



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

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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.

The conference will be a forum for about 250 decision makers and practitioners to discuss the survey findings and their importance to the EU and national policy-making.

The event is hosted under the auspices of the Hellenic Presidency and in cooperation with the Secretariat General of the Council of the EU.

PROGRAMME

Conference moderators:

Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Department Communication and Outreach, FRA

Cristina Gallach, Head of Public Relations, General Secretariat of the 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, Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the EU

**9.30 – 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



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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)
- **Marietta Giannakou**, Member of the European Parliament, Head of the Greek European People's Party Delegation

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?”

Introduction:

- **Antonya Parvanova**, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur on combating violence against women

Panel debate and plenary discussion with policy makers:

- **Helena Dalli**, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
- **Mikael Gustafsson**, Chair of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM), European Parliament
- **Daniela Bankier**, (acting) Director for Equality, Directorate General for Justice, European Commission
- **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General for Democracy, Council of Europe

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

13.15 – 14.00 Lunch buffet

For more information please consult the conference web-site at <http://fra.europa.eu/en/vaw-2014> or contact the FRA at conferences@fra.europa.eu