



COUNCIL OF EUROPE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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REGIONAL SEMINAR

**Legal Measures to Combat Violence against Women,
including Domestic Violence**

The Hague, Netherlands 21-22 February 2007

**Organised by the Equality Division
Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe**

**In co-operation with
the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands**

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PROGRAMME**

**Venue: NH Hotel, Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100, 2595 BR The Hague
Working language: English**

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Wednesday 21 February 2007

09:30 Registration of participants

10:00 Opening of the Seminar

Opening addresses by:

- Ms Rita VERDONK, Minister of Integration, Juvenile Protection, Prevention and Probation, The Netherlands [to be confirmed]
- Ms Carina HÄGG, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Violence against Women, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe
- Ms Dubravka ŠIMONVIĆ, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence
- Mr Jan KLEIJSEN, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe

***Chair: Mr Jan KLEIJSEN, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights,
Council of Europe***

I. Innovative Legal Measures to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

1. Protection and non-molestation orders

10:30 Keynote speaker: Ms Silvia THALLER, Legal advisor, Penal Legislation Department, Ministry of Justice, Austria

Questions

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 National experiences:

- Ms Jolien JANSE, Legal advisor, Legislation Department, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands
- Ms Nicole WEIDENFELD, Advisor, Protection of Women from Violence Department, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- Ms/Mr ...representative of Ireland

Questions and discussion

13:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

2. Nature of relationship between victim and perpetrator as aggravating circumstances in criminalising domestic violence

14:00 Keynote speaker: Mr Freddy GAZAN, Advisor, Department of Criminal Services, Ministry of Justice, Belgium

Questions

14:45 National experiences:

- Ms Catherine SEURRE, Advisor, Women's Rights and Equality, Region Seine and Marne, France
- Ms/Mr ...representative of Belgium

Questions and discussion

16:15 Coffee Break

3. Specialised courts on domestic violence

16:30 Keynote speaker: Ms Elena MARTÍNEZ, Professor, Faculty of Procedural Law, University of Valencia, Spain

Questions

17:15 National experiences:

- Ms Jude WATSON, Domestic Violence Implementation Manager, Equality and Diversity Unit, Crown Prosecution Service, United Kingdom
- Ms Ángeles JAIME DE PABLO, Themis Association of Women Jurists, Spain

Questions and discussion

18:15 End of first day

19:00 Buffet offered by the Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

Thursday 22 February 2007

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Council of Europe**

II. Implementation Measures to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

1. Assessment of the implementation of legal measures

9:00 Keynote speaker: Ms Carol HAGEMANN-WHITE, Professor, Faculty of General Pedagogy and Gender Studies, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Questions

9:45 National experiences:

- Ms Clarisse AGOSTINI, National Federation of Women's Solidarity, France
- Ms Nicole WEIDENFELD, Advisor, Protection of Women from Violence Department, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany and Ms Dorothea HECHT, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Berlin, BIG e.V., Germany

Questions and discussion

2. Mapping legislation on violence against women in Europe

10:45 Ms Colette DE TROY, Co-ordinator, Policy Action Centre on Violence against Women, European Women's Lobby, Belgium

Questions and discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

3. Good practices in implementing legal measures

11:15 Keynote speaker: Ms Monique LUIJPEN, Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Netherlands

Questions

12:00 National experiences:

- Ms/Mr ...representative of Ireland
- Ms Deborah JAMIESON, Domestic Violence Team, Violence Crime Unit, Home Office, United Kingdom
- Ms Laurence WEERTS, Human Rights League, Belgium

Questions and discussion

13:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

4. Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of legal measures

14:00 Keynote speaker: Ms Renée RÖMKENS, Senior Researcher IVA Policy Research, Department of Criminality and Safety, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Questions

14:45 National experiences:

- Ms Rosa LOGAR, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria
- Ms Pilar MORENO FERNÁNDEZ, Advisor, Special Government Delegation to combat violence against women, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Spain

Questions and discussion

15:45 Closing addresses by

- Mr Peter LEVENKAMP, Director of the Department of Judicial Youth Policy, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands
- Mr Jan KLEIJSEN, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe

16:00 End of Seminar