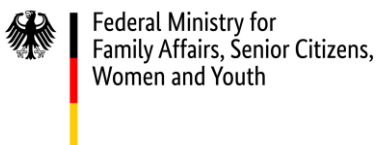


Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action

Conference organised by the Council of Europe in partnership with the
German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth in the framework of the
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Online

PROGRAMME



10:00 – 10:35 am

Astrid Frohloff, Conference moderator

High-level opening: The Istanbul Convention today and its achievements

Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Marceline Naudi, President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

Marcella Pirrone, President, Women Against Violence Europe

Signature of a Joint Declaration between the German Presidency of the Council of Europe and the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Mariana Vieira da Silva, Minister of State of the Presidency, Portugal

10:35 – 10:40 am

Projection of video “Stronger than violence” by Eko Fresh, Rapper

10:40 – 10:55 am

Coffee break

10:55 – 11:20 am

Astrid Frohloff, Conference moderator

The Istanbul Convention: the gamechanger for women and girls

Feride Acar, first President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

Presentation of the four Ps (Pillars) of the Istanbul Convention in video format: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Co-ordinated Policies

11:20 – 12:30 pm

Panel Moderator: Nils Muižnieks, Director, Europe Regional Office, Amnesty International

The Istanbul Convention: Gold standard, useful tool or dangerous ideology?

Beka Dzamashvili, Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

Dubravka Šimonović, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and Co-Chair of the drafting committee of the Istanbul Convention

Nina Nordström, President of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention

Neil Datta, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch break

Projection of videos produced by Germany and by the Council of Europe

2:00 – 3:15 pm

Astrid Frohloff, Conference moderator

Combating gender stereotypes and sexism: tackling the roots of gender inequality and violence against women

Projection of the Council of Europe video on preventing and combating sexism

Andreia Lourenço Marques, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission

Juliane Seifert, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Emily Yiolitis, Minister of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus

Élisabeth Moreno, Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, attached to the Prime Minister, France

Joanna Maycock, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby

Alexandra Timmer, Associate Professor, Utrecht University School of Law, the Netherlands

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Coffee break

3:30 – 3:50 pm

Keynote speech

Elif Shafak, Writer, Academic, Public Speaker, and Women's Rights Activist

3:50 – 4:15 pm

Concluding remarks

Christine Chinkin, Conference Rapporteur

Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

Michael Roth, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany