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**A High Level Conference organized in the context of the Romanian Presidency to the EU
Council,
Towards a Europe free from violence against women and girls
- The Istanbul Convention creating a new horizon
And a paradigm change for all stakeholders!**

Place: Novotel Hotel, Bucharest, Romania

Host: The National Agency for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in Romania - in cooperation with the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, and the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality in Portugal.

Supported by: EEA and Norway Grants

Moderator: Ms. Asta B. Lydersen, Norwegian writer, moderator and senior communications advisor

Agenda for the High Level Conference 4th of June 2019

08:30 - **Registration of participants**
09:15

09:15 - **Session I: A New Horizon Free of Violence against Women and Girls**
10:45

Dance Performance: Panta Rei – Norwegian-Romanian Cooperation

Welcome!

- **Minister of Labor and Social Justice - Romania:**
Mr. Marius Budai
- **State Secretary Ministry Justice and Public Security - Norway:**
Mr. Thor Kleppen Sættem
- **State Secretary National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men - Romania:**
Ms. Grațiela Drăghici
- **State Secretary Ministry of Internal Affairs Romania:**
Cătălin NECULA
- **Head of the Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department, Directorate General of Democracy – DGII, Council of Europe:**
Mr. Daniele Cangemi

10:45 – **Coffee Break**
11:15

11:15 –
12:00

Session II: Violence against women and domestic violence

It is time to end violence against women!

Facts about domestic and gender-based violence in Europe

- Head of operations, European Institute Gender Equality (EIGE):
Ms. Theresa Murphy

The deep-rooted patterns of all inequality and abuse of women harassment and discrimination

- Executive Coordinator and Spokesperson on Addressing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination at UN Women:
Ms. Purna Sen

Why use an intersectional approach to end violence against women and girls?

- Independent Advocate, Educator and Consultant, former Executive Director of Imkaan (NGO, UK):
Ms. Marai Larasi

12:00 –
13:00

Session III: The Istanbul Convention

An innovative and effective tool for preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence:

- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence:
Ms. Elisabeth Walaas

Campaigning for the Istanbul Convention

- Interministerial Delegate for Gender Equality and Women's Rights, General Director for social Cohesion - France:
Mr. Jean-Philippe Vinquant

Experiences of the first President of the GREVIO, the monitoring mechanism of the Istanbul Convention:

- *Professor Ms. Feride Acar*

Panel Dialogue on National Experiences with the Istanbul Convention - process towards ratification and implementation

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- **President Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality – Portugal:**
Ms. Teresa Fragoso
 - **State Secretary Ministry Justice and Public Security - Norway:**
Mr. Thor Kleppen Sættem
 - **Director of the Gender Equality Department - the Czech Republic:**
Mr. Radan Safarik

13.00 – **LUNCH**
14:00

14:00 – **Session IV: EU and the Istanbul Convention**
14:50

Why is EU Accession important?

- **Vice President of the European Women’s Lobby:**
Ms. Laura Albu

Perspectives on common values and efforts to end violence against women and domestic violence from Romania, Finland and Croatia, the three states holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union:

- **Secretary of State , Ministry of Foreign Affairs Romania:**
Ms. Gabriela Melania Ciot
- **Deputy director Legal Councillor, Unit for Human Rights Courts and Conventions Legal Service, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland**
Ms. Satu Sistonen
- **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Embassy of Croatia in Romania**
Mr. Davor VIDIŠ

14:50 – **Coffee Break**
15:20

15:20 – **Session V: Integrated policies based on victim-centered approaches**
16:20

What is a victim-centered approach?

- **Spokes person Stígamót - Education and Counseling Center for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence- Iceland:**
Ms. Gudrun Jónsdóttir
- **Mayor’s office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, Family Justice Center, Commissioner Family Justice Center New York:**
Ms. Cecile Noel

Panels:

- **Head of the Reykjavík Police Department - Iceland:**
Ms. Sigríður Björk Guðjónsdóttir
- **The Deputy General Inspector of Romanian Police - Romania:**
Mr. Florian Dragnea
- **OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats,
Transnational Threats Department:**
Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite

16:20–
16:30

Session VI: Closing remarks

19:00

Official dinner

Agenda for the parallel workshops 5th of June

Workshop I: Integrated Policies to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

