



COUNCIL OF EUROPE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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REGIONAL SEMINAR

**Protection and specialised support by the police,
health care professionals and social workers
for victims of domestic violence**

Skopje, 11-12 September 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 Labour and Social Policy

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Mosa Pijade 2, 1000 Skopje

11/09/2007

Tuesday 11 September 2007

9 am Registration of participants

9.30 am Opening of the Seminar

Opening addresses

- Mr Ljupco MESHKOV, Minister of Labour and Social Policy
- Mr Jan KLEIJSSSEN, Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
- Ms Helena EWALDS, member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

Chair: Mr Jan KLEIJSSSEN

*Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs,
Council of Europe*

I. Introduction: Approaches to effective intervention by the specialised service sector

10 am Keynote speaker: Ms Marianne HESTER, Professor of Gender, Violence and International Policy, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Questions and discussion

II. Police responses to combating domestic violence: towards effective intervention through proactive action and specialised training

1. Police intervention in breaking the cycle of domestic violence: protective measures and means

10.30 am Keynote speaker: Ms Liz BERGLUND, Co-ordinator, Domestic Violence Unit, Uppsala Police, Sweden

Questions and discussion

11 am *National experiences*

- Mr Ilir ZHURKA, Police Department of the District of Tirana, Albania
- Ms Sanija BURAGEVA, Chief Inspector in the Unit for fight against human trafficking, Ministry of Interior

Questions and discussion

12.15 pm Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

2. *The proactive role of the police in preventing domestic violence and assisting the victims*

1.30 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Renée RÖMKENS, Associate Professor, The International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT), Tilburg University, the Netherlands

Questions and discussion

2 pm *National experiences*

- Ms Blagorodna MAKEVA, Senior legal adviser, Legal service and International relationship Department, General Police Directorate, Bulgaria
- Ms Renata ODELJAN, General Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Croatia
- Ms Şengül ALTAN ARSLAN, Head of Department of Foreign Relations, Prime Ministry Directorate General on the Status of Women, Turkey

Questions and discussion

3.15 pm Coffee

III. Health care professionals: identifying and responding to domestic violence

1. *Health services response*

3.45 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Sirkka PERTTU, Project Manager, Palmenia Centre for Continuing Education, University of Helsinki, Finland

Questions and discussion

4.15 pm *National experiences*

- Ms Dragana PETROVIĆ, Advisor from Sector for Gender Equality, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Serbia

Questions and discussion

2. *Guidelines for health care professionals*

4.45 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Freja ULVESTAD KÄRKI, Technical Officer Violence Prevention, WHO Regional Office for Europe

5.15 pm *National experiences*

- Ms Monika AŽMAN, Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Working Group for Non-violence in Health Care, Slovenia

Questions and discussion

6.15 pm End of the first day

7 pm Buffet hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Wednesday 12 September 2007

Chair: Mr Dushko MINOVSKI
State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

IV. Linking professional groups, state agencies and non-governmental organisations: examples of multi-sectoral approaches

9.30 am Keynote speakers: Ms Elena CALCESKA, Psychologist, Union of Women's Organisations of Macedonia (UWOM) and Ms Jasminka FRISCIK, Executive director, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women of the Republic of Macedonia (ESE)

Questions and discussion

10 am *National experiences*

- Ms Vanja MACANOVIC, Autonomous Women's Center, Good Practice Development Programme in the Field of Domestic Violence, Serbia
- Ms Ayça KURTOĞLU, Women's Solidarity Association, Turkey

Questions and discussion

11 am Coffee

11.30 am *National experiences*

- Ms Sanja SARNAVKA, Women Human Rights Group (B.a.B.e), Croatia
- Ms Špela VESELIČ, The Association SOS Help-Line for women and children – victims of violence, Slovenia

Questions and discussion

12.15 pm Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

V. The social services response to domestic violence: gender specific training and assistance to victims

2 pm Keynote speaker: Ms Maria ERIKSSON, Researcher, Department of Sociology, Uppsala University, Sweden

Questions and discussion

2.30 pm *National experiences*

- Ms Tonislava SOTIROVA, Chief Expert, Social Protection and Social Inclusion Directorate, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Bulgaria
- Ms Suzana VELKOVSKA, Head of the Unit for Social inclusion, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Questions and discussion

3.45 pm *Closing addresses*

- Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN, Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Ms Gordana JANKULOVSKA, Minister of Interior
- Mr Jan KLEIJSEN, Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

4 pm End of seminar