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# 1. PREFACE

2016 was a very active year for the WAVE office and Network, with many challenging activities and events, in particular the successful launch of the WAVE Step Up! Campaign. In addition to new interactive activities, the membership of WAVE has increased, and our focus on vulnerable groups, in particular women with disabilities and undocumented migrant women, and their access to women's support services has been strengthened. The facilitation of three interesting webinars, many dynamic trainings, a successful annual conference in Berlin with unique videos, quotes and photos attached to #WAVE-Conference2016, and a fresh Network website has ensured a strong European lobbying presence. 2016 has also reinforced to the WAVE office and Network that developing partnerships with other organizations and networks is crucial for enhancing quality support for women victims of violence and effectively lobbying governments for policy change. This year has clearly demonstrated that we can learn a lot from each other and can continue to grow and thrive as a Network.

The most successful activity was the launch of the Step Up! Campaign on 25 May 2016, a campaign based on the Blueprint developed in 2015. Nearly 40 countries were actively involved in launching the pan-European campaign to improve the availability of services and also the access to specialist support services for women survivors of violence and their children. The launch garnered great support from government officials and the public, as well as international attention with organizations joining the effort, including the United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign "UNiTe to End Violence Against Women" warmly supporting the Step Up! Campaign during Orange Day. Campaigners published a joint Press Release through national media and social media in 28 countries, flooding social media



The WAVE Office staff in December 2016



accounts with #StepUpWAVE posts and sharing the Campaign Launch Video "Step Up! for Survivors of Violence", which can be seen on the Step Up! Campaign website: [www.wave-stepup.org](http://www.wave-stepup.org)

In 2016, WAVE also expanded its network by increasing the number of Members from 112 to 120, many of which are Advisory Board Members listed as international experts on the WAVE website. WAVE also enhanced cooperation with other organizations, institutions, and individuals in the field of combating violence against women. Partnerships were strengthened and synergies were developed with other European organizations, such as Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) and European Women's Lobby (EWL). The WAVE office also welcomed many study visits and information exchanges with individuals and government bodies from

around the world, including Canada, India, Mongolia, Serbia and Pakistan, who have all shared their best practice experiences.

As a result of WAVE's stronger presence throughout Europe, and on an international scale, WAVE's consultation has been sought after for many cases relating to violence against women. The WAVE Information Centre was actively involved in cross-border support with survivors and women's organizations, handling approximately 37 inquiries in total. WAVE also submitted

comments on the draft update of general recommendations No. 19(1992) on gender-based violence against women, commented on the UN Call for Submission to all stakeholders on gaps in incorporating and implementing international and regional standards on violence against women. WAVE also formed a coalition to end violence against women and girls with EWL and several other civil society networks to support the EU signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention, and continued to work closely with UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its consequences and consequences, Dubravka Šimonović.

Thanks to generous and sustainable funding from the European Commission and the granting of an Operating Grant for the period 2015–2017, WAVE was able to focus on numerous activities and projects aiming at improving the organizational capacity and management of the network, contributing to the development of EU law/policies and to their implementation, building the capacity of network members and training relevant practitioners and stakeholders, and informing the general public in the area of violence against women and their children.

We would like to express our warmest thanks to all our donors and supporters, and also all our Members, Board Members, and experts, for supporting the WAVE office. All of WAVE's plans, activities, and goals were carried out thanks to the financial support received from the European Commission within the scope of the Rights, Equality, and Citizenship Programme Operating Grant 2015–2017; co-financing was granted by the Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and



Dubravka Šimonović presenting at the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin, Germany

Consumer Protection, Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs, as well as the women's Department of the municipality of Vienna (MA 57); the OAK Foundation and Phillip Morris Austria GMBH.

In 2017, WAVE wants to focus, together with its partner organizations, on the year dedicated to combat violence against women, as decided by the European Commission – in particular, on ensuring that the Step Up! Campaign has a successful and exciting final year with a specific inclusion of undocumented migrant women and women with disabilities, continuing to engage youth and survivors' voices in all our endeavours, promoting the Istanbul Convention, and hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Brussels.

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## 2. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 22<sup>nd</sup> YEAR OF THE WAVE NETWORK

Since 1994, the WAVE Network has been one of the most influential European-wide feminist networks of women's non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (women's shelters, women's centres and helplines, as well as aid organizations for migrant and refugee women). It aims to establish gender equality by eliminating violence against women (VAW). WAVE is the only European network focusing solely on the elimination of violence against women and children and its office, which is a legal entity as of 2014, serves as a linchpin for the whole Network and is governed currently by seven Board Members.

As of December 2016, the WAVE Network is comprised of 120 Members located throughout 46 European countries. Through these Members, together with the extensive WAVE online database, the Network reaches women's organizations across Europe. Members of WAVE include single organizations, individuals such as academics, and also entire women's networks for specialist support services. WAVE Members serve as regional and national bases to share and exchange information, expertise, and experience.

Many Members are national networks, most of which are specialised in combating and preventing gender-based violence (GBV). Members are responsible for dissemination and collection of information on violence against women in their country. The WAVE office continually provides Members with relevant information (ex. exchange of national and international news) and vice versa, good practice examples, international recommendations, policy papers, and legal and policy changes regarding violence against women, while at the same time, Members report on current developments in their respective countries. Members

are also the primary contacts for inquiries by women affected by violence and for research inquiries. In addition to organizations, individuals can also be Members of the etwork. Over the years, WAVE has been advised and supported by numerous experts in the field, which affirms the importance of WAVE keeping this expertise within the association.

WAVE Advisory Board Members support the Board in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and activities of the association. It consists of one Delegate and one co-delegate (substitute) from each country. Delegates and co-delegates are appointed by the Member organisations of the respective country for a certain period of time. The Advisory Board further consists of academic and thematic experts nominated by the Board for a certain period of time, and are international experts. In order to strengthen the involvement of WAVE Members in the work of WAVE, as well as to strengthen the cooperation of WAVE Members on a national-level, the WAVE office developed Advisory Board Agreements, which set out the responsibilities and benefits of being a Delegate and co-delegate, and helps solidify the roles of Advisory Board Members in all 46 countries.

WAVE statutes, and information about how to become a Member of the WAVE Network, are available on the WAVE website: [www.wave-network.org](http://www.wave-network.org)

In 2016, the WAVE Network has been particularly impacted by the Step Up! Campaign and enhanced partnerships and lobbying. Therefore, below are articles on topics which have played a part in strengthening the WAVE Network as the only European network focusing solely on the issue of violence against women: developing a femicide watch, WAVE comments on CEDAW Recommendations No. 19, the launch of the WAVE Step Up! Campaign, continued cooperation with the Work with Perpetrators European Network (WWPEN) and WAVE cross-border support.



WAVE Board Members Marceline Naudi (far left) and Rosa Logar (far right) presenting at the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin



OSCE Gender Symposium: Combating Femicide, held in Vienna, Austria

## 2.1. WAVE Network to Enhance Focus on Femicide Watch

According to data from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, in 2012, almost half of all female victims of homicide worldwide (47%, or 43,600 women) were killed by a family member or intimate partner, compared to 6% (20,000) of male homicide victims<sup>1</sup>. It is sad and deplorable that more than 35 years after the adoption of the CEDAW Convention and 20 years after the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action, women and girls across the world continue to suffer in high numbers extreme forms of psychological, physical and sexual violence and femicide.

On 25 November (the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women), the UN Special Rapporteur (UNSR) on violence against women its causes and consequences, Dubravka Šimonović, repeatedly called on states to collect and publish data on the number of femicides occurring in a given country (i.e. the gender-related killings of women and girls, disaggregated by age and ethnicity of victims, and the sex of the perpetrators, and, most importantly, indicating the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim.) The UNSR gave specific recommendations to member States in her thematic reports (A/HRC/32/42; A/71/398), and provided guidelines and a flexible model for the establishment of Femicide Watches, which are meant to act as observatories monitoring such cases, collecting data, and disseminating information and best practices on how to address and prevent femicide.

The UNSR emphasized that it is necessary to analyse every single case on an individual basis, as they are not only numbers but real women victims of a most brutal form of violence, committed against them by their intimate partners or family members. These analyses

need to be undertaken in order to determine shortcomings of the national prevention system existing in specific countries and to help identify actions needed to prevent such crimes.

On 25 November 2016 the OSCE Gender Section, in cooperation with WAVE, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women organised a symposium which addressed the need to combat femicide and conduct systematic collection, documentation and analysis of such crimes. WAVE has published a press release on its website about the outcome of the event and the recommendations which were provided by experts.

The need of having a model for data collection that can be applied by various states has been brought up. Furthermore, such mechanisms ought to be implemented at the national level first, since it is the duty of states to collect data on femicide under the requirements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At present, criminal justice statistics represent the starting point for collecting data on femicide, as murders of women by intimate partners is the proxy currently used at the international level. SDG number 5 and 11 specifically address the need to tackle all forms of violence against women and ensure that cities, public spaces and urban settlements are accessible and safe for all persons, including women and children.

Statistics on femicide however call for having an operational definition on this phenomenon, since such offences are criminalised differently by member states. Currently, mostly Latin American countries have specific laws on femicide, yet very often such crimes are not reported as such to police authorities. Nevertheless, intentional homicide according to the type of perpetrator and the relationship between victims and perpetrators should be taken into account during any data collection exercise. There is currently no reliable global estimate on femicide and existing statistics are not comparable. As a brief set of recommendations,

<sup>1</sup> Global Study on Homicide 2013: Trends, Contexts, Data, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, p. 14, available at: [http://www.unodc.org/documents/gsh/pdfs/2014\\_GLOBAL\\_HOMICIDE\\_BOOK\\_web.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/gsh/pdfs/2014_GLOBAL_HOMICIDE_BOOK_web.pdf)

it was highlighted that criminal justice systems play a key part in the data collection process, hence, it is important to ensure that those which are gender-neutral are at least gender-sensitive.

WAVE has been making sustained efforts to prevent femicide throughout the past couple of years. A number of training materials have been created by WAVE in partnership with other experts on how to identify and protect high risk victims of gender-based violence, conduct risk-assessment and strengthen multi-agency cooperation. These three training manuals<sup>2</sup> make an important contribution in building up the capacities of practitioners and actors from the criminal justice system to better support victims of gender-based violence and take the necessary measures to avoid the culmination of such violence into femicide. Furthermore, in 2016 (15–16 September in Vienna) WAVE has conducted a training on 'Preventing femicide and repeat violence against women. Applying a victim-centered and rights-based approach in multi-agency work to empower survivors and prevent violence.' The event was attended by 20 practitioners from EU and non-EU member states working in women's organizations.

WAVE plans to be more active in this particular area of VAW in the near future and is interested in following the recommendation of the UNSR in establishing an online platform for collecting and disseminating information, and last but not least collect data with the purpose of preventing such horrendous crimes.

## 2.2. WAVE Network Comments on CEDAW Recommendation No. 19

The CEDAW Committee called for comments in August 2016 from interested parties to submit their opinions regarding the Draft General Recommendation No. 19 (1992): accelerating elimination of gender-based violence against women. The WAVE office welcomed this initiative, and after prior consultation with WAVE Members, submitted recommendations on the working draft on 29 September. WAVE believes that the draft recommendations should provide concrete guidance on policies and measures needed to prevent violence against women, such as: the call for a 24/7 helpline; the definition of rape, which should not be based on the use of force but on the absence of consent; or the problem of mandatory dispute resolution in cases of gender-based violence. Other recommendations entail a special status for undocumented women and the

<sup>2</sup> Protect I, Protecting High Risk Victims (2011), Protect II Risk Assessment and Safety (2012), Effective Multi-Agency Cooperation (2015). All training manuals are available on the WAVE website: <https://www.wave-network.org/resources/training-manuals>

important role of women's NGOs that should also be addressed by implementing a new section on 'policy, funding and the role of women's NGOs'. As the draft General Recommendation is divided into four sections: prevention, protection and redress, data collection and monitoring, and international cooperation, WAVE provided input in the first three sections. Furthermore, WAVE has proposed that the role of women's support services should be strengthened as well as the human rights approach to be integrated in the prevention section, when talking about integrating gender equality content at all levels of education. Lastly, when it comes to data collection, WAVE has suggested that all data should be disaggregated by gender and age of victim and perpetrator, by type of violence and the relationship between perpetrator and victim. The comments are published on the WAVE website as well as on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) website.

## 2.3. A Successful Start to the Step Up! Campaign in 2016



Step Up! Campaign t-shirts (photo © Alex Giegold)

WAVE Step Up! Campaign is a European-wide campaign launched on 25 May 2016 promoting the rights of women survivors of violence and their children to access support and protection. Launched nationally in WAVE Member countries, and internationally from the WAVE office, this campaign aims to step up efforts in Europe to stop violence against women, raise awareness of the problem, and protect survivors through activities which target different stakeholders and decision-makers. In order to be effective and to achieve concrete results and improvements, WAVE will concentrate on the problem of domestic violence and sexual violence against women and their children. Gender-based violence is an epidemic which requires governmental and societal action, and needs to be brought onto the agenda of governments across Europe. Campaigners in almost **40 European countries** have come together this year to make the campaign a success.

We need to step up our efforts in Europe to stop violence against women and to support and protect survivors. Provision, quality, and funding of specialized support services need to be improved and adequate financial support to be provided for non-governmental organizations supporting victims. Furthermore, the aim of the campaign is to challenge attitudes and beliefs which facilitate or condone violence and discriminate against women and girls.

**Key principles of the Campaign are:**

- ▶ To have the voice of women survivors of violence at the centre of the campaign, and involve their perspective in the planning and carrying out of the campaign activities (and avoid othering)
- ▶ To promote and support independent women’s organizations as providers of specialist services – good quality support requires independent, gender-sensitive services that put women’s and children’s humans’ rights also at the centre
- ▶ To always be in line with priorities and standards set by the Istanbul Convention

**Campaign Launch**



Cyprus government officials joining the Step Up! Campaign after the launch

On the day of the launch, **25 May 2016**, the hashtag #StepUpWAVE flooded social media and press releases were dispersed in several countries. Twibbons were created for profile pictures on Facebook and Twitter accounts so that more people could show their support and participate in the launch. The WAVE Step Up! Campaign launch video was also released and translated into multiple national languages. Step Up! was featured on television and radio in Cyprus, Finland, Kosovo and Serbia. In Cyprus, the government Spokesperson Nikos Christodoulides, Finance Minister Harris Georgiades, Deputy Minister to the President Constantinos Petrides and Citizens' Alliance boss Giorgos Lillikas publically voiced their support for the campaign. NaNe and the Magyar Női Érdekérvényesítő Szövetség (Hungarian Women's Lobby) have since the end of March 2016 started a petition for the Istanbul Convention to be ratified in Hungary.

At the end of May 2016, Vilnius Women’s House and other NGOs met with members from City Hall, the first of such an unprecedented event, in which the City of Vilnius government showed the competence of the protection of human rights of women and consulted with representatives of civil society. Meeting attendees discussed a special programme from 2017-2019 as well as inter-gender violence prevention, gender equality, human rights and environmental issues of specialised assistance, institutional capacity, wide prevention specialist training, professional groups and inter-agency cooperation.

The Step Up! Campaign also received support from Vera Jurova, Member of the European Commission, who relayed a letter of support to the WAVE office congratulating the campaign as well as stating her interest to collaborate in the future.

