

The Istanbul Convention Combating violence against women

Interparliamentary committee meeting - Brussels, 21 November 2017

Purpose

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality is holding an inter-parliamentary committee meeting to discuss the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The debates will focus on the ratification and monitoring of the Istanbul Convention in the Member States, how member states tackle gender based violence and domestic violence, and the path towards EU accession to the Istanbul Convention. Representatives of national parliaments have been invited to participate in the discussions on these topics. The meeting is taking place on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Inside

This publication includes supporting analyses provided by Parliament's Policy Departments for the Committees on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, on Budgets, and the Subcommittee on Human Rights. Scan the QR codes or click on the titles for access.



Publications

[Violence against women and the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention](#) - November 2017

This research paper is based on desk research carried out for all Member States on issues including: the existence of criminal, civil or specialised legislation or a specific policy framework addressing violence against women; the availability of general and specialist women's support services; the process for signing and ratifying the Istanbul Convention and steps taken to align with its requirement; and best practices in preventing/combating violence against women.



[The role of self-defence in the prevention of violence against women](#) - November 2016

This study examines research on the effectiveness of self-defence and its place in policies at EU and Member State levels. It concludes that there is a growing evidence base that feminist self-defence can be effective in preventing violence. Whilst references to self-defence are present in the EU and Council of Europe policy documents, they are not substantial and yet to be developed into a coherent approach. A promising practice, self-defence should be better promoted and supported.



[Access to shelters of undocumented migrant women fleeing domestic violence](#) - October 2013

This publication provides is a literature review about the ability of undocumented migrant women who experience domestic violence to access shelter and support. It brings together data on characteristics of this group of women and the difficulties they face in seeking help. It includes case studies, which look into the legal and practical situation in eight Member States and important lessons about the political/economic, social and individual-level barriers to their seeking help.



[The issue of violence against women in the European Union](#) - March 2010

This note sets out what comes under the term "violence against women", provides information on what has been done politically and legally at both the transnational and local levels, and highlights the difficulties encountered by different actors involved in the fight against gender-based violence. It gives a selection of the principal findings developed in recent academic work, and the main statements considered relevant and useful in combating gender-based violence.



[The EU budget for gender equality](#) - May 2015

This study subjects the EU budget to a gender budgeting analysis revealing the impact of revenue and spending decisions on gender equality. It covers the operational expenditure of six selected policy areas. Some conclusions: many titles of the EU budget do not follow the EU's commitment to gender equality and mainstreaming; the EU budget is not entirely transparent; gender indicators and gender-disaggregated data are not systematically used in monitoring and evaluation of actions.



[Sexual violence against minors in Latin America](#) - October 2016

This report focuses on sexual violence against girls in Latin America, and what interventions may help mitigate, and possibly eradicate, such violence by examining the cases of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru. It also outlines the possibilities for the EU to support recent developments and initiatives to end such violence via the establishment of national action plans, in collaboration with national, regional and global partners.



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