

'Violence against women across the EU: Abuse at home, work, in public and online'

LAUNCH CONFERENCE

Council of the EU (Justus Lipsius)

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BACKGROUND

On 5 March the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will launch the results of the biggest ever violence against women survey in the EU.

The survey findings are based on interviews with 42,000 women across the EU's 28 Member States. Women were asked about their experiences of physical, sexual and psychological violence, including incidents of intimate partner violence ('domestic violence') as well as the consequences of such violence. The survey also covered experiences of stalking, sexual harassment, their childhood experiences of violence and the role played by new technologies in women's experiences of abuse.

A launch conference will be hosted under the auspices of the Greek Presidency and in cooperation with the Secretariat General of the Council of the EU. The event will bring together around 250-300 representatives from EU institutions and bodies, civil society, national governments and parliaments, and many more.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Conference moderators:

Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Communication and Awareness Department, FRA
Cristina Gallach, Head of Unit, Spokesperson Services, Council of the EU

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH

8.15 – 8.45 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9.00 – 9.30 **WELCOME**

- **Morten Kjaerum**, Director, FRA
- **Vasso Kollia**, Secretary General for Gender Equality, Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU

9.30 – 9.45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- **Najat Vallaud-Belkacem**, Minister of Women's Rights and Government spokesperson, France (tbc)

**9.45 – 11.00 "Violence against women: experiences of women across the EU"
FRA SURVEY RESULTS AT A GLANCE**

Presentation by:

- **Joanna Goodey**, Head of Department Freedoms and Justice, FRA

Commentary by:

- **Sylvia Walby**, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, United Kingdom
- **Rosa Logar**, co-founder and board member, Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)

Questions and Answers

11.00 – 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 13.00 PANEL DEBATE
"Evidence based policy-making: What do survey results tell policy makers in the EU?"

Panel debate and plenary discussion with policy makers and experts:

- **Maria Cecilia Guerra**, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Italy
- **Mikael Gustafsson**, Chair of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM), European Parliament
- **Marietta Giannakou**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Daniela Bankier**, Director for Equality (acting), DG Justice, European Commission
- Representative of the **White ribbon campaign**

Short interventions by guests from the floor.

13.00 – 13.15 Closing remarks

- **Rafael Fernández-Pita Y González**, Director-General of the Council General Secretariat in charge of Justice and Home Affairs