

PROSPERA - WAVE

joint webinar

Preventing and Tackling Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence in Partnership with Feminist Civil Society Organisations

Discussing the proposed EU Directive

Tuesday, 17 May 2022 | 10:00 - 12:00 (CEST)

Join us via Zoom here:

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On 8 March 2022, the European Commission published a proposal for an EU Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, aiming to support and protect victims/survivors, guarantee access to justice, and hold offenders to account. As civil society practitioners, and direct and indirect respondents to gender-based violence (GBV), the PROSPERA Network of Women's Funds Europe (WFE) and the Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) Network are committed to ensuring that the voice of feminist civil society is heard and actively included in the proposed EU Directive. **We call on policymakers to build on civil society's gender-responsive expertise in specialist support service provision and expert analysis to strengthen the Directive.** This will enhance the text and its future implementation by adopting a *whole of society approach* to holistically address GBV against Women, enshrining victims/survivor rights and protection beyond criminal proceedings.

This webinar will examine the following issues:

- 1. The role of civil society and feminist organisations in ensuring GBV holistic prevention and victims/survivor rights' protection.**
- 2. Fostering coordination among Member States and EU Institutions with women's civil society organisations (CSOs) to include feminist organisations as implementing partners and ensure the gender-sensitive implementation of the Directive.**
- 3. The value of a pilot baseline assessment to identify promising practices and common policy objectives for women's CSOs in the implementation of the EU Directive on GBV against women.**

10:00-10:10

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Sylwia Spurek MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

10:10-10:40

Session 1: A holistic response - the role of feminist CSOs in tackling GBV against Women and DV

- **Carla Pambianco**, Legal Officer at the Gender Equality Unit of DG Justice and Consumer EC Representative
- **Stephanie Futterl-Orel**, WAVE Executive Director
- **Fiona Montagud O'Curry**, Director of Programmes Calala Women's Fund, Spain & WFE Representative

Moderator: Mariène Simeón, Director of Operations, Director of PLATFORMA, Council of European Municipalities and Regions

10:40-11:00

Q&A Session

11:00-11:30

Session 2: A roadmap to implementation - perspectives from feminist civil society

- **Carolyn Boyd Tomasovic**, Managing Director, Ecumenical Women's Initiative - PROSPERA perspective
- **Lisa Gauvin-Drillaud**, Co-founder of Stop Fisha
- **Susana Pavlou**, Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)
- **Irene Zeilinger**, Garance International

Moderator: Moana Genevey, Gender Policy Officer at EQUINET Network

11:30-11:50

Q&A Session

11:50-12:00

Concluding remarks and next steps

Moana Genevey, Gender Policy Officer at EQUINET Network