

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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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
Stop family violence against women
- b. Campaign duration
2007-2008
- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives
Raising awareness that family violence against women is a criminal offence and is punished by law, urging government to demonstrate political will on the matter by providing adequate resources in eradicating violence against women.
- d. Expected or achieved results
- e. Campaign website address

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
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)
4. Is your government planning on implementing a national plan or 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
Purpose of the Action Plan is to implement measures and policies for the prevention and handling of family violence on a systematic approach.

The main strategic goals are:
 - monitor the problem of family violence,
 - prevention of the problem of family violence,
 - measures for information and awareness of the public and professionals,
 - implementation of the relevant legislation,
 - support and protection of victims,
 - coordination and evaluation of the implementation of the action plan.
- b. Duration of the national plan of action
2007-2013
- c. National Plan of Action website address
The action plan will be released on familyviolence.gov.cy

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

The Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Violence in the Family was established under section 7 of the Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Laws 119 (I)/2000 and 212(I)/2004.

Functions:

- monitor the problem of violence in the family
- measures for information and awareness of the public and professionals
- conduct scientific research regarding violence in the family
- promote services dealing with all aspects of the problem
- monitor the effectiveness of services and the enforcement of the relevant legislation

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

The Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Violence in the Family has published a booklet about the Cypriot legislation concerning family violence analyzing the most important legal aspects of the law for the information and awareness of the public and professionals.