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REGIONAL SEMINAR

**Support and protection for victims of domestic violence:
Services needed**

Espoo, Finland, 8-9 October 2007

Organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division
Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe

In co-operation with
the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
and
Hanasaari - Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre

PROGRAMME

Venue: Hanasaari - Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Hanasaarenranta 5, Espoo
Working languages: Finnish/English/Russian



Monday 8 October 2007

- 9 am Registration of participants
- 9.30 am Words of welcome by Ms Gunvor KRONMAN, Director, Hanasaari - Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre
- 9.35 am Opening of the Seminar

Opening addresses by:

- Ms Tuija BRAX, Minister of Justice, Finland
- Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Ms Hilary FISHER, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence
- Ms Ruth-Gaby VERMOT-MANGOLD, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

*Chair: Mr Hanno HARTIG
Head of Department, Directorate of Standard Setting,
Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe*

I. Introduction: State obligation to combat violence against women

- 10.15 am Keynote speaker: Ms Dubravka ŠIMONVIĆ, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Croatia
- Questions and discussion
- 10.45 am Coffee

II. Organisation of services for women victims of violence: structures, resources and political support

1. Services organised at national, regional and local level

- 11.15 am Keynote speaker: Ms Annika ERIKSSON, Project Manager, National Board for Health and Welfare, Sweden
- Questions and discussion
- 11.45 pm National experiences
- Ms Line NERSNÆS, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Norway
 - Ms Maarja LÜHISTE, Chief Specialist on Domestic Violence of the Gender Equality Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

- Ms Viktorija BOĻŠAKOVA, Senior Specialist, Policy Analysis and Planning Unit, Ministry for Child and Family Affairs, Latvia

Questions and discussion

1 pm Lunch offered by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

2.30 pm National experiences

- Ms Anne MAU, Chief Executive Officer, National Organisation of Shelters for Battered Women and their Children (LOKK), Denmark
- Ms Kristín ÁSTGEIRSDÓTTIR, Director, Icelandic Center for Gender Equality

Questions and discussion

3.45 pm Coffee

2. Multi-agency co-operation: structures, standards and guidelines

4.15 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Barbara KAVEMANN, Professor of Sociology, Research Group WiBIG, Catholic University of Applied Sciences Berlin, Germany

Questions and discussion

4.45 pm National experiences

- Mr Mikko ORANEN, Development Manager, Psychologist, Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters, Finland
- Ms Daiva JUNEVICIENE, Chief specialist of Gender Equality Division, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

Questions and discussion

6 pm End of first day

6.45 pm Buffet offered by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

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*Chair: Ms Heidi HAUTALA
Chair of the Council for Gender Equality, Member of Parliament, Finland*

III. Identifying special needs of victims of domestic violence

1. Prerequisites for an effective service sector: identifying the needs of victims of domestic violence

- 9.15 am Keynote speaker: Ms Linda REGAN, Senior Researcher Officer, Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), United Kingdom
- 9.45 am National experiences
- Ms Sirje MAALA, Director, Ida-Virumaa Women's Shelter and Support Center, Estonia
 - Ms Tove SMAADAHL, Director of the Secretariat of the Shelter Movement, Norway
- Questions and discussion
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Address by Mr Stefan WALLIN, Minister of Culture and Sport and Minister at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- 11.30 am National experiences
- Ms Lise BARLACH, Consultant, National Board of Social Services, Ministry of Social Affairs, Denmark
 - Ms Svetlana BIRJUKOVA, Psychologist, Center Against Abuse "Dardedze", Latvia
- 12.30 pm Lunch offered by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

2. Assistance to victims of sexualised violence

- 2 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Suvi RONKAINEN, Professor of Social Psychology, University of Lapland, Finland
- Questions and discussion
- 2.30 pm National experiences
- Ms Thelma ÁSDÍSARDÓTTIR, Stígamót - Icelandic counselling and information centre for survivors of sexual violence
 - Ms Dalia PUIDOKIENE, Director, Klaipeda centre of Psychological and Social assistance, Lithuania
 - Ms Mariella ÖBERG, Researcher, National Centre for Knowledge on Men's Violence against Women of Uppsala University, Sweden

Questions and discussion

IV. Building an effective service sector: prospects and challenges

3.30 pm Panel discussion with governmental representatives moderated by Ms Ruth-Gaby VERMOT-MANGOLD, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

4.15 pm Closing addresses by

- Mr Hanno HARTIG, Head of Department, Directorate of Standard Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
- Ms Paula RISIKKO, Minister of Health and Social Services, Finland

4.30 pm End of seminar