

**Stop domestic
violence
against women**



**Stop à la violence
domestique
faite aux femmes**

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

Regional seminar

*Legal Measures to Combat Violence
against Women, including Domestic Violence*

The Hague, Netherlands, 21-22 February 2007

Programme

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Wednesday 21 February 2007

- 9:30 Registration of participants
10:00 Opening of the Seminar

Chair: Mr Jan Kleijssen

Director, Directorate General of Human Rights,
Council of Europe

Opening addresses

Ms Rita Verdonk

Minister of Integration, Juvenile Protection,
Prevention and Probation, the Netherlands

Ms Carina Hägg

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Violence
against Women, Parliamentary Assembly, Council
of Europe

Ms Dubravka Šimonović

Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to
Combat Violence against Women, including
Domestic Violence

Mr Jan Kleijssen

Director, Directorate General of Human Rights,
Council of Europe

I. Innovative Legal Measures to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

1. Protection and non-molestation orders

10:30 **Ms Silvia Thaller**

Legal advisor, Penal Legislation Department,
Ministry of Justice, Austria

Questions

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 *National experiences*

Ms Jolien Janse

Legal advisor, Legislation Department, Ministry of
Justice, the Netherlands

Ms Nicole Weidenfeld

Advisor, Protection of Women from Violence
Department, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Questions and discussion

13:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Justice, the
Netherlands

2. Nature of relationship between victim and perpetrator as an aggravating circumstance in criminalising domestic violence

14:00 **Mr Freddy Gazan**

Advisor, Department of Criminal Services, Ministry
of Justice, Belgium

Questions

14:45 *National experiences*

Ms Catherine Seurre

Advisor, Women's Rights and Equality, Préfecture
de Seine-et-Marne, France

Ms Kris De Groof

Association of Flemish Centres for Health, Shelter
and Support, Belgium

Questions and discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

3. Specialised courts on domestic violence

16:30 **Ms Elena Martínez**

Professor, Faculty of Procedural Law, University of
Valencia, Spain

Questions

17:15 *National experiences*

Ms Jude Watson

Domestic Violence Implementation Manager,
Equality and Diversity Unit, Crown Prosecution
Service, United Kingdom

Ms Ángeles Jaime de Pablo

Themis Association of Women Jurists, Spain

18:15 End of first day

19:00 Buffet offered by the Ministry of Justice, the
Netherlands

Thursday 22 February 2007

Chair: Mr Jan Kleijssen

Director, Directorate General of Human Rights,
Council of Europe

II. Implementation Measures to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

1. Assessment of the implementation of legal measures

9:00 **Ms Carol Hagemann-White**

Professor, Faculty of General Pedagogy and
Gender Studies, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Questions

9:45 *National experiences*

Ms Clarisse Agostini

National Federation of Women's Solidarity, France

Ms Nicole Weidenfeld

Advisor, Protection of Women from Violence
Department, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
and

Ms Dorothea Hecht

Co-ordinator, Domestic Violence Intervention
Centre Berlin, BIG e.V., Germany

Questions and discussion

2. Mapping legislation on violence against women in Europe

10:45 **Ms Colette De Troy**

Co-ordinator, Policy Action Centre on Violence
against Women, European Women's Lobby,
Belgium

Questions and discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

3. Good practices in implementing legal measures

11:15 **Ms Monique Luijpen**

Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Netherlands
Questions

12:00 *National experiences*

Ms Deborah Jamieson

Domestic Violence Team, Violence Crime Unit,
Home Office, United Kingdom

Ms Laurence Weerts

Human Rights League, Belgium

Questions and discussion

13:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Justice, the
Netherlands

4. *Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of legal
measures*

14:00 **Ms Renée Römken**

Senior Researcher IVA Policy Research,
Department of Criminality and Safety, Tilburg
University, the Netherlands

Questions

14:45 *National experiences*

Ms Rosa Logar

Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna,
Austria

Ms Pilar Moreno Fernández

Advisor, Special Government Delegation to
Combat Violence against Women, Ministry of
Labour and Social Affairs, Spain

Questions and discussion

15:45 *Closing addresses*

Mr Peter Levenkamp

Director of the Department of Judicial Youth Policy,
Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands

Mr Jan Kleijssen

Director, Directorate General of Human Rights,
Council of Europe

16:00 End of Seminar



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of the Netherlands

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Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100,
2595 BR The Hague*

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