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WAVE is the only European network focusing solely on the elimination of violence against women and children. We hope that you will join us in supporting our work and take part in advocating for the human rights of women throughout Europe and worldwide!

In this month's newsletter you will find WAVE Network news as well as information about events taking place on a European level and new publications in the field of violence against women and gender equality.

Support WAVE's Public Presence and Outreach

In addition to lobbying, attending conference, as well as conducting press work and regularly disseminating information, in the last few years, WAVE has been focusing on social media as a way to get out the message and promote involvement of others in the women's rights movement. If you haven't already done so, please become a [friend of WAVE](#) and [like our page](#) and spread the word to others! Thank you for your support!

On 24 May 2014, WAVE adopted the new status of formal network, by becoming its own legal entity. We would like to thank all the Focal Points for their wonderful work, and for their support in taking this new important step into the WAVE history!

All the best from the WAVE team in Vienna!



WAVE NEWS

16th WAVE Conference in Vienna, Austria, 16-19 November 2014



The **16th annual WAVE Conference**, titled 'Future Perspectives on Preventing Violence against Women and their Children' was held in Vienna, Austria from the **16-19th of November 2014** at the Vienna City Hall and Fleming's Hotel. The Conference was also the occasion for the network to celebrate its 20th Anniversary. The Conference brought together about 300 participants (NGO Professionals, academics, representatives from international and European institutions and state officials), coming from more than 40 countries in Europe, as well as from Canada, South Africa, the Philippines, and the USA. The Conference was also attended by representatives from Austrian local and Federal institutions, the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), United Nations agencies including UNFPA, as well as UN Special Rapporteur on VAW Rashida Manjoo.

The Conference Report, including results of the workshops, panels and presentations, will be made available soon. In waiting, the [full conference program](#), as well as the [WAVE 20th Anniversary Brochure](#), are available on the WAVE website. **Pictures of the Conference** are available on the WAVE Network [Facebook page](#).

Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI)'s 2013 National Rape Crisis Statistics Report

On November 12th, WAVE Focal Point in Ireland [Rape Crisis Network Ireland \(RCNI\)](#) released its newest report '**RCNI National Rape Crisis Statistics Report 2013**' at the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin. It was launched by the Minister for Justice and Equality Frances Fitzgerald, and has been reported about widely in the press. This comprehensive report pulls together information gathered using RCNI's unique Data and Knowledge Collection System from 2,203 survivors of sexual violence, who sought help to 15 Rape Crisis Centres across Ireland in 2013. Some of the key findings address themes such as counseling and support, as well as perpetrator information.

To access the 36-page National Rape Crisis Statistics Report, click [here](#).

New FRA reports and language versions available online!

The [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights \(FRA\)](#) recently made available the **official 40-page summary report of the 2014 FRA violence against women survey results in 22 EU languages**, including Hungarian, Czech, Bulgarian, Greek, Estonian, and others. All language versions of the summary report can be accessed [online](#). The **interactive data explorer on the violence against women survey** results is now also available in French and German, in addition to English, and can be found [online](#). In addition, FRA also published the report '**Discrimination against and living conditions of Roma women in 11 EU Member States**'. The report, analyzing the results concerning Roma women from an earlier FRA survey, based on a request by the European Parliament to the FRA to carry out this analysis, is available on the [FRA website](#).



Third World Conference of Women's Shelters (WCWS) in The Hague, 3-5 November 2015, Save the Date!



The first World Conference of Women's Shelters (WCWS) took place in 2008 in Alberta, Canada, where it was hosted by the [Alberta Council of Women's Shelters](#). The conference is an initiative of the [Global Network of Women's Shelters \(GNWS\)](#). Following the success of the First and Second World Conferences (2012, Washington, D.C., USA), the Global Network of Women's Shelters plans to organize a third edition of the event. [Federatie Opvang](#), the Dutch umbrella organization for women's shelters, has been tasked with

organizing and hosting the **Third World Conference of Women's Shelters, which will take place on November 3-5, 2015 in The Hague, Netherlands.**

After months of hard work, Federatie Opvang has managed to involve several Dutch Ministries that are willing to support the upcoming event. The conference program is currently being elaborated, and the organization now needs support finding sponsors for the event!

Do you have contact with sponsors that would be interested in sponsoring the 3rd World Conference of Women's Shelters? If so, contact Federatie Opvang at 3WCWS@opvang.nl. The 3WCWS Brochure, introducing the event, is available online.

Women's Aid Conference: 'Building the UK's First Census Profile of Women Killed by Men'

On February 12, 2015, WAVE Focal Point in the UK [Women's Aid](#) will be hosting the conference titled **'Building the UK's First Femicide Census: Profiles of Women Killed by Men'**, to present the results of UK's first census on women killed by men. This ground-breaking project will be an important tool in the future, enabling the organization to monitor fatal male violence against women, and providing valuable data to help reduce the number of women killed by men. The event will take place in London, and will bring together experts in femicide, to support the continuation and future development of the census, which currently provides detailed data on femicides committed in England since 2009. The census has been developed by Karen Ingala Smith, in partnership with Women's Aid, and with support from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and Deloitte LLP.

Register online for the conference by clicking [here](#); **for all enquiries**, you can address the [events team](#)!