**Improving Access Activity: Factsheets for Women with Disabilities and Undocumented Migrant Women**



Stigamot staff member Thorunn Thorarinsdottir, speaking about a best practice example from Iceland on how to ensure accessibility for women with disabilities during the fall Advisory Board Meeting in Berlin, Germany

The WAVE office developed a checklist for European women’s organizations to assess how accessible their services are to women and children with disabilities. The checklist, as well as a strategy paper, have been released and are now available on the Step Up! website ([www.wave-stepup.org/step-up-news/275-checklist-and-strategy-paper](http://www.wave-stepup.org/step-up-news/275-checklist-and-strategy-paper)). The two documents are intended to be guides for assessing how accessible a service is and to provide ideas on possible improvements. The WAVE office has also been seeking best practices examples for specialist women’s support services which have made improvements in their services for improving accessibility as well as developing partnerships with other services which work closely with women with disabilities. One example is WAVE Member Stigamot, an Icelandic Education and Counselling Centre for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence, which has been working with Tabu, an Icelandic Intersectional

Disability Feminist activist group. In March 2014, Stigamot moved their services into a more accessible location and hired an expert in disability human rights with an educational background in law, social pedagogy and disability studies. By doing so, Stigamot has been trying to further reach disabled survivors of sexual violence with outreach efforts aimed at going into the institutions and the organisations of people with disabilities as well as reaching professionals working with disabilities and the public.

PICUM and WAVE also came together to improve access to services for undocumented women and women who have precarious immigration status, with the goal to make support services for gender-based violence accessible for all women, whatever their migration status. WAVE and PICUM joined forces with key women's rights and migrant' rights organisations in various European countries and developed a Pledge for individuals and organizations to sign, as well as a checklist for specialist support services to help determine the barriers which currently exist in their service provision for supporting undocumented migrant women. The Pledge, and more information on the joint cooperation, can be seen here: [www.wave-stepup.org](http://www.wave-stepup.org)

### European Youth Video Award



Austrian Youth Video Award winners from Aktion kritischer Schüler\_innen, in Vienna Austria with the jury (far left) and WAVE Manager, Maria Rösslhuber (far right)

The pan-European Youth Video Award was created in order to bring more youth involvement to the Campaign. Young people (18–25 years old), youth organisations, (film-) schools and media departments of universities were encouraged to participate actively, with the main goal of raising awareness of violence against women and encourage survivors to seek support. Seven countries took part in the Video Awards: Austria, Estonia, Italy, Finland, Macedonia, Portugal and Serbia.

The EU-wide ceremony will be held at the EU Parliament in Brussels on 27 February 2017, where first place winners from all participating countries will be

invited to come. Ulrike Lunacek, Vice-President of the EU Parliament, will be speaking along with members of the jury. The jury of the European Youth Video Award consist of four feminist filmmakers, artists and professionals from across the continent. Marta Monllor is the project coordinator at the WAVE member Fundacion Aspacia in Spain. Monika Treut is a German feminist filmmaker who has won numerous awards and is even being honoured with a lifetime achievement award at the Berlin Film Festival 2017. Kirsi Liimatainen is also a feminist film director from Finland who has previously created a film about child abuse and has worked closely with WAVE before. Kajal Nisha Patel works between the UK and India as a feminist photographer and filmmaker, as well as an educator. She is currently Leverhulme Artist in Residence in the United Kingdom. During the first week of February 2017, the jury will decide on the winner of the award.

### Survivors of Violence

An important aspect to the Step Up! Campaign is the involvement of survivors of gender-based violence. With one in three women in Europe being a victim of gender-based violence, there are clearly many survivors who could potentially speak up or who we still need to empower. However, very often survivors feel that once they come out to the community as survivors, they are no longer seen as professionals/experts and are then seen as victims more than anything else. Quite the opposite should be true of survivors because they can actually be “agents of change.” In promoting this idea, the survivors’ organisation Fundación Ana Bella in Spain joined the Step Up! Campaign with some of the women survivors from their organisation. Fundación Ana Bella urges governments and businesses to step up their investments in women, to enable them to reach their full potential and to become powerful agents of change in society. The foundation is also key to promoting women survivors as brand ambassadors.

### WAVE Training Institute and the WAVE Step Up! Campaign



World Café examples of Step Up! Campaign materials during the WAVE Training Institute in Vienna, Austria

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2016, Step Up! campaigners from all over Europe came together to create new activities for the upcoming year. After brainstorming, the campaigners came up with several European and national level activities. On the European level, there will be two activities: **StateUs campaign** which will be focusing on improving access for migrant women while there will also be the creation of a **Violence Against Women Economist Group**. The VAW Economist group will be concentrating on how much it would cost the government to support women who are affected by violence and then comparing to how much the government is spending on another issue (such as the military). Two activities will also take place on the national level, one of them being a demonstration on the **21 September 2017**, the International Day of Peace. The demonstration will call upon governments to step up efforts to fund services while also showing solidarity between organisations across Europe. Youth engagement will also be another important point of concentration with a meme contest taking place during the second half of 2017.

The Step Up! Campaign was also very lucky to find a sponsor in Plus1, an organisation which collaborates with touring artists and facilitates a \$/£/€1 add-on to every concert ticket to go to a cause they believe in. Plus1 partnered with the California band Local Natives, who shared their concern with the lack of specialist facilities for women who have suffered from violence. Red Bull was also kind enough to provide the WAVE office with refreshments to keep it going throughout this campaign.



## 2.4. WAVE's Direct and Cross-Border Support for Women Survivors of Violence

Each year, WAVE receives requests for support from women survivors of violence and persons concerned about the well-being of women survivors of violence. Often, when individuals type in search engines related tags such as "violence against women" and "Europe", the WAVE Network website is the first to be recom-

mended. As a result, WAVE has had in place for quite a few years the Information Centre, which allows individuals to contact the WAVE office for various help requests, many of which are cross-border support. Despite WAVE not being a counselling centre, we always try to support individuals and organisations as much as possible through our extensive network and knowledge database. Providing cross-border support is a long and challenging task, as each individual case is very unique and requires coordination with other WAVE Members and organisations around the world, as well as research into laws and practices. In addition, the support is tailored to the individual, and can be provided either through social media avenues, via email exchanges, phone or sometimes in-person.

In 2015, there were 33 such inquiries, compared to 16 in 2014. In 2016, there were **37** such **help requests**, which demonstrates an increase in cross-border support requests through the WAVE Information Centre. The requests are often received when women have not been able to find sufficient support in their countries, are in severely dangerous situations, are not aware of the support provided in their countries, or the situation is especially complex and requires coordination of cross-border assistance. In such cases, WAVE provides support, if possible, or refers the survivors to appropriate services in their relevant countries.

The cases brought to WAVE's attention involved countries inside and also outside of Europe, such as Afghanistan, Canada, Pakistan, and Morocco, showing that the internet presence of a regional network named Violence against Women can serve as a crucial support system for women anywhere in the world. Women contact WAVE via e-mail, WAVE website contact forms, Facebook, and telephone. Majority of the cases involved intimate partner violence, with several women seeking support for violence against them by other family members, or sexual violence in the workplace. WAVE's membership in 46 European countries provides the WAVE office with a broad referral network throughout Europe, as do WAVE's connections with organizations outside of Europe, global networks, and academics.

The following are three examples of cross-border requests that WAVE worked on in 2016:

1. A woman who resided in the European Union was forced by her family to marry a man and reside with him outside of Europe. In addition to being forced to marry, the woman experienced abuse by her family and the current husband. She contacted WAVE seeking a way to return back to the country in Europe, where she lived. WAVE connected the woman with a nearby women's shelter, where she received

support. She was able to eventually make it back to Europe, where she further received support from women's services to re-establish her life in Europe. Her ongoing 'journey' is still likely to be a long one.

2. A woman residing in a European country contacted WAVE via Facebook. She was experiencing violence by her partner, but could not seek help in the country, because she could not communicate in the language officially spoken in the country. WAVE engaged a translator to speak with the woman to refer her to women's services in that country. Prior to this, WAVE contacted the relevant women's services in the country to make sure that translation would be made available. This was done by connecting the services to an organisation supporting migrants.
3. A woman experiencing violence by her partner contacted WAVE to receive support. She moved to the country in order to live with her partner, with whom she also had a child. Because of the partner's abuse and the woman not speaking the official language of the country, the woman wanted to move back home. This however was difficult as she would have to leave her child behind, since the partner took away and hid the child's travel documents. WAVE organised support for the woman in the current country of residence to inform the woman about her rights and to offer temporary shelter, away from the violent partner, and at the same time to coordinate support in the home country to allow the woman to plan her arrival, including organising a place to stay and ensuring that she could be offered legal aid and/or support in addressing issues related to child custody. This was done with the help of translation.

The above examples of cases, as well as other cases that WAVE has supported in 2016, show a growing need to help women in cross-border situations, which involves providing translation and coordination of support within different countries. Due to increased mobility across Europe and beyond, women's organizations are ever more being asked to support women residing outside of the country. In at least one case, where WAVE supported a woman survivor of violence, the woman was considering running away from the violence by seeking protection in another country, due to a better overall legal and support system, as she could no longer rely upon the institutions in her home country to protect her. At the same time, not being a resident in the 'target' country, she was not eligible for certain social benefits. This shows that Europe must, in general, improve efforts to harmonise its legal systems and support institutions to enable women equal protection despite mobility. Women should feel safe and have a reliable system regardless of which country

they are residents of. This should especially be standard in the member states of the European Union, where harmonisation of measures should be expected and should be considered standard.

## 2.5. Work with Perpetrators European Network & WAVE Collaboration

Cooperation with other European networks is important to the WAVE Network in order to enhance cooperation on a European-level and ensure adequate support and protection for women survivors of gender-based violence. Since 2014, WAVE has been a Member of WWP EN. The aim of this cooperation with perpetrator programmes is to ensure that the safety of victims is of primary concern for all perpetrator programmes, and the network promotes effective perpetrator work with those who commit violence, mainly men. The WAVE Network has a permanent position on the Board of WWP EN, and other WAVE Member organizations, such as Olga Persson from Unizon, the Swedish association for women's shelters, young women's centres and other support services. By having women's organizations represented in the Board, and also by opening network membership to specialist women's support services, the work of WWP EN guarantees a feminist voice in the structure and activities of the network.

WWP EN advocates for related Istanbul Convention standards and articles which directly support the role of women's organisations and place victims' needs and safety at the centre of all activities. This value is reflected in the statutes and mission of the network: "The mission of the association is to prevent violence in close relationships as a gender-based phenomenon and to foster gender equality. More specifically, the mission of the association is to improve the safety of women and their children and others at risk from violence in close relationships through the promotion of effective work with those who perpetrate this violence, mainly men." The statutes are available on the WWP EN website: [www.work-with-perpetrators.eu](http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu) WWP EN continues to promote the harmonisation of outcome data for perpetrator programmes, with the roll-out of the Impact Perpetrator Programme Outcome Toolkit. The toolkit measures changes over time for men in a perpetrator programme, by asking their partners (or ex-partners) about changes they have observed, as well as the men themselves. Questionnaires cover patterns of abusive behaviour as well as impacts, police involvement, hopes and motivations.

In 2016 WWP EN collected national reports from across Europe in order to provide an overview of the

most pressing issues connected to work with perpetrators in Europe. The reports reveal a huge variety in circumstances for work with perpetrators across these European countries and show that gender stereotypes remain an obstacle throughout Europe, and significantly influence gender-based violence against women.

Furthermore, WWP EN has completed a mapping exercise of members regarding several issues key to perpetrator work around (ex)partner support, women's/victims' safety and partnerships between the specialised women's support sector and perpetrator programmes. The results will be used to formulate guidelines on these issues as well as provide seminars for members.

Eight Webinars were provided with best-practice examples, current research findings and other practical topics like working with media and communication.

In order to strengthen cooperation, members of the network attended the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin by hosting two workshops: one on victim-safety oriented work with perpetrators and implementing standards from the Istanbul Convention (with speakers from Province of Antwerp, WWP EN, Advocates for Human Rights USA and Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Vienna), and one on building alliances with GBV with pro-feminist men's groups (with speakers from Unizon Sweden and ANNA Centre Russia, Counselling for Men Germany, and WWP EN). The workshops were well-attended and were useful to introduce WAVE Members, professionals and academics of the conference to the important work of WWP EN and how the work can be closely connected to the work and values of women's specialist support services.

In October, WAVE President and WWP EN Board Member, Rosa Logar, as well as a WAVE staff member, attended the WWP EN Annual Workshop Meeting held in Krakow, Poland. This three-day event gathered around fifty WWP EN members, and focused on quality standards for work with perpetrators. A part of the event was a General Assembly in which motions were passed and Members of the Board were elected. Interesting discussions included a panel on partnerships with women's organisations and partner support work and a panel on the Istanbul Convention, as well as keynote speeches. Attending this network meeting allowed WAVE to meet WWP EN Members (some of which include women's specialist support services) and to have a part in the development of important standards for perpetrator work.

In 2017, WAVE will continue to work closely with WWP EN, and this cooperation has been strengthened with the support of WWP EN including their membership in the Step Up! Campaign.

## 2.6. WAVE Fact Sheet & Statistics 2016

The WAVE Fact Sheet & Statistics 2016 gathers key information from the WAVE Report 2015 on women's shelters, national women's helplines and women's centres. In terms of the key findings highlighted in the Fact Sheet, there is an urgent need to expand the quantity and accessibility of women's shelters throughout Europe, as 57% of the minimum standards for shelter places are missing in Europe, and 38% in EU member states. The 2015 Report also talks about the urgent need to increase the number of 24/7 helplines free of charge, since currently not even 1/3 of the countries are providing this core service. More precisely, only 17 countries have a 24/7 helpline free of charge and meet the standard of the Istanbul Convention, and in the EU only 10. When it comes to women's centres, the distribution of these services is worrying. 92% of all women's centres are located in EU countries and only 8% in other European countries. Of the centres located in EU member states, 86% are situated in the 15 'old' EU member states.

Standards and recommendations developed by WAVE are also mentioned, based on these findings. There is clearly still a concerning lack of specialist services for women survivors of violence in Europe. Many countries have worked to improve their level of service provision during the recent years, however, most are still not able to provide an adequate level of services to victims in all geographical regions.

### WAVE STATISTICS 2016 AT A GLANCE:

- ▶ **1,842 women's shelters are available in Europe, with a total of 26,7000 places for women and their children**
- ▶ **57% of minimum standards for shelter places are missing in Europe**
- ▶ **38% of minimum shelter places are missing in EU member states**
- ▶ **Only 17 countries have a 24/7 women's helpline free of charge**
- ▶ **Only 10 countries in the EU have a women's helpline free of charge**
- ▶ **92% of all women's centres are located in EU countries**

## 3. WAVE ACTIVITIES 2016



Advisory Board Members and Step Up! Campaigners showing support for the Campaign during the spring Advisory Board Meeting in Vienna, Austria

### WAVE AT A GLANCE 2016:

- ▶ WAVE has 120 Members in 46 countries
- ▶ Over 147,000 visitors to WAVE Website
- ▶ Organized 5 conferences, trainings and meetings with nearly 500 people
- ▶ Participated in 24 conferences and workshops
- ▶ Produced 15 publications
- ▶ Produced and disseminated 6 newsletters
- ▶ Disseminated 4 press releases
- ▶ Responded to 37 cross-border cases
- ▶ Responded to 350 information requests
- ▶ Received 3000 newsletters

### 3.1. Advisory Board Meetings

In 2016, WAVE organised two meetings of the Advisory Board of country coordinators (WAVE CoCo Meetings). The first meeting took place from **18–20 April 2016** in Vienna, Austria with **44 participants**, including Delegates and co-delegates, Board Members and WAVE staff from 30 countries. The second Advisory Board Meeting took place in Berlin, Germany on **21 October 2016** with approximately 100 participants.

