



Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union  
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs  
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting<sup>1</sup>  
on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2017  
**"The Istanbul Convention: combating violence against women at national  
and EU level"**

**Tuesday, 21 November 2017, from 15.00 to 18.30**

European Parliament in Brussels - room 6Q2

**Chaired by:**

**Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

\*\*\*

15.00 - 16.00

**Panel 1. The Istanbul Convention in the Member States: ratification and monitoring**

Topic: assess the main problems of the ratification process in the signing countries and show the situation of the first round of evaluations made by GREVIO.

Keynote speeches by

**GREVIO<sup>2</sup> representative, Council of Europe (TBC)**

**Representative from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (TBC)**

**Representative from HELP Programme, Council of Europe (TBC)**

**NGO representative**

---

<sup>1</sup> Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

<sup>2</sup> Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence - the independent expert body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence by the Parties

16.00 - 17.30

**Panel 2. The 4 Ps<sup>3</sup> in practice: how member states tackle gender based violence and domestic violence**

Topic: based on the provisions of the Istanbul Convention discuss its implementation and best practices

Keynote speeches by

**National Parliaments representatives / experts**

**NGO representative/s**

17.30 - 18.30

**Panel 3. The path to the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention**

Topic: The situation of GVB at EU level and the status and perspective of the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention

Keynote speeches by

**Representative of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

**European Commission representative**

**Representative from the European Institute for Gender Equality**

**NGO representative**

\*\*\*

Organised in cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)  
(MEP salon)

19.00 – 19:30 **EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign Event**

19.30 - 20:30 Networking Cocktail with Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament and invited guests

---

<sup>3</sup> Prevention, Protection, Prosecution together with the implementation of integrated Policies