Date and time: 5th of June, 9:30– 13:00 am

Location: MARSEILLE conference room

Brief summary of the workshop	Oriented themes for discussions: No single agency or institution can deal with violence against women and domestic violence alone. An effective response to such violence requires concerted actions by many different actors. The Istanbul Convention requires state parties to implement comprehensive and co-ordinated policies. These integrated policies should be carried out at all levels of government and by all relevant agencies and institutions. The workshop will discuss how to implement chapter II of the Istanbul Convention.
Expected outcomes	Shared experiences on integrated policies. Input to the Good Practice Guidance for Policy-Making on Integrated Policies, developed in light of the High Level Conference.
Organizers	Council of Europe
Moderators	Ms. Asta B. Lydersen , writer, moderator and senior communications advisor, and Ms. Lene Nilsen Senior adviser Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security
9:30 – 10:00	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lise Kleven Grevstad, Ambassador of Norway to Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova • Mr. Daniele Cangemi, Head of the Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department, Directorate General of Democracy – DGII, Council of Europe • Ms. Alina Munteanu, OSCE, Transnational Threats Department, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Project “Effective Criminal Justice Strategies and Practices to Combat Gender-based Violence in Eastern Europe
10:00 - 11:00	Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Line Nersnæs, The Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security • Ms. Marta Silva, Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality – Head of Domestic and Gender Based Violence Unit • Ms. Lone Alice Johanssen, The Secretariat of the Shelter Movement in Norway, Head of information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alina Munteanu, OSCE, Transnational Threats Department, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Project “Effective Criminal Justice Strategies and Practices to Combat Gender-based Violence in Eastern Europe
11:00-11-30	Coffee Break
Key Note 11:30-12:15	Ms. Biljana Brankovic , GREVIO member Council of Europe <i>Questions and comments</i>
Rapporteur 12:15-13:00	Jenna Shearer Demir , Council of Europe <i>Questions and comments</i>
Lunch 13:00-14:00	

Agenda for the paralell workshops 5th of June

Workshop II: Specific measures to prevent and combat violence against women and girls (VAWG) - brief presentation

Date and time: 5 June, 9.30 – 13.00 pm

Location: Hotel Novotel – Lyon Conference Room

<p>Brief summary of the workshop</p>	<p>Set the scene – European and international regulatory framework on preventing and combating domestic violence and VAW.</p> <p>Partnership and society mobilisation – developing non-violent attitudes and behaviours to achieve the goal of "zero tolerance" towards VAWG.</p> <p>Enabling access of VAWG survivors to specialist services – developing a comprehensive, consistent and quality system of survivor-centred social services.</p> <p>Building bridges between survivor and provider – strengthening the capacities of the professionals through knowledge sharing and achieving skills and proper attitudes.</p> <p>The workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - brainstorm on the possible ways to achieve the targeted results of milestone documents: CEDAW, Istanbul Convention, SDGs - discuss about vulnerable groups of women and girls subject of violence and their specific needs - share known best practices - brainstorm around concrete steps to prevent and combat VAWG through implementing quality actions -
<p>Expected outcomes</p>	<p>By the end of the workshop, the achievements and challenges in the region will be identified, as well as the synergies and potential for cross-regional initiatives.</p> <p>The participants will come up with a list of proposed concrete/critical actions to prevent and combat VAWG in the region.</p>
<p>Organizers</p>	<p>The National Agency for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in Romania East European Institute for Reproductive Health, Romania (EIRH)</p>
<p>Moderator:</p>	<p>Jurgita Pečiūrienė - European Institute for Gender Equality</p>
<p>Opening speakers 9:30-10:00</p>	<p>H.E. Ms. Michèle Ramis, Ambassador of the French Republic to Romania</p> <p>Therese Murphy, European Institute Gender Equality (EIGE) Ionela Horga, Programme Coordinator, EIRH</p>

**Agenda for the meeting of
the EEA/Norway Grants SYNERGY Network
against Domestic and Gender-based Violence
6th of June 2019**

Date and time: 6th of June, 09.00 – 14:30 am

Location: Hotel Novotel – room *TBD*

09:00 – 10:45	<p><u>Opening</u></p> <p>Presentation of network participants</p> <p><i>SYNERGY is strategic, multilateral network bringing together governmental and non-governmental actors playing key roles in different programmes addressing domestic and gender-based violence supported by the EEA and Norway Grants for the period 2014-2021.</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p><u>Reporting on network activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the Compendium on Coordinated Response, on the operational level from the November 2018 Conference and SYNERGY Network Meeting. 2. Presentation of the new Good Practice Guidance's for Policy-Making on Integrated Policies, developed in light of the High Level Conference and workshop on integrated policies, and interviews of expert in Romania, Portugal and Norway 3. Other
11:00 – 12:30	<p><u>Discussions on future network meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Conference Domestic Violence Oslo 1-4 September 2019? - Prague SYNERGY network meeting and Conference November 2019? - SYNERGY Side Event UN CSW / Beijing+25 March 2020? - SYNERGY network meeting and Conference Strasbourg autumn 2020? - SYNERGY network meeting and Conference Lisbon Spring 2021 - Final meeting Norway/Brussels August 2021 - Other network activities...
12:30 – 14:30	<p>Lunch/Closing</p>