The spring Advisory Board Meeting took place in Kolpinghaus Wien Zentral. Unique to this three-day meeting were the variety of participants who took

part, helping to prepare for the launch of the WAVE Step Up! Campaign. This year, not only did the meeting welcome Delegates, co-delegates and Board Members from thirty countries across Europe, but also welcomed national campaigners from Member organisations who shared their expertise and enthusiasm for the Campaign launch.

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to exchanging successes and challenges and ideas for network development. In the morning, working groups discussed the main issues currently in their countries; in the afternoon, WAVE staff introduced the WAVE Report 2015 as well as the WAVE Statistics, helpful tools for lobbying, particularly for the Step Up! Campaign; in the afternoon, working groups shared important themes common throughout Europe which impact work in the specialist women's support service sector; and in the afternoon, working groups talked about WAVE Network development, in particular the role of WAVE Delegates and how to strengthen Network membership.

The second day was entirely about the WAVE Step Up! Campaign, in which concrete planning for campaign activities and deadlines for the campaign launch were agreed upon. Furthermore, a group photo of all participants was also taken and interviews for the **campaign video** were conducted.

The third and final day discussed more broadly thematic topics related to violence against women, including a brief presentation on the Istanbul Convention and GREVIO questionnaire, as well as a presentation on how WAVE is cooperating with the European Network



Members speaking out during the Advisory Board Meeting in Berlin, Germany

Work with Perpetrators. To finish the meeting, participants were divided into working groups to discuss the future of WAVE's work, in particular, to help determine future Network activities and working groups.

The autumn Advisory Board Meeting was held during the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin, with approximately 100 participants, including Advisory Board representatives from most WAVE Member countries. During this brief ½ day meeting, three sessions took place. The first session focused on the international dialogue on movement-building, with speakers from the USA, United Kingdom and Russia. The second session discussed the Step Up! Campaign in detail, with presentations as well from national campaigners and a presentation of the awareness-raising campaign "Warnsignale" in Germany. Finally, the third session included a discussion on the WAVE Advisory Board Agreements which are currently being signed by WAVE Delegates and co-delegates. After the sessions, visits to three women's shelters in Berlin were offered.

### 3.2. WAVE Board Meetings

WAVE held approximately twelve Board meetings in 2016. Two of them took place in Vienna on 17 April and 21 November and one of them took place before the WAVE Conference on 18 November in Berlin. In between, nine meetings took place via Skype.

### 3.3. Continuous Capacity Building of WAVE Staff and Management

As a result of a growing Network, particularly in terms of Member organizations, lobbying and thematic focuses, the capacity building of WAVE staff and management was developed. Through participation by WAVE staff members in various international and European conferences, meetings, workshops and projects on preventing violence against women, as well as learning and training events, and team-building activities, the capacity of staff and management to address the growing needs of the WAVE Membership have been strengthened. For instance, when WAVE staff attend international conferences, WAVE staff are able to present the Network to professionals, academics and experts in the field, form alliances with other networks and organisations, share information and best practices, and promote the work of the Network – particularly research and publications.

Attending conferences also allows WAVE to present current research related to projects, such as Coordinated Efforts, or learn about new studies which support WAVE activities such as studies on femicide and new approaches to ratifying and implementing the Istanbul Convention, as the Nordic countries discussed in Stockholm during their annual network conference, or to share best practices as was done in Ukraine during two regional workshops organised by UNFPA to support efforts for strengthening multiagency

cooperation for improved support of women survivors of GBV. Attending conferences also allows WAVE staff to understand new themes and present back to the network, such as sexual violence, particularly in times of conflict, and how to improve service provision for Roma communities and women with disabilities.

In 2016 WAVE staff and management also engaged in learning and training events, for instance, the Austrian Women's Helpline provided training on how to adequately and confidentially respond to women survivors of violence seeking support and protection, and the WAVE office received a training on how to update and use the new WAVE website as well as how to utilize the new webinar technology. Coaching activities were also provided with supervisors to improve the structure of the office.

### 3.4. Development of Webinar Platform to Improve Network Communication and Capacity Building



In the planning for year 2016 and in the framework of the WAVE Step Up! Campaign, WAVE decided to utilise a webinar platform in order to more effectively reach out to the WAVE Network regarding topics related to the promotion of specialist women's support services. Three webinars were planned and carried out as follows:

- ▶ **12 September 2016** – Webinar on the 'Gender Specific Approach in Specialist Service Provision'
- ▶ **26 September 2016** – Webinar on 'Access to Specialist Service Provision'
- ▶ **16 December 2016** – Webinar on 'Unique Selling Points of Women's NGOs'

The webinars provided a platform for presentations of topics and subsequent discussion within the WAVE Network.

The first webinar on the 'Gender Specific Approach in Specialist Service Provision' had 20 registered participants and highlighted that women's organisations provide crucial and life-saving support to women survivors of violence, and that violence against women is a gendered form of violence, and intimate partner violence is most commonly experienced by women. Gender-specific approach in service provision was discussed and the topic encompassed the following areas: 1. Gender analysis of violence against women, 2. Women only services (women helping women), 3. Involvement of men in women's support services, 4. Support for boy children of women survivors of violence, 5. Women's services cooperation with perpetrator programs and/or work with perpetrators of violence.

The second webinar on 'Access to Specialist Service Provision' had approximately 15 registered participants and highlighted that women survivors of violence are a diverse group and have differing needs. As a result, specialist women's services should be supported and encouraged to improve access to all women survivors of violence. Improving access involves overcoming challenges related to supporting undocumented migrant women, removing barriers for disabled women, ensuring funding for women without recourse to public funds, and making sure specialist services are directly accessible by survivors.

The third webinar on 'Unique Selling Points of Women's NGOs' had about ten registered participants and introduced the topic of why women's NGOs have an important role in society and must be supported by the state. The webinar covered the following topics: 1. Articles in the Istanbul Convention calling on contribution from and supporting the work of women's NGOs, 2. Women's NGOs political engagement and work towards social change, 3. Women's NGOs' effectiveness of service provision, networking, and multi-agency cooperation, and 4. Women's NGOs' work in the area of prevention and awareness-raising.

The 2016 webinars provided a learning opportunity for WAVE to test the new technology and its use within the Network. In 2017, WAVE plans to conduct additional webinars on new topics.



### 3.8. Step Up! Campaign



WAVE office staff celebrating the launch of the Step Up! Campaign in Vienna, Austria

2016 was a big year for the WAVE Step Up! Campaign. On 25 May 2016, the Campaign launched throughout all of Europe, with nearly 40 European countries showing support and promoting the rights of women survivors of violence and their children to access support and protection. While WAVE Members – most specialist women’s support services – were the active agents in this campaign, many other organizations and international networks showed support for Step Up! such as PICUM, EWL, WWP EN, and UN Women. Thanks to international coverage, in many countries the campaign went viral, and government officials in countries such as Cyprus joined the movement.



The survivors' organisation Fundación Ana Bella in Spain joined the Step Up! Campaign

Other activities launched in 2016 for the Campaign was the successful Youth Video Award in which seven countries (Austria, Estonia, Italy, Finland, Macedonia, Portugal and Serbia) participated, selecting winners of short films created by youth which raise awareness of violence against women and encourage survivors to seek support. This Youth Video Award competition will continue in 2017 with a public voting of the youth video

award winners from each country, and a final European Video Award ceremony in Brussels on 27 February 2017. Furthermore, the Campaign united with PICUM to ensure adequate support for undocumented migrant women to access specialist support services, and two checklists were created and disseminated for women’s specialist support services to consider how they can reduce barriers for women with disabilities and undocumented migrant women to seek support. In addition, the annual WAVE Training Institute took place in Vienna with WAVE and PICUM Campaigners and focused on preparing activities of the Campaign for 2017.



WAVE Step Up! Campaign Blueprint and Buttons (photo © Alex Giegold)

As a result of such a successful year for the Step Up! Campaign, the Campaign’s website (available at [www.wave-stepup.org](http://www.wave-stepup.org)) has been viewed nearly over 12,500 times from around the world! A more detailed description of the Campaign and its success in 2016 can be seen in chapter 2 of this report.



### 3.9. Handbook on European Standards for Specialist Women's Support Services



The Handbook is based on standards set by the Istanbul Convention and the Victims Directive, as well as the long-term experience of WAVE experts in supporting survivors of violence. It provides recommendations for policy makers on how to implement the standards in the Istanbul Convention in the area of

support for survivors of violence against women and domestic violence.

### 3.10. Lobbying and Monitoring at the European and International Level

In 2016, WAVE continued lobbying and monitoring at the European and international level – one of its main activities as a European network on violence against women – with a particular emphasis on promoting the Istanbul Convention and ratification by members of the Council of Europe. This has included sustained promotion of the ISIGN Campaign (see [potpisujem.org](http://potpisujem.org)) and promotion of the Convention through the WAVE website, social media, WAVE newsletter, press releases and participation in conferences and events. WAVE also developed close cooperation with Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

In the summer of 2016, the European Coalition to end violence against women and girls has been formed, at the initiative of EWL. At the moment, the coalition gathers more than 25 European civil society networks, including the WAVE Network. The coalition was created in light of recent EU developments regarding violence against women, more precisely the EU signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention, and with the goal to promote and strengthen EU activities for the prevention of violence against women in frame of the activities envisioned at a European level of the Step Up! Campaign, more precisely: campaigning for the signature and ratification of the Convention by the EU; lobbying the EU to step up efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls; and lobbying the EU and member states for a European Women's Helpline. WAVE has joined the endeavours of EWL to lobby the European Union to sign and ratify the Istanbul

Convention. On 10 November, the European Coalition has launched a factsheet to support the EU signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention. The factsheet of the Coalition to end Violence against Women and Girls offers arguments in favour of the ratification of the Istanbul Convention, by the European Union but also by member states (as member states will still have to ratify the Convention if they have not done so). The Convention will be ratified by the EU within the scope of its competences (anti-discrimination law, protection of victims of crime, sexual exploitation of women and children, certain areas pertaining to asylum and migration, as well as cross-border civil and criminal matters, and data protection). The factsheet has been sent at the beginning of November to the Chair of the FREMP working group in the Council, asking to be sent to all the FREMP delegates. A copy has also been sent to the DG Justice, Gender Equality Unit. Members of the coalition have also disseminated the factsheet among their own networks.

On 31 October, a letter was sent to Jean-Claude Juncker (President of the EC), Frans Timmermans (first Vice-president of the European Commission), Vera Jourava (EU Commissioner on Justice Consumers and Gender Equality) but also to Neven Mimica (Commissioner on International cooperation and Development) and Dimitris Avramopolous (EU Commissioner on Migration, Home Affairs and Citizens). The letter demands for a sustainable EU year of focused actions on violence against women and girls in 2017. The Commission should assure that the activities of the year on violence against women and their children is part of a comprehensive EU strategy to prevent and combat all forms of violence, in accordance to the relevant Council Conclusions. This comprehensive policy should be based on the 6 Ps approach (Policy, Prosecution, Prevention, Protection, service Provision, and Partnership). The letter also calls the European Commission to develop and EU level awareness campaign in 2017, building on existing initiatives. The European



Kirthi, representing the Indian organization The Red Elephant Foundation, visiting the WAVE office in Vienna, Austria

Commission should also put into place an EU Women's Helpline number for all women and girl victims of violence (activity which can also be found in the WAVE campaign), which would refer victims to the national helpline in their country. Furthermore, the letter suggests that an effective and sustainable prevention strategy must be in place at the EU level, involving all relevant actors in a coordinated approach.

Additionally, WAVE, with support from the WAVE Information Centre, caught the attention of two informal study visits from India and Canada. On **28 June 2016**, a representative from the Red Elephant Foundation in India visited the WAVE office to find out more about the work of fighting violence against women on a European scale. The social, cultural and legal barriers to addressing gender equality were addressed, as well as the work which the foundation conducts, including working with schools and youth, story-telling and awareness-raising. Red Elephant Foundation discussed the situation of violence against women in India, as well as their own exciting campaigns which the WAVE office took part in, including Breaking a Gender Stereotype, More Than My Body, and the F Word, all of which can be found on their Facebook page and their website. The WAVE office was also interviewed and shared the WAVE Step Up! Campaign. The interview was made public in October here: [www.redelephant-foundation.org/2016/10/step-it-up-with-wave.html](http://www.redelephant-foundation.org/2016/10/step-it-up-with-wave.html)

On **13 July**, a representative from Muriel McQueen Ferguson Centre for Family Violence Research in New Brunswick, Canada, who shared her experience as a researcher and director, including unique research approaches to domestic violence and discussed possible collaboration opportunities for the future!

### 3.11. Multidisciplinary Training



WAVE Multidisciplinary Training in Vienna, Austria

From **15–16 September 2016**, WAVE hosted a multidisciplinary training titled “Gender-based violence against women and their children: How to apply a victim-cent-

tered and rights-based approach in multi-agency work aiming at protecting victims from severe and repeat violence, including femicide/homicide”. With **26 participants** with various professional backgrounds such as psychologists, social workers, lawyers and project coordinators – participants discussed experiences with multi-agency work, including strengths and challenges, as well as requirements and principles of a victim-centered and human rights-based approach. One of the primary tools of the training was the Council of Europe “Effective Multi-Agency Cooperation for Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence” training manual.

### 3.12. 6<sup>th</sup> WAVE Training Institute



WAVE Training Institute 2016 participants supporting the UK ratification of the Istanbul Convention in Vienna, Austria

Included in WAVE's work to improve service provision and ensure that women receive the kind of human rights-based support they require to resume a life free from violence, the WAVE Training Institute aims at uniting and strengthening the capacity of experts working in women's support services, establishing common quality standards for the support of survivors of violence and their children in Europe, and creating synergies between professionals working in the field.

The WAVE Training Institute 2016 titled “Preparing the Step Up! Campaign for 2017” took place from **12–14 December** in Vienna, Austria. This Training Institute gave the opportunity for 22 experts from women's organizations in EU member states (17) and countries outside the EU (5), including participants from PICUM. This three-day event focused on preparing activities of the WAVE Step Up! Campaign for its final year. Thanks to the two facilitators Elina Nikulainen from Women's Line Finland and Alice Moore from Women's Aid England, participants managed to finalize the planning of four exciting new activities for next year – two on the national level and two on the European level.



WAVE Board Member Urszula Nowakowska showing support for the Step Up! Campaign and Article 9 of the Istanbul Convention

The Step Up! Campaign in 2017 will focus on the following: uniting all European countries by lobbying governments through organized national public demonstrations; engaging youth through a photography competition to improve awareness of the existence of specialist women's support services in their local area; establish an expert group of economists to focus

on the issue of violence against women in Europe, calculating the differences regionally in terms of the cost of violence against women and funding for specialist support services; and continuing the partnership between PICUM and WAVE to ensure access for undocumented migrant women to specialist women's support services, including for individuals and organizations to Pledge support of the idea that women's rights are human rights and rights should not be attached to status!

