

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

ESTONIA

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 domestic violence against women

- b. Campaign duration

January 2007-December 2007

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

The aim of the national campaign is to raise awareness on domestic violence against women. The campaign has two target groups: government officials (including civil servants in ministries) and wider public.

- d. Expected or achieved results

The campaign is expected to achieve following direct results: special edition of Estonian daily "Eesti Päevaleht", trainings for specialists, continuous co-operation among the members of the working group (called initially together to develop the national action plan), and active discussion in society.

e. Campaign website address

No special web page, information will be uploaded on the pages <http://www.sm.ee> and <http://gender.sm.ee>

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 of 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

The aim of the national action plan is to divide responsibilities between different institutions (both governmental and non-governmental) and develop solid approach towards prevention and combating domestic violence.

The action plan has 5 main goals:

- providing adequate services for all target groups (victims, perpetrators, witnesses)
- trainings for specialists (on different aspects)
- prevention (raising awareness among general public etc)
- improving co-operation and change of information between the specialists (or network who is helping concerning parties)
- improving data collection, and conducting more research on the issue

The responsible body for the implementation of the national action plan is Ministry of Social Affairs.

- b. Duration of the national plan of action

2008-2011

- c. National Plan of Action website address

Information can be found on web pages: <http://www.sm.ee> and <http://gender.sm.ee>

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 working group was formed with an aim to develop the national action plan to combat domestic violence. The task force was formed in 2006. It draws together representatives from different ministries, NGOs and other relevant institutions. The working group will also monitor the implementation of the action plan. The members of the working groups are simultaneously contact persons for different institutions on the field of domestic violence. The leader of the working group is the Ministry of Social Affairs.

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

In 2006, Estonia conducted a qualitative research on perpetrators with the aim of mapping the attitudes and explanations that they give to their behaviour. The results should be available in May 2007.

The NGOs are very active in combating domestic violence (conducting trainings, publishing materials, lobbying, working with media, raising awareness, etc). The shelters in Tallinn, Tartu and Ida-Virumaa are working. In 2003 a nationwide network of women's support groups was initiated. Currently there are 9 support groups working on a weekly basis, one group is also for Russian speaking women.