

## **“STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”**

Thursday, 18 October 2007

Public conference in the Parliament of Lithuania

### **PROGRAMME**

**Location:** Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino Ave.53 Vilnius

**09:00 - 09:30 Press conference at the LR Parliament House.**

Participation: WAVE conference organizers, Austria/Lithuania

**09:30 Press conference participants join the street action.** After all together enter the Parliament House and proceed to the Conference

**09:10 Silent witness campaign – “Stop Domestic Violence against Women” in front of the Lithuanian Parliament**

**09:30 – 10:00 Registration**

**10:00 – 11:00 Opening**

**Lilija Vasiliauskienė**, Director of Vilnius Women’s House Crises centre

**Violeta Boreikienė**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

Welcome Greetings

**Marija Aušrinė Pavilionienė**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

Contact Parliamentarian for the council of Europe Campaign “Stop Domestic Violence against Women”

**Algirdas Sysas**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour

**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**, minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

**Raimondas Šukys**, minister of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

**11:00- 12:30 Keynote speakers**

**11:00 – 11:30 Rosa Logar**

**The Council of Europe Campaign “Stop Domestic Violence against Women”**

WAVE Chairwoman and director of the Vienna Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, Member of the Council of Europe Expert Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence.

**11:30 – 12:00 Carol Hagemann-White**

**Protecting women and children against violence and abuse:**

**The role of the justice system.**

**Findings from the EU research project CAHRV**

Professor at University of Osnabruck, Co-ordinator of the research project CAHRV

**12:00 – 12:30 Nicola Harwin**

**Developing National Service Standards to ensure quality services for women survivors of violence and their children**

Executive Director of the Women's Aid Federation England

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

**During lunch break: Possibility to look around the Parliament House**

**13:30 – 15:00 Panel discussion – chaired by Dr. Marija Prokopčik**, Director of the Information Office of the Council of Europe in Vilnius

**Panel: Stop domestic violence in Lithuania – national concerns, strategies and actions**

**Alfredas Nazarovas**, Director of Department of Equal Opportunities and Social Integration Ministry of Social Security and Labour

**National Strategy for Reduction of Violence against Women for 2007-2009 and Council of Europe Campaign in Lithuania**

**Violeta Boreikiene**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

**Improving the Justice system of Republic of Lithuania: Victims rights for safety versus rights of perpetrators**

**Hab.dr. Marija Aušrine Pavilionienė**, Member of parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

**New legislation initiatives for stopping domestic violence and victims protection**

**Andrejus Piliavėcas**, Director of Crime Prevention Centre, Lithuania

**Data collection and basic awareness in stopping domestic violence against women**

**Lilija Vasiliauskienė**, Director of Vilnius Women's House Crisis Centre

**Victim protection in Lithuania: meeting challenges of the Council of Europe Campaign**

**Discussion**

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

**15:30 – 17:00 Panel discussion – chaired by Rosa Logar**, WAVE Chairwoman

**Empowering services for women survivors of violence and their children**

**- European models of good practice in old and new European Democracies**

Nicola Harwin (UK), Patty Schneider (Germany), Ketevan Mumladze (Georgia), Lily Greenan (Scotland), Sasha Pokrajac (Serbia), Urszula Nowakowska (Poland), Dusana Karlovska (Slovakia), Gudrun Jonsdottir (Iceland)

**17:30 – 18:00 Concluding remarks by Lilija Vasiliauskienė and Violeta Boreikiene**

**18:00 Reception at the parliament, buffet dinner**

Friday, 19 October 2007

Location :M. Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania

**09:00 - 09:30 Short introduction of WAVE (Women against violence Europe)**

**09:30 – 10:30 Round table discussion- presentation of participants and guests**

*10:15 -10:30 Coffee break*

**10:30 – 12:30 Main topic 1: Empowering services for women survivors of violence and their children**

**Short information on the CoE initiative to establish standards for women's shelters**

**Round table: Empowering services for women – service standards in different realities**

Canan Arin (Turkey) , Larisa Ponarina (Russia), Urszula Nowakowska (Poland), Clarisse Agostini (France), Galina Ustinova (Belarus), Inese Ruka (Latvia) and one “open chair”

**Discussion**

*12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break*

**13:30 – 14:45 Concluding session of Main topic 1- Drafting of recommendations**

*14:45- 15:00 Coffee break*

**15:00 – 17:00 Main topic II: CoE campaign Stop domestic violence against women – successes and challenges in carrying the campaign**

**An Overview on the interim reports of the CoE member states on the campaign activities** (Rosa Logar)

**Short reports of WAVE members about national campaigns by**

Louise Johnson (Scotland), Sasha Pokrajac (Serbia), Lilija Vasiliauskienė (Lithuania), Maria Rosslhumer (Austria), Katarina Bjorkgren (Sweden), Svetlana Janeva (Macedonia)

**Questions and answers**

Saturday, 20 October 2007

Location :M. Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania

**09:00 – 10:00 Main topic III: Improving WAVE services and trans-European activities**

**10:00 – 10:30 Launching of the advanced WAVE database**

**10:30- 11:30 Future project: A pan-European Women's helpline – desirable and feasible  
Open discussion**

*11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break*

**11:45-12:30 Further steps to make WAVE network more efficient and influential**

**12:30 – 13:45 Session on Lobbying Strategies for the CoE Standard for women's shelters and other lobbying goals including strategic planning (Rosa Logar)**

**13:45 – 14:00 Closing**