

Combating violence against women and domestic violence by supporting the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

EIN online training, 16th December 2021

Violence against women and domestic violence (“VAW/DV”) are grave violations of human rights and forms of discrimination. They occur in every Council of Europe member state, despite some positive developments in law, policies and practices. Shortcomings in domestic legal frameworks, the lack of specialized social services and discriminatory practices and attitudes have all been contributing to the perpetuation of domestic violence. The coronavirus is exacerbating the issue¹. The forced cohabitation of many families around the world has shown signs of a real ‘emergency in an emergency’².

Governments have a responsibility to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of all their citizens. However, in the area of violence against women and domestic violence, many are failing to carry out the reforms necessary – and will only do so as a result of sustained pressure at the national and international levels.

Judgments from the European Court of Human Rights (“ECtHR”) have an invaluable role to play in pushing authorities to make the necessary reforms. Nevertheless, in order for effective reforms to result from the ECtHR implementation process, it is often essential that actors on the ground are empowered to actively engage in the process for implementing the judgment.

This online training is a core element of an EIN project supported by the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the Council of Europe. The project aims to provide comprehensive support to specialist organisations, to ensure that they can effectively contribute to the ECtHR implementation monitoring system, in every country where there is an ECtHR judgment concerning domestic violence pending implementation. The objective of the training is to sensitize expert organisations about the importance of their contribution to the implementation of judgments in this area, and equip them with tools on how to make best use of the supervision process.

How to join the training?

Interested participants will receive a link to connect 1 week before the event.

Working languages

The training will be held in English and simultaneous interpretation may be provided in Russian (depending on the needs of participants).

¹ See: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2020/05/impact-of-covid-19-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-and-service-provision>

² Source: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0025817220930553>

Draft Programme

09.30-09.40	Objectives and structure of the training Welcome and opening comments by EIN Chair Başak Çali
09.40-10.10	Discussion session: participants' introduction, participants' experience and training expectations
10.10- 10.30	Why advocate for the implementation of judgments in VAW context? Presentation by EIN Director George Stafford
10.30-10.50	Overview of how the implementation process works (part 1) Presentation by Ekaterina Malareva, Lawyer, Department for the Execution of Judgments, Council of Europe
10.50-11.05	Short break
11.05-11.30	Overview of how the implementation process works (part 2) Q & A session
11.30-11.50	Case experience and lessons learned (1) Presentation by Violeta Andriuța, Lawyer at the Women's Law Centre Moldova
11.50-12.15	Best practices for NGO submissions Presentation by Agnès Ciccarone, EIN Programme Manager Q & A session
12.15-13.30	Lunchbreak
13.30-13.45	Case experience and lessons learned (2) Presentation by Elena Biaggioni, Lawyer at Donne in Rete contro la Violenza
13.45-14.00	Reflection about common issues included into VAW submissions to date Intervention by Ioana Iliescu, EIN Law and Advocacy Officer
14.00-14.45	Breakout groups Participants will be invited to split into smaller groups to discuss specific VAW cases and detailed content of submissions
14.45-15.05	Break
15.05-15.40	Report from the breakout sessions: key lessons learnt Discussion with participants about their upcoming plans Q&A session
15.40-15.50	Overview of the EIN Violence Against Women Report
15.50-16.00	Wrap up and conclusions

