

Malta Joint Statement - European institutions' call for action

On Friday 3 February 2017, meeting at the Conference on the EU responses to violence against women, we want to give a voice to the many women victims of violence in Europe and around the world.

Together, the Council Presidency, the Commission and the European Parliament call on the Member States meeting in Valletta at the European Council:

- To ratify the Council of Europe's Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) for those Member States not having done so yet;
- To fully and effectively implement the Istanbul Convention;
- To conclude and finalise the decision on the EU accession to the Convention with a meaningful scope; and
- To engage in a constructive and open dialogue with the Presidency, the Commission and the Council of Europe to clarify that the definition of gender-based violence is the violence that happens to women because they are women and to reaffirm the ongoing commitment to solve the outstanding issues.


The three European institutions also commit themselves to zero tolerance to violence against women and girls.


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