



SEMINAR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FINLAND

**Best practices for
preventing domestic violence**

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The Parliament of Finland
Annex building
Auditorium**



**The seminar is organised by the Finnish PACE delegation, the
Employment and Equality Committee and Legal Affairs
Committee of the Finnish Parliament in co-operation with the
steering group of the COE campaign against domestic violence
against women in Finland.**



9.00 Registration of participants
Coffee

9.30 Welcoming address
Mrs. Sinikka Hurskainen
Chairperson of the Finnish PACE delegation
Member of the Finnish Parliament

Opening address: Mrs. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic

SESSION I

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FINLAND

Legislative initiatives for stopping domestic violence and protecting victims

Chair: Mrs. Heidi Hautala
Chairman of Legal Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament

10.00 The situation in Finland with respect to domestic violence against women
Background and statistics

Mr. Markku Heiskanen
Senior researcher
The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control

10.20 Finnish legislation related to domestic violence against women

Mrs. Johanna Niemi
Docent, National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Finland

10.40 Best practices from other countries

- Sweden: Special legislation concerning violence against women in Sweden

Mrs Gudrun Nordborg,
Information manager
Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, Umeå, Sweden.

- The case of Portugal

Mr Manuel Lisboa
Professor, University of Lisbon
Member of the COE Task Force to stop domestic violence against women

Questions

11.30 Coffee break

SESSION II

SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Chair: Mr. Jukka Gustafsson, Finnish contact parliamentarian for the COE campaign "Stop the violence against women".

Vice-chairman of the Employment and Equality Committee, Finnish Parliament

11.50 Services and support provided by the municipalities for the victims of domestic violence in Finland

Mrs. Helena Ewalds

STAKES, National Research and Development Center for Welfare and Health
Member of the COE Task Force to stop domestic violence against women.

12.05 Co-operation between municipal authorities in Finland

- **The programme for the prevention of domestic violence of the city of Hyvinkää**
Mrs Eeva Lehtineva, Crisis center of Hyvinkää
- **Domestic violence from the viewpoint of police work**
Mr Veli Hukkanen
Helsinki Police Department

Questions

12.35 **Address by Mrs Paula Risikko**
Minister of Health and Social Services

12h50 Closing address

Mr. Jukka Gustafsson,
Finnish Contact parliamentarian for the COE campaign "Stop violence against women".
Vice-chairman of the Employment and Equality Committee of the Finnish Parliament

13.00 *End of seminar*