

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MALTA

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

Zero Tolerance

- b. Campaign duration

Three months

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

The aim of the campaign was an educative campaign; to raise awareness with regards to Domestic Violence issues. Emphasises was made on what it is and that is not acceptable. The general public was informed of the services available and where one can seek help.

- d. Expected or achieved results

The general public was made aware of the problem of domestic violence through newspaper articles and adverts. A billboard was set up at the entrance of the Capital City in Valletta. Key people were interviewed by the press.

- e. Campaign website address
None

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

In process.

Domestic Violence issues are mentioned in another National Action Plan on Strategies for Social Protection and Social Inclusion

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)

as soon as possible

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 Domestic Violence Act 2006 set up the Commission on Domestic Violence. The national action plan as proposed by the Commission should lay down the objectives, targets, and recommended action, in the fields of prevention, early intervention, support and follow-up. The Commission is working on applying the Council of Europe Campaign for the 'Elimination of Violence against Women, including domestic violence' to Malta. The Commission is in the process of drafting a comprehensive National Plan of Action for Malta.

- b. Duration of the national plan of action

not yet known

- c. National Plan of Action website address

not yet set up

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 Commission on Domestic Violence was established under Article 3 of the Domestic Violence Act on 1st March 2006. The role of the Commission is that of advising the Minister responsible for social policy on all aspects of Domestic Violence. The Commission is composed of a chairperson and seven members all of whom brought with them specific expertise relevant to the issue of domestic violence, and included a member from Gozo to ensure reference to Gozo's specific situation. The diverse expertise of the members spans from direct hands-on experience to policy, service provision, planning and research. The Commission has set up a sub-committee on service provision. This sub-committee's members represents the Commission, the Foundation for Social Welfare Services, non-governmental organisations, and service users. The Commission also is in the process of setting up a sub-committee on research and statistics.

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