

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

SLOVAKIA

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
- b. Campaign duration
- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives
- 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 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 basic objective of the national action plan is to implement, adequately and effectively, the procedures for the prevention and elimination of violence against women in a way, which would prevent women from having to face infringement of their human rights and enable them to live their lives safely, freely and with dignity, without any threats. In its measures the national action plan puts forward solutions of the problems in different time frames of achieving the objectives. The action plan contains measures that need to be addressed immediately, and also those that comprise the fundamental base for the solution of the problems to draw upon in the fulfilment of long-term objectives. That includes in particular, the implementation of core steps in the field of prevention, training, research, and also building of the institutional framework of the coordinated assistance to women against whom violence has been committed. Further improvement of legislative provision for the issues shall also be essential. The National Action Plan reacts to the need to increase the number of asylums and crisis centres for victims of domestic violence and the introduction of specialised services that are still in short supply in Slovakia in the social service network designed to render support to battered women and their children. Within the implementation of the National Action Plan, integrated intervention teams will be created for the coordination of work of the involved professions in order to effectively provide assistance to battered women and their children.
- b. Duration of the national plan of action
Current NAP is planned for the years 2005 – 2008. In 2008 NAP will be analysed and evaluated, there will be found + and – by implementing the NAP and there will be prepared a follow up action plan.

- c. National Plan of Action website address

www.employment.gov.sk

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

There was not set up a special national Task Force, but the Expert Group for the Prevention of Violence against Women and in Families, set up at the Government Council for Crime Prevention will play the role of the Task Force. This Expert Group is the guarantor of the action plan activities and will be also the guarantor of the future campaign that is under preparation. Members of this group of experts are from state, regional and local governance level and from competent NGO'. Duration of this group is not limited.

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