




# SUSANA ELISA PAVLOU

Cyprus candidate for the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) 2023 - 2027



## **Susana Pavlou is exceptionally well qualified and motivated to make an important and tangible contribution to the work of GREVIO.**

**With 20 years of experience at the national and international levels in the areas of gender equality and gender-based violence against women and girls, Susana Pavlou is widely recognized as a gender equality expert.**

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Susana Pavlou has served as international expert and senior researcher on a wide range of projects and studies commissioned by European and international bodies including the Council of Europe, UN Women, the European Parliament, and the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), among others.

As Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies since 2008, she has led numerous projects covering a range of issues including femicide prevention, domestic violence, risk assessment and management, multi-agency coordination, education and awareness raising, children's rights in the context of domestic abuse, effective multi-agency responses, and training of professionals.

In 2015, Susana Pavlou was appointed President of the Cyprus Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family, and has consistently advocated for evidence-based legislative and policy change to end violence against women and girls.

She played a decisive role in the efforts towards the ratification of the Istanbul Convention in Cyprus in 2017 and in 2019 she was appointed by the Council of Ministers to coordinate the "Woman's House" establishment, a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary crisis centre that provides integrated services to victims of violence against women in Cyprus.

More recently, she was commissioned to develop the Cyprus National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (2023-2028). Susana Pavlou has been actively involved in civil society organisations and networks in Europe, and is currently serving as Vice President of the WAVE Network.

She holds a BA in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and an MSc in International Politics with an area concentration in the Middle East from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

## KEY EXPERIENCE

- 2008 – present : Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies
- 2015 – present: President of the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family
- 2020 – present: International Expert on Violence against Women, Council of Europe
- 2021 - present: Vice President of the WAVE Network (board member 2019-2021)
- 2019 – 2020: Coordinator for the establishment of the “Women’s House”, a multi-agency integrated service for victims of violence against women and domestic violence in Cyprus

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