### 3.13. WAVE Leaflet for Members



WAVE Leaflet for Members (photo © Alex Giegold)

A leaflet was developed to promote WAVE Members and highlight the work of WAVE. The goal of the leaflet is also to attract new Members, provide information on how to become a Member, and explain how to donate to the organization. As a useful dissemination tool for WAVE Members to share among their networks, WAVE updated the leaflet to reflect the growing number of Members in the Network. This leaflet, which folds out nicely into a poster to be displayed on the wall in office spaces or for distribution, also contains the list of

national women's helplines throughout Europe. Currently, WAVE has 120 Members throughout 46 European countries – 77 Members from EU countries and 43 Members from non-EU countries.

### 3.14. WAVE Thematic Papers

WAVE developed two thematic papers in 2016. The first focused on femicide and aims to provide policy-makers and practitioners with a comprehensive yet concise overview on the topic of femicide. The paper includes a detailed definition of the phenomenon, including a wide range of direct and indirect categories. The thematic paper provides policy-makers a roadmap to what efforts ought to be undertaken in order to address and prevent this form of violence. The second thematic paper is focused on outlining the ways in which women with disabilities can access specialist women's support services. Based on the strategy paper and checklist developed for the WAVE Step Up! Campaign, the paper also describes how women with disabilities are vulnerable to experiencing GBV, and how the protocols recommended in the paper are supportive of standards laid out in the Istanbul Convention.

### 3.15. Data Collection Tool

The work on a European level administrative data collection tool began in 2015, when WAVE conducted research for and produced the report titled 'WAVE Mapping Administrative Data Collection by Women's Support Services in Europe: National Women's Helplines, Women's Shelters, and Women's Centres'. The report was part of series of activities (continued 2016-2017) aimed at establishing a Europe-wide system of administrative data collection for specialist women's support services. In 2016, WAVE revisited the findings of the report and consulted additional guidance on harmonized administrative data to come up with a structure for a future database meant for national level data collection and European level analysis. Working with a database designer, WAVE expects to have a flexible tool accessible to national bodies responsible for service user statistics, in order to begin testing it and collecting data in 2017, as well as promoting it for wider use in the years to come. The Data Collection Tool can be found on the WAVE Network website: [www.wave-network.org](http://www.wave-network.org) as 'DataApp'.



Public day of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual WAVE Conference in Berlin, Germany

### 3.16. 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin: “Step Up Europe – Unite to End Violence Against Women and Children”

The 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference took place in Berlin from **19 – 21 October 2016**. The Conference was organised in cooperation with WAVE Members from Germany, more precisely: bff (frauen gegen Gewalt), BIG Koordi-

nierung, Frauenhaus Koordinierung e.V., KOK Bunderweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel e.V., Zentrale Informationsstelle Autonomer Frauenhäuser ZIF and Karin Heisecke. The three-days conference gathered approximately **300 participants from more than 50 countries**, the majority representing Germany.

The first day welcomed speakers from the German Parliament, European institutions, Council of Europe,

WAVE Conference participants after the public day of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual WAVE Conference in Berlin, Germany #StepUpWAVE #WAVEConference2016 (photo © Alex Giegold)





WAVE Advisory Board Members showing solidarity with Lithuanian WAVE Member Vilnius Women's House during the Fall WAVE Advisory Board Meeting in Berlin, Germany

international organizations, from the women's NGOs movement and lastly researchers in the VAW field. Four panels addressed topics from the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Istanbul Convention, to the situation of refugee women, gender-based violence and racism in Europe, to effective actions in measuring and preventing violence against women in Europe and to stepping up efforts and increasing investments in justice, protection and support for women survivors of violence. Speakers such as Elke Ferner, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Family Affairs in Germany, Arne Treves from the UNHCR, Ulrike Lunacek, Vice-president of the European Parliament, Sylvia Walby and Liz Kelly, researchers, made valuable points.

The second day offered the participants a variety of **32 workshops** to choose from. Topics covered themes from the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by the EU, gendered cyber violence, femicide prevention watch, proper implementation of the due-diligence principle by states, feminist self-defence, empowering survivors with different abilities and multiple needs or data collection on violence against women. Self-care workshops also ran parallel, along with activities for the WAVE Step Up! Campaign. The day ended with the traditional Corinna Seith Award, with this year's prize going to Emma Katz and her article titled "Beyond the Physical Incident Model: How Children Living with Domestic Violence are Harmed by and Resist Regimes of Coercive Control". This article explores how non-violent coercive controlling behaviours can be central to children's experiences of domestic violence.

The third day of the conference was dedicated to WAVE Members, but open at the same time to the general public. It included three panels, one focusing

on international dialogue on movement-building, followed by a session focused on the Step Up! Campaign and finishing with the WAVE Advisory Board meeting. The last panel mainly focused on network planning and discussing past experiences. The official closing of the Conference was followed by visits to three women shelters in Berlin.



Panel on the third day of the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin, discussing the international dialogue on movement-building



WAVE Conference co-organizer Silvia Zenzen proudly showing support for the Step Up! Campaign at the WAVE Conference in Berlin, Germany

### 3.17. WAVE Database

The WAVE Database contains at the moment over 1,300 women's organizations and is a work in progress. Currently, the Database has listed women's shelters and women's national helplines in 46 European countries. Information such as 24/7 services, whether services are free of charge, addresses and contact information can be found and used by any visitor who accesses the WAVE website. The search engine is user-friendly and easy to use, as it has been modernised together with the new WAVE website in 2016. Information that can be found in the Database is information collected from WAVE Members, and is updated regularly.

### 3.18. Violence against Women Awareness through Social Media

The strength of WAVE's social media accounts continues to steadily expand, particularly since last year, with enhanced public presence of the Network throughout four social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. WAVE is active on a daily basis throughout the various platforms, promoting not only the work and activities of WAVE, but also the activism of WAVE's Members and any relevant campaigns and articles on research on violence against women not only within Europe, but on an international scale. As of December 2016, the WAVE Network Facebook profile had **2,673 likes** (a 42% increase from last year), as well as **1,516 followers** on Twitter (39% increase from last year), and **302 followers** on Instagram (a 42% increase from last year). Through collaborations on joint-campaigns, such as the 16 Days of Action against Gender Based Violence Campaign from 25 November – 10 December (in which WAVE used the hashtag **#StepUpfor16Days**), WAVE actively disseminates information on gender-based violence to the general public, academics, organizations and stakeholders. In 2016, social media activity conducted on behalf of WAVE promoted the activities of WAVE Members, strengthened cooperation between Members and the general public, and promoted the work of WAVE and the Network. For instance, during the 18<sup>th</sup> annual WAVE Conference in Berlin, WAVE created the hashtag **#WAVEConference2016**, which was used widely by participants to share various posts, quotes and videos pertaining not only to the conference, but also to the WAVE Step Up! Campaign alongside the hashtag **#StepUpWAVE**. This hashtag was popular not only during the Conference, but also days and weeks after the event.



WAVE Conference participants in Berlin, Germany selecting their own Step Up! Campaign t-shirts

### 3.19. WAVE Dissemination Strategy

As a result of WAVE expanding in size and scope in the field of combating violence against women, WAVE developed a Dissemination Strategy, including a social media strategy, in order to strengthen the dissemination and reach of WAVE publications, research and activities. This year, WAVE outputs and publications were disseminated to over one thousand individuals, all WAVE Members and posts reached as high as seven thousand individuals on Facebook. Exchanging and disseminating important up-to-date information on VAW, best practices and challenges and successes in the field to the general public as well as different stakeholders is key to raising awareness and policy change. As a result, the new WAVE website as well as a WAVE Step Up! Campaign website was developed – and by modernizing these two important tools and utilizing social media platforms, WAVE has seen a drastic increase in the amount of followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, as well as hits on the website from around the world, inquiries from journalists and reporters, and requests for study visits.

### 3.20. Evaluation Report

The Evaluation Report analyses all evaluations – both written evaluations and evaluations via Survey Monkey – for the WAVE Report 2015, Fempower Magazine, bi-monthly newsletter, 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference, spring Advisory Board Meeting, Multidisciplinary Training, and the WAVE Training Institute. By using these evaluations, common patterns in conducting work at the WAVE office were identified, by highlighting the positive as well as the negative aspects, and offer suggestions for future improvement. This report highlights that the work WAVE has undertaken in 2016 represents an important source of information for WAVE Members, while at the same time offering a space to

share concerns but also one to find support or to network. The events that WAVE has organized throughout the year have benefited WAVE Members and other participants in their every-day work. The most important lessons to be drawn out of this evaluation have to do with time management, amount of information transferred to the public, allocation of proper amount of time for discussion and a preference to work in smaller groups. WAVE Members have always been the core of the WAVE Network, and the work of the WAVE office is grounded on their suggestions.

### 3.21. WAVE Information Centre

The WAVE Information Centre is one of the most essential activities of the organisation. WAVE staff are available on working days (Monday-Friday) from 9:00-14:00, to provide information on available services for women survivors of violence in 46 European countries, refer individuals to relevant contacts (service providers, experts and academics) in Europe, and support WAVE Members with their inquiries. The different activities associated to the WAVE Information Centre are performed on a daily basis. The Information Centre, a section for which has been added to the WAVE website, can be reached by email, phone and through social media.

The WAVE Information Centre supports cross-border requests, which have increased in the last few years, with each month WAVE receiving cross-border requests for support from women survivors of violence, or from family members of the survivors, from women's support services, or from different institutions. The requests are often received when women have not been able to find sufficient support in their countries, are in dangerous and high-risk situations, are not aware of the support provided in their countries, or the situation is especially complex and requires cross-border assistance. In such cases, WAVE has served both to refer the survivors to appropriate services in the relevant countries, and to provide support to survivors, whenever possible. In 2016, WAVE handled **37 help requests**, an increase from last year, in which WAVE received 33 inquiries, as well as the year before, in which WAVE received 16.

In many cases, situations involve women needing to relocate to other countries in order to escape the violence as well as to seek support such as shelters or counselling. Therefore, WAVE initiates contacts with relevant women's organizations or authorities in order to provide the necessary support to women. In some cases, WAVE remains involved throughout the case to ensure the woman's safety and a positive outcome.

The cases in 2016 varied and included women from various countries in Europe and beyond. Please see section 2 on WAVE's cross-border support for more details.

The Information Centre also responds to requests from experts and academics, women's and other civil society organizations, and from the general public. These include requests for specific information on WAVE's publications and work, internship and partnership requests, and communication with international and European institutions. In 2016, WAVE received over 350 information requests and **3,000 newsletters** from various institutions and organizations, including from the European Union and United Nations. WAVE also provides information for professionals from different organizations who are seeking information for victims, responds to questionnaires and surveys, and contacts from colleagues in other countries for cross-country cooperation and exchange. In addition, an important aspect of the work of the Information Centre is to provide information and support to the 120 Network Members and to ensure that all are consistently kept updated on the various activities and developments of the WAVE Network.

### 3.22. Bi-monthly WAVE Newsletter

The WAVE newsletter is released on a bi-monthly basis, with over **900 subscribers** on the mailing list. A different newsletter web software and layout was pioneered once the new WAVE website was launched in May 2016. The newsletter is structured around three core sections: news concerning the WAVE Network and office, news concerning the countries in which WAVE Members are present, and lastly international news, usually about recent developments regarding international organisations, such as the EU and the UN. As of May 2016, news about the WAVE Step Up! Campaign have also been disseminated through the newsletter, along with links to social media platforms and the new Campaign website. Thus, the newsletter is a further channel through which the WAVE Step Up! Campaign is promoted internationally.

The purpose of the newsletter is also to disseminate information about the activities of the WAVE Network and office, such as conferences, trainings or any publications or reports that have been released throughout a newsletter's reporting period – 2 two-month time-frame applies usually. The newsletter further informs about relevant developments in the field of combating violence against women or women's support services from European countries, such as the passage of the new law on sexual violence that was adopted

in Germany in July 2016. Furthermore, the newsletter provides useful information about conferences and developments in the field of violence against women at the international level – for example the dates and registration period for the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will be held in New York in March 2017. Conferences organised by the WAVE office or any of its Members, or trainings and other events where WAVE staff have been present or have delivered presentations are also mentioned in the newsletter.

### 3.23. Fempower Magazine



This year's issue of Fempower has as a central focus promoting the objectives of the European WAVE Step Up! Campaign, which was officially launched on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Its main goal is to promote the rights of women survivors of violence and their children to access support and protection. Additionally, it seeks to raise awareness on the widespread nature of violence against women and the importance of providing specialist support to women and children affected by violence.

The current issue of Fempower was sent to approximately **600 people** as well as advertised throughout social media, and comprises a variety of articles which provide an overview of support systems for survivors of violence against women from eleven different European countries (nine EU member states and two non-EU countries). Each article offers an understanding of how women living in that particular country are forced to cope with their experiences of violence, the hurdles they encounter – very often on behalf of society and law-enforcement authorities– and the kind of support they were able to find. Two articles include an interview with a survivor. These provide a touching and inspiring account of how they have managed to rebuild their lives and the ways in which they have been empowered by support services to claim their rights and recover their peace and happiness. At present, many women and their children are not able to exercise their rights to live free from violence and access protection and support. While every third woman in Europe suffers violence, specialist support services are scarcely available and underfinanced compared to existing needs.

The aim behind the concept of the current edition was to present a broad picture of the situation existing in Europe. This will in turn create synergies that will help carry the WAVE Step Up! Campaign forward and give women's organisations an opportunity to open up about current challenges and burning issues and point out how governments could ensure adequate support and protection for women survivors of violence and their children.

### 3.24. WAVE Press Releases

WAVE's press releases aim to increase the awareness of violence against women and to tackle it on the media level and among the general public, as well as relevant institutions and governmental bodies. Press releases, which are sent to nearly 500 important contacts on WAVE's mailing list, are an important lobbying tool and intend to provide the media with easy access to accurate information on the scope of violence against women and children. WAVE also supports journalists and researchers in their efforts to raise awareness on the topic. This year, WAVE published the following **four press releases**: on 25 May, about the Step Up! Campaign launch; on 1 August, about the WAVE Report 2015 findings; on 25 October, about the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in Berlin; and on 25 November, regarding the Gender Symposium on combating femicide.

### 3.25. Participation in Various European Conferences

#### 14–20 March 2016 – 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, USA)

From 14–20 March 2016, a delegation of 14 WAVE Members from eight European countries took part in the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) in New York., with the priority theme of 'Women's Empowerment and its link to sustainable development'. This year's review theme was 'the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, and the Commission reviewed the implementation of the 2013 CSW57 Agreed Conclusions by Member States. The CSW60 Agreed Conclusions emphasized the need for thorough implementation of laws criminalizing violence against women. Review of the implementation of the CSW57 Agreed Conclusions indicated that these have considerably contributed to the Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieve Gender equality and Empower all Women and Girls for 2030. The crucial role of women's organizations in promoting women's and girls' interests and needs in local, nation-

al and international sustainable development agendas was further highlighted. During her presentation of a statement at the high-level interactive dialogue among Ministers in Building alliances for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 16 March, WAVE President Rosa Logar urged all member states to consistently increase support to the seriously under-funded sector of protection and support to survivors.

**1 April 2016 – Platform Meeting EU, Internationales und Gender (Vienna, Austria)**

On 1 April 2016, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education and Women organized this event, which is regularly held every year to reflect on the CSW conference held only a few weeks prior. This time, Marion Lesur, WAVE office staff, attended the national-level CSW60 meeting in Vienna, which was attended by approximately 25 people.

