



MALTA EU 2017



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2 February

17.00 – 19.00 **Registration**

19.00 – 20.00 **White Ribbon Campaign Cocktail Reception**

This reception will be addressed by Mrs. Michelle Muscat, spouse of the Prime Minister of Malta. It will be hosted by the European Institute for Gender Equality

20.00 – 22.00 **Dinner at Montekristo Estate**

3 February

- 08.30 – 09.00** **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09.00 – 09.10** **Opening speech by Minister Helena Dalli, Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties**
- 09.10 – 09.20** **Opening speech by Commissioner Vera Jourova, EU Commissioner on Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality**
- 09.20 - 09.30** **Opening speech by Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe**
- 09.30- 09.40** **Opening Speech by Iratxe Garcia Perez, Chair of the Women’s Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM)**
- 09.40 – 10.00** **A European overview of gender-based violence by Virginija Langbakk,, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality**
- 10.00 – 10.15** **Q & A**
- 10.15 – 10.45** **Coffee Break**
- 10.45 – 11.45** **Session 1: Recognition of the problem and prevention**
Presentation of the findings for the EU Eurobarometer and other EU actions on gender-based violence by Head of the Gender Equality Unit, DG JUST.

Recognising and responding to gender-based violence: FRA’s data on diverse experiences by Joanne Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, Fundamental Rights Agency.

Q & A

Launch of the EU-funded Member State campaigns scheduled to start in 2017.

Awareness vs. Victims Blaming: how to talk about the problem and start the change by Ms. Mintautė Jurkutė, Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson, Lithuania.

Building more effective protection: transforming the system for combating violence against women by Ms. Helena Štimac Radin, Office for Gender Equality, Government of the Republic of Croatia.

11.45 – 12.45 Session 2: Access to justice and services under the framework of the Victims' Rights Directive and the Istanbul Convention

This session aims to discuss practices implemented by Member States on how victims of GBV can be protected from further victimisation and intimidation from the offender. How can victims receive appropriate support throughout proceedings and have access to justice and support? What legislative and policy changes have been implemented as regards access to justice and victims' support following the adoption of the Victims' Directive and Member States' signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention?

Presentation by DG Justice Criminal Law Unit.

Access to justice for women victims of Violence: the Council of Europe and Istanbul Convention by Liri Kopaci-Michele, Head, Equality Division, Council of Europe.

WAVE on STEP UP! Campaign and the implementation of specialised support for victims of gender-based violence in the healthcare systems across Europe by Rosa Logar, WAVE.

Member State Examples:

Recent reforms and measures in France on preventing and fighting domestic violence by Ms Stephanie Seydoux.

Austria's monitoring mechanisms under the Istanbul Convention by Marie Theres Pranter.



Q & A

12.45 – 13.15 **Launch of the EU FGM platform funded under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme**

13.15 – 14.45 **Lunch**

14.45 – 15.45 **Session 3: GBV in the context of intersectional discrimination**

This session will address the intersectional elements of GBV and how these have an influence on current policy measures and service provision.

'Forgotten Women' by Ms Julie Pascoet, European Network against Racism.

Broken Rainbow: Domestic and Dating Violence against LBT women, by Mr Giacomo Viaggiani, University of Brescia.

Violence against women with disabilities - a still hidden issue by Sabine Mandl, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights.

Q & A

15.45 – 16.30 **Way Forward and concluding remarks**

Director for Equality and Citizenship, European Commission
Silvan Agius, Director for Human Rights and Integration, Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties
Laura Albu, European Women's Lobby Executive Board Member
Meabh Mc Mahon, Moderator (concluding remarks)