawyer, Crown Prosecution Service, UK
Christian Manquet, Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria
Amanda Robinson, University of Cardiff, Evaluation of the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts, UK
Facilitator: Katharina Beclin, Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology, University of Vienna

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 The Zero Tolerance Campaign to counter violence against women in Scotland

Ann Hamilton, Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust, Scotland

11:30 – 12:00 The role of men in preventing violence against women

Michael Kaufman, Co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, Canada

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
### Panel 4
**New developments in the area of services for women and children survivors of domestic violence**

- **Aleid van den Brink**, Amsterdam Women’s Shelter, Netherlands
- **Lepa Mladjenović**, Autonomous Women’s Centre Belgrade, Serbia
- **Corinna Seith**, Research project - Services for children facing domestic violence, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- **Maria Rösslhumer**, Women’s Helpline and Network of Austrian Women’s Refuges

**Facilitator:** **Sylvia Löw**, Women’s Counselling Centre

### Panel 5
**Multi-agency cooperation for the prevention of domestic violence against women**

- **Amanda Robinson**, Evaluation of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) in Cardiff, University of Cardiff, UK
- **Ute Rösemann**, Women’s Counselling Centre Gladbeck, Co-ordinator of the Round Table in Gladbeck, Germany
- **Branislava Marvanová Vargová**, Women’s Centre – Rosa Foundation, Prague, Czech Republic

**Facilitator:** **Tanja Windbüchler**, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, Vienna

### Panel 6
**The role of the criminal justice system in the prevention of violence and programmes for perpetrators**

- **Christian Pilnacek**, Head of Unit of Criminal Procedural Law, Ministry of Justice
- **Heidi Winterer**, Public Prosecution Service, Special Unit for Domestic Violence, Freiburg, Germany
- **Martyn Waygood**, Specialist Domestic Violence Court Procedures, Cardiff, UK
- **Heinrich Kraus/Barbara Ille**, Anti-Violence Training, Men’s Counselling Centre and Intervention Centre Vienna

**Facilitator:** **Christian Scambor**, Men’s Counselling Centre, Graz

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**15:00 – 15:30**  
**Break**
15:30 – 16:30 Comprehensive government strategies for tackling violence against women

Renate Augstein, Deputy Head of Department for Equal Opportunities, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

The action plan to counter violence against women in Germany

Samantha Ingram, Sexual and Domestic Violence Team, Violent Crime Unit, Home Office, UK

New strategies for crime prevention and crime reduction in the sphere of domestic violence in the United Kingdom

Closing statement: Barbara Prammer, President of the National Council of the Austrian Parliament

The role of the Parliament in preventing violence against women

Closing by the organizers

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2007 – ST. PÖLTEN

09:00 – 09:30 Arrival and coffee

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome and opening

Charlotte Aykler, Violence Prevention Centre, Lower Austria

Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Regional Council for Women’s Affairs, Lower Austria

10:00 – 12:00 Challenges in the prevention of domestic violence in rural areas, with emphasis on the public health sector

Martina Amler, Acting Manager of the National Health Insurance Fund of Lower Austria

The costs of domestic violence in the area of public health

Anneliese Erdemgil-Brandstätter, Women’s Counselling Centre “Kassandra”

Violence against women – The role of the public health sector. The implementation of occupational training for medical professions in Lower Austria

Birgitt Haller, Institute for Conflict Research, Vienna

Different effects of domestic violence in urban and rural areas

Martha Weingartner, Centre for Equality between Women and Men of the City of Zurich, Project on prevention of domestic violence in the Maternité women’s hospital, Switzerland

Domestic violence causes sickness. What can the public health sector do?

Facilitator: Marlies Leitner, Violence Prevention Centre, Lower Austria

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