**4 April 2016 – Preparing Meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference (Berlin, Germany)**

On 4 April 2016, WAVE President Rosa Logar, along with WAVE Manager Maria Rösslhumer and one staff member Anca Ciupa, attended a preparation meeting in Berlin, with seven WAVE Members from Germany. The meeting’s purpose was to plan in detail the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference, to discuss certain budgetary details, agree on common messages to be conveyed during the conference, as well as allocate the tasks between the WAVE office and German organizers. The three-hour meeting was hosted by Frauenhauskoordination in their office. Members from Bff, BIG, KOK, ZIF and individual WAVE Member Karin Heisecke, attended the meeting.

**5 May 2016 – State of the Union Conference (Florence, Italy)**



Maria Rösslhumer speaking at the State of the Union Conference in Florence, Italy

The State of the Union Conference has been organized since 2011 in Florence by the European University Institute, having the aim of bringing people from the political, policy and business worlds together with the

Institute’s outstanding body of academics. All these key actors have been debating issues such as the role of Europe in a globalized world, migration and citizenship, surveillance and freedom, and the Euro-zone crisis. This year’s main theme of the Conference was “Women in Europe and the World”, and had about 1,000 participants. WAVE Manager Maria Rösslhumer was a panellist at a parallel session on violence against women in Europe. Throughout her presentation, she introduced the WAVE Network and its objectives. By being the focal point for an extensive European network of women’s NGOs, WAVE seeks to promote and strengthen the human rights of women and children in general, and to prevent violence against women and children in particular. Current WAVE research indicates that there is a lack of women’s specialist support services, while the quality of existing ones is not always sufficient to support and empower women. This issue was also discussed.

**11 May 2016 – Cooperation of the Governmental Institutions and Women’s NGOs on Implementation of Istanbul Convention Conference (Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina)**



Cooperation of the Governmental Institutions and Women’s NGOs on Implementation of Istanbul Convention Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

On 11 May 2016, the WAVE office participated in the regional conference “Cooperation of the Governmental Institutions and Women’s NGOs on Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence”, which was held in Sarajevo, and had about 100 participants. The conference was organized within the framework of the Coordinated Efforts Towards New European Standards Project, in which WAVE has been participating since 2012, and had approximately 100 participants. During the conference, Barbara Stelmaszek gave a presentation on the role of women’s NGOs in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. First, she presented research that indicates a connection between the strong presence of

autonomous women's movements and the establishment of progressive policy change. Afterwards, she presented some provisions from the Istanbul Convention that can be better implemented when governments work together with women's organizations and also provisions that cannot be implemented without their collaboration. Finally, perspectives promoting the role of women's NGOs were included in the conference's concluding remarks: "Non-governmental organizations need to work on the monitoring of the harmonization of laws with the Convention and appliance of laws at the local level with the focus on the protection of victims".

**23-27 May 2016 - 25th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, Austria)**



UN Speciali Rapporteur Dubravka Šimonovic talking at the 25th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna

Attended by 250+ people and organised and conducted in Vienna from 23-27 May 2016, the 25th Session of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) had as a main thematic discussion the issue of criminal justice responses to prevent and counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the financing of terrorism, and technical assistance in support of the implementation of relevant international conventions and protocols. A series of side events were also organized and touched upon an array of interesting topics, including violence against girls, the consequences of life imprisonment, stopping prostitution by targeting the buyer, the role of the justice system to prevent violence against children, combating religious extremism, women and terrorism, elderly victims of crime, combating wildlife crime and many more. An informal consultation on femicide was held on the 23rd and Andrada Filip participated, posing a question regarding data collection on femicide and the development of a model that can be applied by EU member states. Last year, UNODC developed a useful tool in this field – the International Classification of Crime for Statistical purposes, which could be used as a starting point for data collection on femicide at the national level.

**2-3 June 2016 - Cultural Encounters in Interventions against Violence (CEINAV) Conference (Berlin, Germany)**

This conference was attended by about 100 practitioners in the field of violence against women, and was attended by WAVE office team leader Patricia Bell. A broad spectrum of agencies was represented such as women's NGOs, police, civil court judges and child welfare organisations. The conference reported back on an international project lead by Prof. Dr. Carol Hagemann-White, looking at partner violence, child abuse and trafficking in Germany, England & Wales, Portugal and Slovenia. Over two days there were presentations from German and Portuguese academics and workshops which addressed some of the cultural differences between countries and the challenges to standardisation of service delivery. Due to these challenges, the conference closed with a presentation on an international basis for ethical practice in dealing with violence.

**3 June 2016 - Fighting Conflict-related Sexual Violence (CRSV): Grassroots Women's NGOs as Agents of Change Conference (Graz, Austria)**

Organized by Women for Peace and held in Graz, Austria, this one-day event focused on conflict-related sexual violence and drew 100 participants from around the world, including Syria and Iraq, as well as speakers from various institutional professions, such as Sebastian Kurz, the Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, and Zainab Hawa Bangura, the UN SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict. Rosa Logar and Marion Lesur took part in this conference. The first session addressed trends and patterns on CRSV, including CRSV as a tactic of terrorism and the situation of women in the conflicts in Iraq and Syria and the wider Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region; the second session looked at the role of grass roots women in combating CRSV; and the third session discussed strategies to combat CRSV in the MENA region and the specific role of grassroots women/organisations in these strategies.

**6 June 2016 - EU Projects on Violence against Women - Learning for Meaningful Change (Brussels, Belgium)**

Organised by the European Commission, this one-day conference aimed at sharing knowledge and best practices for improving work and approaches to combating violence against women. The morning focused on sharing experiences of successes and challenges in project implementation in the field of preventing violence against women. In the afternoon, discussions in a world café format were centred on how to ensure projects deliver meaningful change in attitudes and behaviour to combat violence against women.

**8-9 June 2016 – Training on Protection of Women with Disabilities Who Have Experienced Violence (Skopje, Macedonia)**



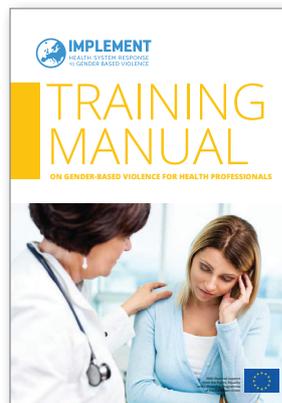
Maria Rösslhuber at the Training on Protection of Women with Disabilities Who Have Experienced Violence in Skopje, Macedonia

From 8-9 June 2016, a workshop on differently-abled women survivors was organized in Skopje, Macedonia by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, the organization BBRZ (Berufliches Bildungs- und Rehabilitationszentrum), WAVE, Zeitlupe and the peer counselling center for Viennese differently-abled women. The training had approximately 25 participants. Two Member organizations of the WAVE Network in Macedonia were also present: The National Council for Gender Equality and the National Network to End Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence – Voice Against Violence. During the workshop, Maria Rösslhuber and Mariela Vecerik (Zeitlupe) reported on the special situation of Austrian differently-abled survivors and gave an overview of the relative legislation and support services in Austria. They showed this as a particularly vulnerable group, since in many cases women are dependent on their partners' assistance and their chances to escape the abusive relationship are almost null. In Macedonia and Austria, there are several associations and organizations where differently-abled people can receive counselling, shelter and support, but there is still an immense lack of specialist services for survivors of gender-based violence.

**13-17 June 2016 – Multi-sectoral Response to GBV Based on Global Package of Essential Services and Standard Operating Procedures Workshops (Kharkiv & Zaporizhia, Ukraine)**



Presentation of the IMPLEMENT Project during Multi-sectoral Response to GBV Based on Global Package of Essential Services and Standard Operating Procedures Workshop in Kharkiv, Ukraine



Regions of Ukraine are now attempting to implement multi-sectoral models to respond to gender-based violence not only in the health sector but also with various public and governmental bodies. With support of UNFPA, two workshops were organised. The first workshop was held in Kharkiv from 13-14 June,

while the second was held in Zaporizhia from 16-17 June 2016. In the first two-day workshop, there were approximately 20 participants, mostly higher-level government officials, as well as health professionals and service providers. The second workshop in Zaporizhia had about 25 participants, primarily from the regional service sector, such as agencies supporting child welfare as well as social workers, police officers, and a gynaecologist. During both workshops, Kelly Blank from the WAVE office took part and presented the IMPLEMENT Project and training manual, which included a discussion on how to strengthen the health sector's response to GBV through a multi-sectoral response. Participants showed an interest in Austrian Emergency Barring Orders and Victim Protection Groups, and in the support of GBV, particularly how independent women's NGOs specialising in GBV are considered experts in leading multi-sectoral support.

### **16 June 2016 – CARVE: Companies for Social Change – Stopping Gender-Based Violence European Conference (Brussels, Belgium)**

On 16 June 2016, women’s organizations and companies from Europe gathered to discuss the role of companies in combating gender-based violence. The conference was organised by Pour La Solidarité in the frame of the project CARVE ‘Companies against Gender Violence’, and had about 70 participants. During the conference, Barbara Stelmaszek presented about violence against women, including definitions, poverty risks of victims, legislative efforts to support victims, and provided suggestions for companies to take action. The conference resulted in sharing of experiences, the project CARVE, and resulting best practices ‘Guide for companies: Responding to violence against women’ was presented.

### **22 June 2016 – Roma Dialogue Platform (Vienna, Austria)**



Maria Rösslhuber at the Roma Dialogue Platform in Vienna, Austria

Organised by the Austrian government in Vienna and co-funded by the European Commission, this one-day event focused on domestic violence and forced marriage in the Roma community. Approximately 120 participants from Austria took part. WAVE manager Maria Rösslhuber conducted a presentation on the topic on behalf of the Austrian Women’s Shelter Network and gave an overview on measures and support services for women against Violence in Austria. Three parallel working groups also took place on the following: How to assess the effectiveness of existing measures, and what should be preserved and strengthened; to what extent do these measures also reach the Roma community; and what measures could influence the behaviour (women and men) of Roma families effectively?

### **22 July 2016 – Gender Conference: Combating Violence against Women in the OSCE Region (Vienna, Austria)**

The conference, which was organized by the OSCE Gender Section and the German Chairmanship of the OSCE and gathered over 80 participants, took place in Vienna and was attended by WAVE representatives Andrada Filip and Rosa Logar. The event started with a high-level panel, attended by, among others, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences, Dubravka Šimonović, and Ambassador Miroslava Beham, OSCE Senior Advisor on Gender Issues. Šimonović reiterated her call to member states to establish a Femicide Watch. Since femicide represents the most severe manifestation of violence against women, it is imperative to closely analyse such criminal acts and identify which factors have led to their occurrence. A key role the Femicide Watch should play is that of data collection, ensuring that this is comparable and reliable, which can guide policy-makers in the long-run. The WAVE President also gave a presentation during a session that addressed the importance of preventing violence against women and bringing security back into their homes. The session offered an opportunity to identify the root causes of violence, bring in new approaches to tackle this problem and share best practices.

### **26–28 August 2016 – Nordic Women Against Violence Conference (Kristiansand, Norway)**



Nordic Women Against Violence Annual Conference in Kristiansand, Norway

Every year, the Nordic countries (Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) gather together for their annual conference. This year, the Nordic conference was held in Kristiansand, Norway from 26–28 August 2016 and was organized by Kriesesentersekretariatet (Norwegian Women’s Shelter Network). Kelly Blank attended on behalf of WAVE. This three-day event gathered over 150 participants and focused primarily on how the Istanbul Convention

can be a key tool for women's shelters. However, other topics discussed were country updates on various exciting projects and developments, and interesting new studies and research in the field of violence against women, such as mixed-methods study by Solveig Bø Vatnar about preventing violence in intimate relationships. Next year, the Nordic Conference will be held in Iceland. Kelly Blank attended on behalf of WAVE.

**22 September 2016 – Conference Dedicated to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Zagreb, Croatia)**

On 22 September 2016, Barbara Stelmaszek from the WAVE attended a conference in Zagreb, Croatia organized to raise awareness about the need for Croatia to ratify the Istanbul Convention. The conference was organized in the framework of the project 'Coordinated Efforts – Toward New European Standards in Protection of Women from Gender Based Violence', and had approximately 100 participants. The topics discussed during the conference included the importance of ratifying of the Convention and how to effectively implement the Convention once it becomes ratified.

**22-23 September 2016 – Final conference of GEAR III on Building Healthy Intimate Relationships (Athens, Greece)**



Maria Rösslhuber with Hungarian WAVE Member Gyorgyi Toth at the final conference of GEAR III on Building Healthy Intimate Relationships in Athens, Greece

The European Conference "Building Healthy Intimate Relationships" was held in Greece and was well attended by the public, experts, policy makers, stakeholders and professionals. More than 250 participants took part, including WAVE Members and Maria Rösslhuber, the WAVE Manager. The conference was jointly organized by European Anti-Violence Network (EAVN) and "The Smile of the Child" within the framework of the "GEAR against IPV II" Project with financial support from the DAPHNE III Programme of the European Union.

Experts in the area of preventing and combating intimate partner violence in adolescents from 31 countries were present.

**29 September – 1 December 2016 – International Conference on Survivors of Rape (ICSOR) (Stockholm, Sweden)**

The fifth edition of the ICSOR conference was hosted in Stockholm and had approximately 180 participants. The conference focused on the legal and health consequences of rape, as well as sexual violence against men. Comparisons were drawn between the Canadian and Swedish legal policies towards sexual violence, including varying definitions. Speakers from Lebanon and Congo-Kinshasa discussed services available for women after experiencing sexual assault in warfare, and studies were presented drawing attention to the impact of sexual violence and rape on victims in Sweden. Sexual violence against men was presented as an area of violence which is relatively under-researched and requires more data collection and social awareness. Panels looked at male rape in medical practice, and analysed the myth that men cannot be raped which contributes to the harmful notion that male sexual violence is non-existent and keeps resources from raped men, preventing hospitals from adequate care routines. Acknowledging rape against men demands a re-evaluation of masculinity, however insecurity and unwillingness to talk about sexuality among carers reinforces re-victimization. Kelly Blank attended the conference on behalf of WAVE.

**6 October 2016 – National Conference on Protection and Support to Women Victims of Gender-Based Violence (Skopje, Macedonia)**

On 6 October 2016, Barbara Stelmaszek from WAVE attended a conference in Skopje, Macedonia aimed at raising awareness about the need to improve protection and support for women survivors of violence in Macedonia. The conference drew approximately 100 participants. WAVE's presentation focused on the importance and the role of women's NGOs in providing protection and support to women, but also the role of women's NGOs in effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention. The conference was organized in the framework of the project 'Coordinated Efforts – Toward New European Standards in Protection of Women from Gender Based Violence'. The topics discussed included implementation of the standards of Istanbul Convention, and topics related to improving the national framework, such as legislation, services, and training of professionals working with women victims of violence.



Movements, Borders, Rights? Feminist perspectives on global issues in Europe Conference in Brussels, Belgium

**11-14 October 2016 - Work with Perpetrators  
European Network Annual Workshop Meeting  
(Krakow, Poland)**



Keynote speech from Ingunn Rangul Askeland during WWP EN Annual Meeting in Krakow, Poland

This three-day conference gathered around 50 WWP EN Members and focused on quality standards for work with perpetrators. A part of the event was a General Assembly in which motions were passed and members of the Board elected. Interesting discussions included a panel on partnerships with women's organizations and partner support work and a panel on the Istanbul Convention, as well as a keynote speech from Ingunn Rangul Askeland about Norwegian research on men who use violence in intimate relationships, including client characteristics and treatment outcomes. WAVE was represented by Kelly Blank and Rosa Logar in the meeting and General Assembly.

