

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

NETHERLANDS

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

Enough is enough

- b. Campaign duration

6 weeks on television/radio, about half a year via other media (internet/papers, etc.)

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

to inform offenders, victims and bystanders of domestic violence that domestic violence is not acceptable, and that help is available

- d. Expected or achieved results

an increase of reports of domestic violence to the police and an increase of demand for help

- e. Campaign website address

www.steunpunthuiselijkgeweld.nl

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
To create a nationwide infrastructure consisting of e.g. :
 - local and regional working partnerships that form binding agreements and develop a watertight plan with regard to domestic violence, Local Advice and Support Centres
 - a coordinating role for the municipal authorities
 - women's shelter
 - offender treatment programmes
 - national support programme for domestic violence
- b. Duration of the national plan of action
2002-2008
- c. National Plan of Action website address
www.huiselijkgeweld.nl

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

For the duration of the programme a special structure has been created existing of:

- a strategic consultative body of heads of departments of ministries and the police, municipalities and the Public Prosecution Service
- a interdepartmental consultative body including representatives of the police, municipalities and the Public Prosecution Service
- a national network of all organizations dealing with domestic violence

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

Actions within the programme:

1. Programme for municipalities
2. Special attention for children and elderly people
3. Publicity campaign (see above)
4. Legislation: restraining orders from entering a house for offenders of domestic violence
5. Official guideline by the Public Prosecution Service
6. Local and regional working partnerships that form binding agreements and develop a watertight plan with regard to domestic violence
7. Local Advice and Support Centres
8. Women's shelters
9. Offender treatment programmes
10. National support programme for domestic violence
11. Registration by the police