A few months ago, I undertook a series of actions on a national scale in order to raise awareness among Greek citizens. I have held 53 meetings with institutional and state bodies, forming strong relations and alliances, carried out 42 events and visited 14 cities around Greece, so as to increase support for and spread the message of the ONE in FIVE Campaign. I will continue to do so in order to ensure that society is fully informed.

The “Kiko and the hand” TV spot has been widely broadcast by the 14 most viewed Greek TV channels. From the beginning of the campaign more than 60 000 copies of the Council of Europe’s printed materials have been distributed to citizens. During my 30 appearances on different popular TV shows, I had the opportunity to present the campaign to the Greek viewers.

In my capacity as an MP, I have filed six parliamentary questions, urging a review of the child protection framework, at legislative and administrative level. As a result, the first day center for children and adolescents who have been the victims of abuse, neglect and domestic violence will shortly be created in Athens by the Ministry of Health in co-operation with the NGO “The Smile of the Child”.

I will present this Hellenic model of the ONE in FIVE Campaign to the extraordinary meeting of the Network of contact parliamentarians in Geneva on 13 November with a view to inspiring others.

If we all work closely together we will end child sexual abuse.
News: 15th Network meeting, Strasbourg

Debate on “Monitoring the fight against sexual violence against children at European and national level”

The 15th meeting of the Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children will be held on Tuesday, 1 October 2013 during the fourth part-session of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly.

The debate will be introduced by Mr Eric Ruelle, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, and Ms Doris Fiala, contact parliamentarian for Switzerland. Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, will give an update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign.

Latest: 14th Network meeting, Strasbourg

Debate on “Child sexual abuse in sport”

The 14th meeting of the Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children and joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, took place on 25 June 2013 in Strasbourg. Two experts introduced the discussions.

Mr George Nikolaidis, psychiatrist, had worked on Europe's biggest known case of sexual abuse of children in a sports context, involving the basketball club of the town of Rethymnon, Greece. This case had come to light in the context of a survey conducted for the BECAN project aimed at mapping child abuse and neglect in a number of Balkan countries, of which he was the co-ordinator. He pointed out that competition and performance were positive factors in sport, but also constituted a fertile ground for improper practices. He called on everyone working in this field to exercise vigilance with regard to the subtle symptoms displayed by victims and to certain adults' behaviour revealing a particularly eager interest in children.

Ms Judith Conrad presented a programme called “No sexual assaults in sport” led by the Swiss sports federation “Swiss Olympic”, which is aimed at raising awareness for the issue of sexual violence in sports at the grassroots level.

Ms Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, gave an update on the ONE in FIVE Campaign and called on parliamentarians to use their political influence so that governments would take account of the risk of sexual abuse in sport.
Greece

Greece is still committed to combating sexual violence against children

In August 2013, Ms Eleni Rapti, contact parliamentarian for Greece, had the honour of informing the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr Antónis Samarás, on the progress of the ONE in FIVE Campaign. She also met the Minister of Health, Mr Adonis Georgiadis.

In July 2013, Ms Rapti met the President of ΔΕΘ-HELEXPO, Mr Theodoros Soumpasis. They discussed the possibility of hosting the ONE in FIVE Campaign at the 78th Thessaloniki International Fair. Moreover, ONE in FIVE Campaign volunteers handed out the printed material of the Council of Europe, on 30 August and 3 September 2013, on the premises of the Ippokration Hospital of Thessaloniki during the Pediatric Clinic call. Parents and children were informed about the “Underwear Rule” which is an important tool in the fight against child sexual violence.

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Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

In Rotterdam, the second largest city in the Netherlands, it is not the victim but the perpetrator of child sexual abuse who is being removed from the home. The city will be using this as a tool to tackle child sexual abuse. Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam, expressed his city’s commitment to the Congress “Pact of towns and regions to stop sexual violence against children”.

Pilot project in Cyprus

On 14 October 2013, the pilot project will be officially launched on the premises of the Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia. A street event will also be organised on 12 October 2013 by the office of the Commissioner for Children’s Rights of Cyprus, Ms Leda Koursoumba.

NGO

The Incest Trauma Center in Belgrade (Serbia) is still actively promoting the ONE in FIVE Campaign. It had the sexual assault issue introduced into the national (pre-) school curriculum and relevant textbooks. The Ministry of Education of Serbia has defined 11 subjects in school where the topic of child abuse and neglect should be incorporated.
Lanzarote Convention

Sweden and the Russian Federation

By ratifying the convention respectively on 28 June 2013 and 9 August 2013, Sweden and the Russian Federation have become the 27th and 28th States Parties to the convention.

Agenda

The Network of contact parliamentarians will continue to meet in 2013:

- Extraordinary meeting of the Network on the theme of “Taking the fight against sexual violence against children to the world – Sharing the European experience” on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 in Geneva.

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