**24-25 October 2016 - Movements, Borders,  
Rights? Feminist Perspectives on Global Issues  
in Europe Conference (Brussels, Belgium)**

The two-day conference was organized by European Women's Lobby, WIDE +, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung Brussels office and had approximately 150 participants. The conference focused on the three thematic areas: recent economic relations and austerity politics; migration and refugee flows, and the rise of authoritarian and nationalistic governments as well as right-

wing populism. The conference offered a space for civil society, women's rights experts, activists and policy makers to deepen and broaden their understanding of the current situation in Europe from a feminist perspective. The conference has brought speakers from different regions, including the Global South, who have been dealing with similar challenges for a long time. Representatives from 31 countries have been present at the conference, all trying to deepen their understanding of these current issues. A special voice was given to migrant and refugee women in the debates. The conference stressed that nowhere women are a homogeneous group, and women's multiple identities have to be taken into account. The urgent need to challenge disinformation strategies as well as hate speech coming from right wing populism and anti-feminism was also highlighted, and the idea that there is no 'one-fits-all' recipe was emphasized, as counterstrategies have to be grounded in a contextual analysis. Anca Ciupa attended the conference on behalf of WAVE.

**29 October 2016 - International Conference on  
Implementation of Measures to Fight Violence  
against Women: From Words to Actions  
(Ljubljana, Slovenia)**

On 29 October 2016, WAVE attended a conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia organized in the framework of the project 'Coordinated Efforts - Toward New European Standards in Protection of Women from Gender Based Violence', and had about 100 participants. The conference focused on discussion around effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention, including exchanging information about monitoring mechanisms, ratification of the Convention by the European Union, and the status of implementation of the Convention in Slovenia. Barbara Stelmaszek presented the Austrian GREVIO Shadow Report as a way to introduce the audience to the first reporting tool created by women's NGOs for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

**3 November 2016 – International Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Violence against Women: Support and Empowerment of Women – whose Responsibility? (Belgrade, Serbia)**



GREVIO President Feride Acar speaking at the International Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Violence against Women, in Belgrade, Serbia

On 3 November 2016, Maria Rösslhuber from WAVE attended the conference in Belgrade, Serbia organized in the framework of the project 'Coordinated Efforts – Toward New European Standards in Protection of Women from Gender Based Violence' with approximately 150 participants. The conference included introductory remarks by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Dubravka Šimonović, and also the GREVIO president, Feride Acar. Maria Rösslhuber shared her experiences from the WAVE Network and Austria during the panel discussion titled 'Experiences of women's organizations in providing specialist services to women, who experienced violence'. She informed the participants about the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Austria and about the Austrian GREVIO NGO Shadow Report.

**15–16 November 2016 – Third International Seminar on Femicide in Latin America, Spain and the EU (Madrid, Spain)**

Organized by AIETI and Flora Tristan and attended by WAVE staff Andrada Filip, the event brought together prominent speakers from women's organisation based in Spain, Peru, El Salvador, Columbia and other countries. Regional instruments tackling VAW, such as the Istanbul Convention and the Convention of Belem do Para have been presented by legal experts and a dynamic discussion ensued about the developments made by Latin American countries that have classified the crime of femicide in their national legal frameworks. An expert from the regional Office of UN Women for Latin America and the Caribbean stated that a model law tackling the crime of femicide is currently being elaborated. Existing data on femicide, its acces-

sibility and comparability was also presented. One of the recommendations that came out of the two-day discussion was that there should be more cooperation, dissemination and exchange of best practices between Europe and Latin America in the area of femicide.

**25 November 2016 – Gender Symposium: Combating Femicide (Vienna, Austria)**

Organized by OSCE Gender Section, in co-operation with UNODC, WAVE, the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, ACUNS Vienna, the symposium gathered about 85 participants and addressed the need to combat femicide and conduct systematic collection, documentation and analysis of such crimes. Aldo Lale-Demoz, Deputy Executive Director UNODC, drew attention to the urgent need to further expose, monitor and understand femicide, in order to eradicate this scourge. Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, mentioned in her keynote address that violence against women is a human rights violation and type of discrimination rooted in inequality. Tackling femicide represents a priority for her mandate, and further emphasized that accurate and systematic data collection in this field, disaggregated by age, sex, and the relationship between victims and perpetrators, is urgently needed. Karen Ingala Smith, CEO of NIA, presented a best practice that she developed in partnership with Women's Aid Federation England—the Femicide Census. This represents a database of femicide cases from the UK and includes a wide range of information about women who have been killed by fatal male violence.

**5 December 2016 – Women’s Human Rights in Lithuania: Achievements and Challenges. The Implementation of the Protection from Violence in Immediate Surroundings Law 2011-2016 Conference (Vilnius, Lithuania)**



Maria Rösslhuber and Lithuanian WAVE Members at the Conference Women’s Human Rights in Lithuania: Achievements and Challenges. The Implementation of the Protection from Violence in Immediate Surroundings Law 2011-2016 Conference

WAVE congratulates the Vilnius Women’s House for 20th Anniversary! Organized by WAVE Member Vilnius Women’s House and held in the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania Constitution Hall, the conference brought together 50 participants and was also a part of the international campaign of 16 Days of Activism to Combat Violence against Women. The conference was also a celebration of Vilnius Women’s House’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the morning, the street action Silent Witnesses took place in front of the Parliament, and afterwards, the conference began, with a key note session including speakers from various European institutions, as well as a panel discussion about the experience of five years of implementation of Protection from Violence in immediate surrounding Law 2011-2016, and whether the protection of women’s human rights have improved. WAVE Manager Maria Rösslhuber also took part in the conference and presented the Step Up! Campaign and the importance of signing and ratifying the Istanbul Convention.

**12-13 December 2016, Coordinated Efforts Project Final Conference (Budva, Montenegro)**



Coordinated Efforts Project Final Conference in Budva, Montenegro

The final conference for the Coordinated Efforts project was held in Budva, Montenegro from 12–13 December, on advancing the gender equality agenda in the Western Balkans and Turkey, and gathered approximately 175 participants. The focus was on the challenges the Western Balkan region and Turkey still face in terms of implementing the Istanbul Convention. The region has yet to reach the minimum 30% representation of women in decision-making. Women’s entrepreneurship is on average below 10%, the gender pay gap is around 20% and violence against women is still a prevalent problem. Some of the problems the region is facing in terms of these issues are lack of proper data, and more regional cooperation. The following topics were stressed: the importance of meeting at conferences and trainings and exchanging best practices and knowledge, as well as continuing to identify allies. It was also concluded how big actors such as the UN are there for cooperation, but need the civil society and grass-root organizations to carry their agenda forward. Despite these challenges, it was emphasized on how much had been reached, which is also something important to keep in mind, instead of always looking at what has not yet been done. On the first day, the main topic was gender equality in general, whereas the second day, primarily focused on the Istanbul Convention and its implementation.

### 3.26. Multidisciplinary cooperation with other Networks



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In 2016, WAVE enhanced cooperation with other organizations, institutions and individuals in the field of combating violence against women. Cooperation with other European networks is important to the WAVE Network in order to enhance cooperation on a European-level and ensure adequate support and protection for women survivors of gender-based violence. Partnerships were strengthened and synergies were developed with European organizations.

One of the many ways WAVE cooperates with other networks and organizations in the field is to successfully lobby stakeholders. In August 2016, the **CEDAW Committee** called for comments from interested parties to submit their opinions regarding the Draft General Recommendation No. 19 (1992): accelerating elimination of gender-based violence against women. The WAVE office welcomed this initiative, and after prior consultation with WAVE Members, submitted recommendations on the working-draft on 29 September. WAVE also formed a coalition to end violence against women and girls with **EWL** and several other civil society networks to support the EU signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention, continued to work closely with UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its consequences and consequences, **Dubravka Šimonović**, in particular on establishing a femicide watch, and collaborated with the **Council of Europe** during the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

Since 2014, WAVE has been a Member of WWP EN. The aim of this cooperation with perpetrator programmes is to ensure that the safety of victims is of primary concern for all perpetrator programmes, and the network promotes effective perpetrator work with those who commit violence, mainly men. The WAVE Network has a permanent position on the Board of WWP EN, and other WAVE Member organization are also members. By having women's organizations represented in the Board, and also by opening network membership to specialist women's support services, the work of WWP EN guarantees a feminist voice in the structure and activities of the network. Members of WWP EN attended the 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference in

Berlin by hosting two workshops, and in October, WAVE attended the WWP EN Annual Workshop Meeting held in Krakow, Poland. This three-day event gathered around fifty WWP EN Members, and focused on quality standards for work with perpetrators.

As part of the Step Up! Campaign, **PICUM** and WAVE came together to improve access to services for undocumented women and women who have precarious immigration status, with the goal to make support services for gender-based violence accessible for all women, whatever their migration status. WAVE and PICUM joined forces with key women's rights and migrant rights organisations in various European countries and developed a Pledge for individuals and organizations to sign, as well as a checklist for specialist support services to help determine the barriers which currently exist in their service provision for supporting undocumented migrant women. The Pledge, and more information on the joint cooperation, can be seen here: [www.wave-stepup.org](http://www.wave-stepup.org)



Study visit delegation from Serbia in Vienna, Austria



Study visit delegation from Pakistan in Vienna, Austria



Coordinated Efforts Project Final Conference in Budva, Montenegro

### 3.27. WAVE Office Study Visits in Vienna

Almost every year, WAVE welcomes delegations and study visit groups from all over Europe. Delegations are generally composed of multidisciplinary groups, often including Network Members, but also state actors (decision-makers, judiciary, police) or members of women's NGOs who are not yet Members of the Network. The general topic of the visit is chosen according to the needs of the visitors. A visit to the WAVE office and a presentation of WAVE's activities, aims, principles and structure takes place. Being introduced to good practices, is crucial to women's organizations in order to improve their work. Thus, the aim of every study visit is the exchange, reflection, and transfer of knowledge, to generate ideas for new projects and to find strategies to influence national policies. In 2016, WAVE welcomed three study visits.

#### Delegation from Serbia

On **5 October 2016**, WAVE welcomed a delegation from Serbia. The study visit was organized by the Democratization Department at the OSCE Mission to Serbia within the framework of the Unified Budget project, "Support to national minorities, independent institutions, and other governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to advance gender equality in Serbia." The visiting delegation was composed of **11 participants** from local government units and various Serbian institutions and NGOs, such as representatives of independent institutions, members of the judiciary, and representatives of gender equality mechanisms, police and media from Serbia. The aim of the visit was to provide participants with an insight on how key in-

stitutions and specialized services work in the field of violence against women, and exchange of information on best practices in the field, including a presentation on the activities and history of the WAVE Network. Discussions focused on mechanisms for protection of victims, establishing cooperation between relevant stakeholders, monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention and relevant domestic and international standards, and working with perpetrators.

#### Delegation from Pakistan

On **14 November 2016**, WAVE welcomed a delegation from Pakistan. The study visit was organized by the Austrian Embassy in Islamabad and the Punjab Chief Minister's Special Monitoring Unit Law and Order Wing. The visiting delegation was composed of three participants, two from the Special Monitoring Unit. This Unit sets up projects and designs and implements reforms, including the drafting and passage of Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Act 2016, comprehensive legislation passed aiming to provide justice to women victims of violence by establishing and institutionalizing mechanisms which provide protection from all forms of violence against women. This study visit provided an opportunity for information and best practice exchange, in which the delegations shared their plans for establishing Violence Against Women Centres, and the WAVE office presented on the Members of the Network and provided information and experiences of Members undergoing similar developments.

## Delegation from Mongolia

On **14 November 2016**, WAVE welcomed a delegation of **13 participants** from Mongolia. The delegation included government officials interested in European practices, as well as the Austrian model of preventing and combating violence against women. The aim of the visit was to learn about specialist service provision for women survivors of violence, as well as legal measures for protection of victims of violence. The study visit concluded in questions and exchange of information about the situation in Mongolia and Austria.

## 3.28. OAK Foundation

Thanks to the generous core funding from the OAK Foundation, WAVE was able to continue its core activities and support WAVE Member organizations from outside of the European Union. This included financial support to WAVE Members to attend the WAVE Advisory Board meeting held in Vienna in April 2016, WAVE Multidisciplinary Training held in Vienna, WAVE Conference held in Berlin in October, and the WAVE Training Institute held in Vienna in December. The funding allowed women's organizations from outside of the European Union to take part in WAVE's activities. Additionally, the funding supported WAVE staff participation at various events organized within the context of the Coordinated Efforts project (in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, and Serbia). Furthermore, much work was put into the WAVE Step Up! Campaign in 2016, parts of which were funded by the OAK Foundation.

## 3.28. Coordinated Efforts – Towards New European Standards in Protection of Women from Gender Based Violence Project

Since 2013, WAVE (representing Austria) has been a partner in the European Commission funded project Coordinated Efforts. The project was led by WAVE Member Autonomous Women's House Belgrade and involved the collaboration of women's NGOs from six Balkan countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia as well as involving the European Women's Lobby as Associated Partner. The first two years of the project focused on setting up an effective campaign in order to promote states' signing and ratifying of the Istanbul Convention. Of the project countries, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Slovenia, and Serbia

have signed and ratified the Convention. As of the end of 2016, Croatia and Macedonia have only signed the Convention. In 2015, the project activities focused on implementation of the Convention and included development of indicators to monitor the implementation in each country as well as conferences and workshops aiming at exchange of good practice examples, especially in the area of protection from violence, which WAVE supported through participation and presentations. In 2016, the final year of the project, focus was on ensuring effective implementation by pointing out successes and existing challenges via data collection, conferences, and campaigning, among other activities. At the end of 2016, the changes resulting from the project could be felt, and there was a greater awareness and focus in the countries on ratifying (where needed) or implementing the Convention. The relevant stakeholders (e.g. judiciary, police) became aware of gaps that need to be filled in order to align the national framework with that laid out in the Convention. The project has been a tremendous success, largely due to the creativity, motivation and hard work of the women's NGOs involved. The WAVE office want to thank the partners from the Balkan countries for their excellent cooperation and exciting project.

## 4. ANNEX

### 4.1. Board List of CVs

**Hilary Fisher** is Director of Policy, Voice and Membership at Women's Aid Federation England, the national domestic violence charity. As a women's human rights activist, Hilary has worked in the Third Sector for over twenty years, including leading Amnesty International's End Violence against Women campaign. Hilary was a member of the drafting Committee of the new European Convention to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and chair of the Council of Europe Expert Task Force on Violence against Women.

**Rosa Logar** is co-founder and president of the European Network Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE); Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program Vienna, a victim/survivor service established with the Austrian Domestic Violence Act (1997); co-founder of the first women's shelter in Austria (1978); lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences/ Department of Social Work. Selection of international activities: member of the EU research project Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations CAHRV (2004–2006); member of the UN Expert Group Meeting Good practices in legislation on violence against women (2008); member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence (2006–2008) and representative of the Austrian Government in the Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (2008–2010), which drafted the new Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention, 2011). Since June 2015 member of the GREVIO committee which will monitor the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

**Nataša Međedović Pištalo** is one of the founding members and the executive director of SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence Niksic, founded in 1998. Over the past 17 years she has become one of the major women's right activists in Montenegro and she is recognized as leader in combating domestic violence. She created and coordinated a number of projects. Additionally, she was a consultant on SOS Helpline for 9 years. She was a member of the working group for creating of National Strategy for Protection from DV. For three years she reported EC, in Brussels, on the progress of Montenegro in regards to women's human rights. Her organisation is coordinating the

new National SOS Helpline for domestic violence in Montenegro".

**Marceline Naudi** was awarded her doctorate in 2004 from University of Manchester (U.K.). A social worker by profession, her practice (in England, Ireland and Malta) has included work with various client groups including survivors of domestic violence. She has been lecturing full-time at the University of Malta since 1994 on social work and anti-oppressive issues such as gender issues, violence against women, LGBTIQ and race issues etc., and is now Head of the Department of Gender Studies. As such she has spoken at various academic conferences all over Europe. She represented Malta in both EU and Council of Europe negotiations (including CAHVIO) and was invited to speak as a European expert in various EU and Council of Europe Conferences. She was elected member of the GREVIO committee which will monitor the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in June 2015, and 2nd vice-president in September 2015. She is active in the field of VAW both in Malta and more generally in Europe and also sits on the Steering Group of the European Women's Lobby Observatory on VAW.

**Urszula Nowakowska** is founder and President of the Women's Rights Centre (Centrum Praw Kobiet), based in Warsaw. She is a lawyer with experience in issues of violence and discrimination against women. Urszula is involved in running workshops on gender-based violence for various professionals and women's rights advocates and coordinating many WRC projects including the Equal programme: Work and Dignity for Women Victims of Violence. She is the author of numerous publications on the issue of violence against women.

**Marina Pisklakova-Parker** started the first helpline for battered women in 1993, and worked alone for half a year. Now it is known as the National Centre for the Prevention of Violence "ANNA", which is also a network of about 150 organizations across Russia. Marina Pisklakova-Parker and her organization actively work on creating an effective system of response to domestic violence by educating governmental officials and the public about the issue of domestic violence in Russia and in other countries. Pisklakova-Parker was honoured together with seven other human rights activists by the international organization Human Rights Watch

in 1997, for her work in the area of domestic violence against women. In 1998 Human Rights Watch (California) honoured Marina Pisklakova-Parker again together with five other human rights monitors from different countries as one of the most significant activists of the decade. Pisklakova-Parker is also featured in the book by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo "Speak Truth to Power" as one of fifty human rights defenders from around the world. In 2004 she has received an award of Vital Voices Global Partnership for her work on the issues of trafficking. Marina's story is featured in the documentary play SEVEN as one of seven women-activists. In 2011, Newsweek Magazine and The Daily Beast named Mari-

na as one of the 150 women who shake the world. She holds a Master's Degree in Sociology.

**Camelia Proca** has studied women rights in the Regional Program for Equal Rights of Women and Human Rights of the Swedish International Development Agency. In 2004 she founded the Association for Liberty and Equality of Gender – A.L.E.G. – a nongovernmental organization in Sibiu, Romania, which promotes gender awareness particularly among youth and children, and offers counselling and advocacy for victims of gender-based violence. In the last 10 years she has been responsible to ensure the continuity of the organizations' services.



## 4.2. Women's Helplines in 46 European countries

The following is a table of the national women's helplines available in the 46 European countries. If there is no national helpline, a regional or general helpline is listed (these countries are marked with a \*). Women's national helplines are among the most vital services for women's survivors of violence, they are one of the first places women can turn to receive immediate counseling and advice.

**It is important to note that some of the following phone numbers cannot be called from abroad, as they are strictly national helplines and can only be used within the country. In such instances, we invite you to get in touch directly with the WAVE Members in relevant countries.**

Country	Name	Phone number
Albania	Counselling Line for Women and Girls	+355 422 33408
Armenia	National Hotline on Domestic Violence	+374 105 428 28 0800 80 850
	Hotline of the Armenian Lighthouse Charitable Foundation	2080
Austria	Women's Helpline against Violence	0800 222 555
Azerbaijan	Clean World Social Union Aid to Women	+99 412 408 5696
Belarus*	National Hotline for survivors of domestic violence	8 801 100 8 801
	National Toll-free Children Helpline	8 801 100 16 11
	Hotline for Safe Migration	113
Belgium*	Hotline for all types of violence, domestic (any member of the family) sexual violence, honour related violence, and more, child abuse, elder abuse	1712 (Flemish)
	Ecoutes Violences Conjugales (for marital violence)	0800 30 030 (French)
	SOS Viol (for sexual violence)	+32 2 534 36 36 (French)
	Mon Mariage M'appartient (forced marriage helpline)	0800 90 901 (French)
	Crisis Situation Helpline (for persons in distress)	106 (Flemish) 107 (French) 108 (German)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	SOS Line for Help of Women and Children, victims of domestic violence	1264 (Republika Srpska) 1265 (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Bulgaria	Women's Helpline	+359 2 981 76 86
Croatia*	Autonomous Women's House Zagreb	0800 55 44
	Harbri Telephone (Children's Helpline)	116 111
	SOS Helpline for Victims of Trafficking	0800 77 99
Cyprus	Center for Emergency Assistance Helpline	1440
Czech Republic*	DONA Line	+420 251 51 13 13
	Safety Children's Line	116 111
Denmark	LOKK Hotline	+45 70 20 30 82
Estonia	Tugitefon	1492
Finland	Women's Line	+358 800 02400
France	Violences Femmes Info	3919
	Viols Femmes Information	0800 05 95 95
Georgia	National Domestic Violence Hotline	309 903
	Tbilisi Crisis Center of 'Sakhli' Advice Center for Women	+995 5952 32 101
Germany	National Women's Helpline	08000 116 016
Greece	National Center for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) (for persons in different crisis situations, including domestic violence)	197
	General Secretariat for Gender Equality	15 900
Hungary	NaNE Helpline for Battered Women and Children	06 80 505 101 +36 4 06 30 006 (for sexual violence)
Iceland	Kvennaathvarfið shelter helpline	561 1205
Ireland	National Freephone Helpline	1800 341 900

Country	Name	Phone number
Italy	Antiviolenza Donne	1522
Kosovo	Direct Line for Victims of Violence	0800 11112
	SOS Linja	+381 39 033 00 98
Latvia*	Center Marta for Trafficking Victims	800 2012
	Crisis Helpline	67222922 2772292
	Children's Trust Helpline	116 111
Liechtenstein	Women's Helpline Frauenhaus Liechtenstein	+423 380 02 03
Lithuania*	Women's Line	8800 66 366
Luxembourg	Fraentelefon	12 344
Macedonia	National SOS Line	15 700
	National SOS Line – Phone of Trust	15 315
	SOS National Mobile Line	+389 75 141 700 +389 77 141 700 +389 70 141 700
Malta*	Appogg Agency Supportline	179
Moldova	Trust Line	8008 8008
Montenegro	SOS Helpline for Victims of Violence	080 111 111
Netherlands*	Veilig Thuis (for victims of domestic violence and child abuse)	0800 2000
Norway*	National Helpline for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	800 57 000
	Crisis Situation Helpline	800 40 008
Poland*	National Emergency Service for Survivors of Family Violence Blue Line	22 668 70 00
	National Emergency Service for Survivors of Family Violence	801 12 00 02
Portugal*	Serviço de Informação às Vítimas de Violência Doméstica	800 202 148
Romania*	Bucharest: Sensi Blu Foundation	021 311 46 36
	Bucharest: ADRA	021 25 25 117
	Lasi: CMSC	023 225 29 20
	Targu Mures: IEESR	026 521 16 99
	Sibiu: A.L.E.G.	075 389 35 31
	Biai Mare: Centru Artemis	0262 25 07 70
	Timisoara: APFR	0256 29 3183
Russia	ANNA (National Center for the Prevention of Violence)	08800 700 600
Serbia*	Helpline for victims of domestic violence	0800 100 600
	Network of Women's Hotline in Vojvodina	0800 10 10 10
Slovakia	National Line for Women Surviving Violence	0800 212 212
Slovenia	SOS Helpline for Women and Children – Victims of Violence	080 11 55
Spain	Helpline for Information and Legal Advice on Gender Violence	016
Sweden	Terrafem	020 52 1010
	Kvinnofridslinjen	020 50 50 50
Switzerland*	Dargebotene Hand (crisis helpline)	143
Turkey	Hürriyet Emergency Domestic Violence Hotline	+90 212 656 9696
	Social Service Counseling Line for Family, Women, Children, and the Disabled	183
Ukraine	Domestic Violence Counteraction and Child Rights Protection Helpline	0800 500 335 0800 500 336
United Kingdom	ENGLAND: National Domestic Violence Free phone Helpline ENGLAND: Rape Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247 0808 802 999
	NORTHERN IRELAND: 24 Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline	0800 917 14 14
	SCOTLAND: Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline Rape Crisis Scotland Helpline	0800 027 1234 080 88 01 03 02 0808 8010 302
	WALES: Live Fear Free Helpline Rape Crisis Helpline	0800 8010 800 0808 802 9999

### 4.3. 18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference Programme

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**18<sup>th</sup> WAVE Conference**  
**Step Up! Europe – Unite to end violence against women and their children**  
**19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 | Berlin, Germany**

**CONFERENCE VENUE:**  
**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016: City Hall, Berlin / Berliner Rathaus**  
Rathausstraße 15, 10178 Berlin (wheelchair access: Jüdenstraße 1)  
**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016: Stadtmission**  
Lehrter Straße 68, 10557 Berlin

**THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE IS ENGLISH**  
with simultaneous translation English-German on Wednesday

**PRE-CONFERENCE WELCOME DRINK**  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 19:00: Festsaal Stadtmission

WAVE conference in cooperation with:



Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

18<sup>th</sup>  Conference

Facilitator: Beate Hinrichs, *Journalist*  
After all sessions there will be a discussion.

08:00 – 09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>OPENING</b>
	<b>Boris Velter</b> <i>State secretary in the Senate Department for Labour, Integration and Women's Issues, Berlin, Germany</i>
	<b>Elke Ferner</b> <i>Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany</i>
	<b>Silvia Zenzen, Maria Rösslhuber</b> <i>Representatives of the conference organising committee</i>
	Chair: Beate Hinrichs
09:30 – 11:00	<b>SESSION 1: Fifth anniversary of the adoption of Istanbul Convention – Step up activities to ratify and implement convention provisions</b>
	<b>Bridget T. O'Loughlin</b> <i>Executive Secretary of the monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence</i>
	<b>Elke Ferner</b> <i>Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany</i>
	<b>Carol Hagemann-White</b> <i>University of Osnabrück, Germany</i>
	<b>Petra Follmar-Otto</b> <i>German Institute for Human Rights</i>
	Chair: Beate Hinrichs
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<b>SESSION 2: The situation of refugee women, gender-based violence and racism in Europe</b>
	<b>Joanna Goodey</b> <i>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</i>
	<b>Arne Treves</b> <i>UNHCR-Regional Focal Point for Child Protection and Sexual and Gender Based Violence for the Europe Emergency</i>
	<b>Nivedita Prasad</b> <i>Alice-Salomon University Berlin, Germany</i>
	<b>Heidi Meinzolt</b> <i>Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)</i>
	<b>Jennifer Kamau</b> <i>Activist, International Women's Spaces (IWS), Germany</i>
	Chair: Beate Hinrichs
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break (buffet lunch)
14:00 – 14:30	<b>KEY NOTE: Dubravka Šimonović UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, its causes and consequences</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>SESSION 3: Effective actions in measuring and preventing violence against women in Europe</b>
	<b>Sylvia Walby</b> <i>University of Lancaster, UK and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Violence and Society</i>
	<b>Jurgita Pečiūrienė</b> <i>European Institute for Gender Equality</i>
	<b>Sylwia Spurek</b> <i>Deputy Ombudsperson in the Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland</i>
	<b>Rosa Logar</b> <i>WAVE network</i>
	Chair: Marceline Naudi <i>University of Malta/ WAVE network</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	<b>SESSION 4: Stepping-up efforts and increasing investments in justice, protection and support for women survivors of violence</b>
	<b>Ulrike Lunacek</b> <i>Vice-president of the European Parliament</i>
	<b>Sara Chrzanowska</b> <i>DG Justice and Consumers – Procedural Criminal Law, European Union</i>
	<b>Perihan Meşeli</b> <i>Women's Shelter Mor Çati, Turkey</i>
	<b>Liz Kelly</b> <i>London Metropolitan University, UK</i>
	Chair: Marina Pisklavkova-Parker <i>WAVE network</i>
18:00	<b>Joint WAVE Step Up! Campaign Action</b>
	Group Photograph

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Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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On the second day of the conference, workshops will take place giving participants the opportunity to discuss various aspects of the prevention of violence against women, to exchange knowledge and experiences as well as to network and plan joint actions.

**Parallel workshops in the morning:** 09:00-10:30 (Session 1) and 11:00 – 12:30 (Session 2)

**Lunch break:** 12:30 – 13:45 **Theatre performance** – Laëtitia Mazoyer, Association Femmes de Papier, France: 13:45 – 14:00

**Parallel workshops in the afternoon:** 14:00 – 15:30 (Session 3) and 16:00 – 17:30 (Session 4)

**Coffee breaks:** 10:30 – 11:00 and 15:30 – 16:00

09:00 – 10:30 WORKSHOP SESSION 1 A–H	
1	<p><b>A Standards for the specialist women's support services required by the Istanbul Convention</b>  Presentations: <b>Veronica Cernat, Casa Marioarei, Moldova</b>  <b>Natasa Medjedovic, SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence Niksic, Montenegro</b>  <b>Johanna Nelles, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe</b>  <b>Danijela Pešić, Autonomous Women's Centre Belgrade, Serbia, Katja Matko, Association SOS Helpline Slovenia, and Nela Pamuković, Centre for Women War Victims – ROSA, Croatia</b>  <b>Stefanie Föhring, Central Information Network of Autonomous Women's Shelters (ZIF), Germany</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Stefanie Föhring, Central Information Network of Autonomous Women's Shelters (ZIF), Germany</b></p>
	<p><b>B Making survivors' voices and rights central</b>  Presentations: <b>Eleri Butler, Welsh Women's Aid, UK</b>  <b>Ana Bella Estevez, Ana Bella Foundation, Spain</b>  <b>Carolina Gottardo, Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS), UK</b>  <b>Alianne Looijenga, Life Surfer, The Netherlands</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Lone Johansen, Secretariat of the Shelter Movement, Norway</b></p>
	<p><b>C Accession of the European Union to the Istanbul Convention</b>  Presentations: <b>Irene Rosales, European Women's Lobby (EWL)</b>  <b>Kerstin Schinnerl, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria</b>  <b>Katrine Steinfeld, EQUINET – European Network of Equality Bodies</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Marceline Naudi, University of Malta/WAVE network</b></p>
	<p><b>D Child homicides and gender-based violence – how can child safety be put first in custody and contact arrangements</b>  Presentations: <b>Sonja Aziz, Lawyer, Austria</b>  <b>Sian Hawkins, Women's Aid England, UK</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Dušana Karlovska, Fenestra, Interest Association of Women, Slovakia</b></p>
	<p><b>E Victim-safety oriented work with perpetrators – implementing standards from the Istanbul Convention</b>  Presentations: <b>Pascale Franck, Province of Antwerp, Belgium</b>  <b>Nina George, European Network "Work with Perpetrators"</b>  <b>Beatriz Menanteau, Advocates for Human Rights, USA</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Elisabeth Gruber, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre, Vienna, Austria</b></p>
	<p><b>F Strengthening policies on violence against women and gender equality through better coordination</b>  Presentations: <b>Annette Niesyto, Equal Opportunities Officer Karlsruhe, Germany</b>  <b>Birgit Schweikert, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Rosa Logar, WAVE network</b></p>
	<p><b>G Protection from gendered cyber violence</b>  Presentations: <b>Dalia Othman, Tactical Tech Collective Berlin, Germany</b>  <b>Cindy Southworth, National Network to End Domestic Violence, USA</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Jen Wörz, Women helping Women – Shelter for Women affected by Gender-based Violence, Cologne/Women's Counselling Centre, Cologne, Germany</b></p>
	<p><b>H Detachment and compassion as keys to self-protection and self-nurturing</b>  Facilitator: <b>Carolin Fraude, Brahma Kumaris School for Raja Yoga Meditation, Germany</b></p>
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30 WORKSHOP SESSION 2 A–H	
2	<p><b>A Femicide prevention watch</b>  Presentations: <b>Sian Hawkins, Women's Aid England, UK</b>  <b>Marceline Naudi, University of Malta/WAVE network</b>  <b>Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences</b>  <b>Bárbara Tardón Recio, Femicidio.net, Spain</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Rosa Logar, WAVE network</b></p>



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**B Holding states accountable for protecting women from violence – using human rights law to implement due diligence**

Presentations: **Sonja Aziz**, Lawyer, Austria  
**Adriana Kessler**, Legal Human Rights Work (JUMEN), Germany  
**Beatriz Menanteau**, Advocates for Human Rights, USA  
**Genoveva Tisheva**, Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (BGRF)  
Facilitator: **Anca Ciupa**, WAVE office

**C Responses to violence against women in the health system**

Presentations: **Nigina Abaszadeh**, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional office, UNFPA  
**Elisabeth Gruber**, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria  
**Ulrike Janz**, Network Health, Gesine e.V., Germany  
**Marion Winterholler**, S.I.G.N.A.L. Coordination Project e.V., Germany  
Facilitator: **Katrin Gleirscher**, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre, Vienna, Austria

**D Public and private companies preventing violence against women and supporting survivors**

Presentations: **Gigi Guizzo**, CEPS Projectes Social, Spain  
**Barbara Helfferich**, European Trade Union Confederation  
**Birte Rohles**, Terre des Femmes, Germany  
**Viktoria Spielmann**, Austrian Employment Service  
Facilitator: **Maria Rösslhuber**, WAVE office

**E Building alliances against gender-based violence with pro-feminist men's groups**

Presentations: **Natalia Batenkova**, Unizon, Sweden and **Andrey Sinelnikov**, National Centre for the prevention of violence (ANNA), Russia  
**Gerhard Hafner**, Counselling for Men, Germany  
Facilitator: **Ralf Puchert**, European Network "Work with Perpetrators"

**F Body & Soul – Feminist self-defence workshop**

Presentations: **Irene Zeilinger**, Garance, Belgium

**G Protecting asylum-seeking and refugee women from violence**

Presentations: **Tatjana Leinweber**, Federal Coordination of Women's Shelters, Germany  
**Dijana Malbaša**, Autonomous Women's Centre Belgrade, Serbia  
**Yasemin Mert**, Foundation for Women's Solidarity (Kadin Dayanisma Vakfi), Turkey  
**Johanna Nelles**, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe  
**Arne Treves**, UNHCR-Regional Focal Point for Child Protection and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence for the Europe Emergency  
Facilitator: **Behshid Najafi**, Agisra e.V., Germany

**H Valuing our emotions while supporting others**

Facilitators: **Jaya Chakravarti**, Migration Council Berlin-Brandenburg (MSO inclusive), Germany  
**Jay Keim**, Lesbian Counselling Centre Berlin (LesMigras), Germany

12.30 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 14:00 THEATRE PERFORMANCE – Laëtitia Mazoyer, Association Femmes de Papier, France

14:00 – 15:30 WORKSHOP SESSION 3 A–H

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**A Support and protection of child witnesses of domestic violence, particularly in relation to custody and visitation rights**

Presentations: **Pia Deleuran**, National Organisation of Women's Shelters (LOKK), Denmark  
**Tanja Ignjatovic** and **Vanja Macanović**, Autonomous Women's Centre Belgrade, Serbia  
**Sibylle Stotz**, Women's Shelter Munich, Germany  
Facilitator: **Branislava Marvanova Vargova**, WAVE office

**B Developments in data collection on violence against women and costs of violence**

Presentations: **Tuğçe Canbolat**, Women's Shelter Mar Çati, Turkey  
**Jurgita Pečiūrienė**, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)  
**Monika Schröttle**, Women's Research TU Dortmund, Germany  
**Sibylle Schweier**, National Federation for Solidarity with Women, France  
Facilitator: **Renée Römkens**, Atria, Institute on Gender Equality and Women's History, The Netherlands

**C Laws protecting women from gender-based violence – successes and challenges**

Presentations: **Elena Biaggioni**, D.i.Re. Women's Network against Violence, Italy  
**Yuan Feng**, Equality, China  
**Kerstin Schinnerl**, Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria  
Facilitator: **Urszula Nowakowska**, Women's Rights Centre, Poland



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**D Primary prevention of violence against women – everybody talks about it but little is done. How can this be changed?**

Presentations: **Margret Schnetgöke**, *Umbrella Organisation of Autonomous Women's Counselling Services in North Rhine Westphalia, Germany*  
**Sabine Stövesand**, *StoP: Neighbourhood work and community organising, Germany*  
**Irene Zeilinger**, *Garance, Belgium*  
Facilitator: **Irina Alkhovka**, *Gender Perspective, Belarus*

**E Role of the women's movement in uniting and overcoming fragmentation in conflict and post-conflict countries**

Presentations: **Mine Atli**, *Association of Women to Support Living (Kayad), Cyprus* and **Susan Pavlou**, *Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS), Cyprus*  
**Olga Kalashnyk** and **Lyudmila Kovalchuk**, *La Strada – International Women's Rights Centre, Ukraine*  
**Jan Melia**, *Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation, UK*  
Facilitator: **Rosa Logar**, *WAVE network*

**F Prostitution/ pornography and routes out**

Presentations: **Wiveca Holst**, *National Organisation for Women's and Girl's Shelters (ROKS), Sweden*  
**Tzvetina Arsova Netzelman**, *SPI Research, Germany*  
Facilitator: **Marceline Naudi**, *University of Malta/WAVE network*

**G Preventing sexual violence against women and girls**

Presentations: **Teresa Bruno**, *D.i.Re. Women's Network against Violence, Italy*  
**Dola Twomey**, *Sexual Violence Centre Cork, Ireland*  
**Silvia Zenzen**, *Federal Association of Rape Crisis and Women's Counselling Centres (bff), Germany*  
Facilitator: **Lydia Sandrock**, *Anti-violence Coordination Women Brandenburg, Germany*

**H Round Table: Self-care in our specialized anti-violence organisations**

Presentations: **Jay Keim**, *Lesbian Counselling Centre Berlin, Germany*  
**Lepa Mladjenovic**, *Counselling for Lesbians, Serbia*  
**Nan Stoops**, *Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence/Move To End Violence, USA*  
Facilitator: **Karin Heisecke**, *WAVE member*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **WORKSHOP SESSION 4 A–H**

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**A How to be inclusive and empower survivors with different abilities and multiple needs**

Presentations: **Embla Guðrúnar Ágústsdóttir**, *Informal space for intersectional disability feminist activism, Tabú, Iceland*  
**Barbara Hönsch**, *Meschede* and **Katharina Göpner**, *Federal Association of Rape Crisis and Women's Counselling Centres (bff), Germany*  
Facilitator: **Thorunn Thorarinsdottir**, *Education and Counselling Centre for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence, Stígamót, Iceland*

**B Violence against lesbians – lesbians against violence**

Presentations: **Mary Crilly**, *Sexual Violence Centre Cork, Ireland*  
**Lepa Mladjenovic**, *Counselling for Lesbians, Serbia*  
**Irmes Schwager**, *Women's Shelter Kassel, Germany*  
Facilitator: **Ulrike Janz**, *Network Health, Gesine e.V., Germany*

**C Access of undocumented migrant women victims of violence to justice and to services**

Presentations: **Rian Ederveen**, *Stichting LOS, Knowledge Centre on undocumented migrants, The Netherlands*  
**Carolina Gottardo**, *Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS), UK*  
**Behshid Najafi**, *Agisra e.V., Germany*  
**Alyna Smith**, *Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)*  
Facilitator: **Rosa Logar**, *WAVE network*

**D Young people involved in preventing violence against women and girls**

Presentations: **Jean-Ann Ndow** and **Nefeli Themeli**, *World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS), Europe*  
**Elina Nikulainen**, *Women's Line, Finland*  
**Kiki Petroulaki**, *European Anti-violence Network (EAVN), Greece*  
**Silvia Samhaber**, *Association of Austrian Autonomous Women's Shelters (AÖF), Austria*  
Facilitator: **Maria Rösslhumer**, *WAVE office*

**E Prevention of so-called honour related violence and forced marriage**

Presentations: **Eva Kultus** and **Corinna Ter-Nedden**, *Papatya, Crisis Centre for young female migrants, Germany*  
**Silvia Menecali**, *D.i.Re. Women's Network Against Violence, Italy*  
Facilitator: **Salome Chagelishvili**, *Anti-Violence Network, Georgia*



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**F Access to social and economic rights, including housing, as an important step to a life free from violence**

Presentations: **Dalma Fabian**, *European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless*  
**Nana Gelashvili**, *Anti-Violence Network, Georgia*  
**Jolanda Kobes-van Iperen**, *Tackling Domestic Violence, The Netherlands*  
 Facilitator: **Elke Griemens**, *Women's Shelter, Rhine Erft District, Germany*

**G Philanthropic engagement to end violence against women in Europe**

In this session, current research on philanthropic funding for work to end violence against women in Europe will be shared and discussed with WAVE members and donors.

**H Creating Spaciousness for Creativity**

Facilitators: **Trina Greene and Nan Stoops**, *Move to End Violence, USA*

**19:00 CORINNA SEITH AWARD** Presentation of the award to Dr. Emma Katz by Prof. Dr. Liz Kelly and Prof. Dr. Carol Hagemann-White

**20:00 WAVE Party, Festsaal Stadtmission**

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – **The WAVE Network Day**

The WAVE Network Day is open to all participants, but focusses on networking and planning in the network. After all sessions there will be a discussion.

**09:00 – 10:30 SESSION I: International Dialogue on Movement Building**

**Trina Greene Brown** *Move to End Violence, USA*  
**Liz Kelly** *End Violence Against Women Coalition, UK*  
**Jaime Cordes** *Vital Voices, USA*  
**Marina Pisklakova-Parker** *National Centre for the Prevention of Violence (ANNA), Russia*  
**Nan Stoops** *Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, USA*  
 Facilitator: **Karin Heisecke** *WAVE Member*

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

**10:45 – 11:45 SESSION 2: WAVE Step up! Campaign – Let us campaign together internationally, let us make a difference!**

**Presentation of the Project "Warnsignale" (warning signs)**  
**Birgitta Rennefeld and Gabriele van Stephaudt**, *Umbrella Organisation of Autonomous Women's Counselling Services in North Rhine Westphalia, Germany*  
**Presentation of the WAVE Campaign**  
**Kelly Blank and Lina Piskernik**, *WAVE office*  
 Facilitator: **Maria Rösslhuber**, *WAVE office*

**11:45 – 12:45 SESSION 3: WAVE Network planning**

Facilitator: **Marina Pisklakova-Parker**, *WAVE network*

**12:45 CLOSING CEREMONY**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 Side events**

**Visits to three Women's shelters in Berlin:**  
 – Women's Shelter Cocon  
 – Women's Shelter Bora  
 – ZUFF e.V. – Refugee housing/shelter flats for women and their children in emergency and violent situations

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3	Women's Association Refleksione	Albania	64	Frauenhaus Fürstentum Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein
4	Woman Forum Elbasan	Albania	65	Vilniaus Moterų namai – Intervention Centre	Lithuania
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7	Women's Right Center	Armenia	68	National Network to End Violence against Women and Domestic Violence – Voice against Violence	Macedonia
8	Women's Support Center	Armenia	69	Commission on Domestic Violence	Malta
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11	Domestic Abuse intervention Centre Vienna	Austria	72	Association Against Violence "Casa Marioarei"	Moldova
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13	Clean World Social Union	Azerbaijan	74	Women's Law Centre	Moldova
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28	Association of Women's support service Living (KAYAD)	Cyprus	89	Association Fenomena / SOS Kraljevo	Serbia
29	proFem – Central European Consulting Centre	Czech Republic	90	Alliance of women in Slovakia	Slovakia
30	ROSA – Centre for Battered and Lonely Women	Czech Republic	91	FENESTRA – Interest Association of Women	Slovakia
31	Kvinnuhusid	Denmark	92	Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children	Slovenia
32	L.O.K.K – National Organisation of Women's Shelters in Denmark	Denmark	93	Asociación de Mujeres Valdés Siglo XXI	Spain
33	Estonian Women's Shelters Union	Estonia	94	Asociación Otro Tiempo	Spain
34	Tartu Child Support Center	Estonia	95	Fundación para la Convivencia ASPACIA	Spain
35	Women's Shelter of Tartu	Estonia	96	Centro de Asistencia a Víctimas de Agresiones Sexuales – CAVAS	Spain
36	Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters	Finland	97	Directorate General for Gender-Based Violence, Youth Affairs and Juvenile Crime	Spain
37	Women's line Finland	Finland	98	Hèlia – Associació de suport a les dones que pateixen violència de gènere	Spain
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40	Sakhli – Advice Center for Women	Georgia	101	Roks – National Organisation for Women's and Girls' Shelters in Sweden	Sweden
41	Women's Information Center (WIC)	Georgia	102	UNIZON	Sweden
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43	BIG e.V. – Berliner Interventionsprojekt gegen häusliche Gewalt	Germany	104	Frauenhaus Biel	Switzerland
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48	Karin Heisecke, Individual Member	Germany	109	Sumy Local Crisis Center (SLCC)	Ukraine
49	KOFRA – Kommunikationszentrum für Frauen zur Arbeits- und Lebenssituation	Germany	110	Women's Information Consultative Center	Ukraine
50	PAPATYA – Kriseneinrichtung für Junge Migrantinnen	Germany	111	Haven Wolverhampton	UK
51	ZIF – Zentrale Informationsstelle der autonomen Frauenhäuser des BRD	Germany	112	IMKAAN	UK
52	European Anti-Violence Network	Greece	113	Latin American Women's Aid	UK
53	NaNE-Women's Rights association	Hungary	114	NIA Ending Violence	UK
54	Stigamot – Counseling and Information Centre on Sexual Violence	Iceland	115	REFUGE	UK
55	Women's Shelter Organization in Iceland	Iceland	116	Scottish Women's Aid	UK
56	Sexual Violence Centre Cork	Ireland	117	Welsh Women's Aid	UK
57	Rape Crisis Network Ireland	Ireland	118	Women's Aid Federation of England	UK
58	Safe Ireland	Ireland	119	Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland	UK
59	Women's Aid Ireland	Ireland	120	WWA – Aberystwyth Women's Aid	UK
60	Associazione Nazionale D.i.Re contro la Violenza – D.i.R.e Women's network against violence	Italy			
61	Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa-Onlus	Italy			