Fourth International Conference on the Survivors of Rape, 20-22 November 2014



The [4th International Conference on Survivors of Rape \(ICoSR\)](#) was held in Lisbon, Portugal, where it was hosted by WAVE Focal Point **Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violência (AMCV)**, from November 20-22, 2014. The aim of the conference was to improve the knowledge of the impact of rape on survivors, as well as knowledge of the work of experts, researchers and support systems. It also focused on the responsibility of States to prevent Human Rights violations, particularly

rape, and to investigate rape crimes, and punish offenders. The conference and its speakers challenged EU institutions and European policy-makers to adopt a common European approach, to improve comparable data collection on rape, and to implement effective policies to prevent and combat sexual violence and rape.

The full Conference program is available [here](#); keep updated on the activities and projects of Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violência (AMCV) on their [website](#).

'Open Your Eyes' Conference held in Tallinn, Estonia, on 25 November 2014

On 25 November 2014, the **conference titled 'Open Your Eyes'** was held in Tallinn, Estonia. The conference was organized by WAVE Focal Point in Estonia, the [Estonian Women's Shelters Union](#), together with the [Estonian Women's Associations Roundtable](#), and the Men against Violence Network. Discussions focused on a wide range of themes linked to violence against women, including State responsibilities, the empowerment of survivors, the glamorization of violence against women in pop culture, and the FRA survey results on sexual violence against women in Europe.

Speakers included Dagfinn Sorli Norwegian Ambassador to Estonia, Andres Anvelt, Estonian Minister of Justice, Marianne Mikko, Vice-Chair of the European Union Affairs Committee of Riigikogu, Rosa Logar, co-founder of the WAVE Network, Sami Nevala, from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), among others.

International News

UNiTE Campaign Toolkit 25th November Celebrations - In the Former 'Orange your neighbourhood: International Day for the Yugoslav Republic End Violence against Women Elimination of Violence of Macedonia, the and Girls Now' Parliament adopts against Women a new a new path-

During the [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign](#) - running from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December 2014 (Human Rights Day) - the campaign "Orange your Neighbourhood: End Violence against Women and Girls Now" will be carried out by many organizations worldwide. The campaign takes place every year, and is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of violence against women and girls. In 2013, the UNiTE campaign launched a global call to "Orange the World in 16 Days", calling for all UN entities, civil society organizations, and individuals around the world to lead creative events, to highlight the need for initiatives to combat violence against women and girls. Find out more about the campaign by clicking [here](#); and follow it on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, celebrated throughout Europe and the world, was also the kick off for the 2014 edition of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign. At this occasion, WAVE Focal Point in Spain [Fundacion ASPACIA](#) launched the 'Draw the Line' campaign, with a video available on [youtube](#); [Casa Marioarei](#) in Moldova celebrated 25th November by taking part in the Orange Your Neighborhood campaign; the organization 'Fund Sukhumi' led several actions in cities of Georgia, gathering representatives of NGOs, teachers, youth, and journalists from all over Georgia; the Council of Europe participated in the official commemoration at the UN Headquarters, where the importance of the Council of Europe Convention was put forward (more info and pictures available [here](#)). On 25th November, WAVE also published a [press release](#) to highlight the need for sustainable specialized support services for women survivors of violence and their children in Europe. The various events and campaigns taking place during the 16 Days Campaign can be found on the [2014 Istanbul Convention Campaign Calendar website](#), which Article 7 requires States Parties to 'take the necessary legislative and other measures to adopt and implement State-wide effective,

comprehensive and coordinated policies encompassing all relevant measures to prevent and combat all forms of violence covered by the scope of this Convention and offer a holistic response to violence against women.'

New Research & Publications

Regional Tools to fight Violence against Women: The Belem do Para and Istanbul Convention

Published in February 2014 by the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Council of Europe, the document '**Regional Tools to Fight Violence Against Women - The Belem do Para and Istanbul Conventions**' aims 'to contribute to strategies and actions developed between the Organization of the American States and the Council of Europe in order to advance the agenda for women's equality.' In addition to providing the complete texts of both conventions, the document looks at several themes and outcomes of the [Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women](#) - political will to fight VAW, the convention and its follow-up mechanism, the extent of VAW in the Americas, and progress made in the implementation of Belem do Para - and of the [CoE Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women, and Domestic Violence](#) - Istanbul Convention as global tool to prevent and combat VAW, purpose and content of the convention, 12 steps to comply with the convention, as well as some features of the Istanbul Convention (i.e. FGM).

The 115-page document is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

'Study of Collected Narratives on Gender Perspectives in the 27 EU Member states - Synthesis Report', an EIGE 2013 publication

In September 2013, the [European Institute for Gender Equality \(EIGE\)](#) released a '**Study of Collected Narratives on Gender Perceptions in the 27 EU Member States - Synthesis Report**'. The aim of the synthesis report is to **map the persistence of stereotypical gender attitudes and perceptions**, through the collection of **real-life stories related to gender perceptions, in the form of narratives**. These narratives were then placed in an online database, and have then been analysed with the goal of identifying how stereotypical gender perceptions influence people's lives, as well as to provide background information on possible obstacles for increased gender equality. The report's content includes, among others: information on methodology used, an overview of collected narratives, as well as information on the dimension and effects of gender stereotypes, and how to deal with them, and very interestingly, inter-generational differences in gender perceptions.

To access the 200-page EIGE Study, click [here](#).

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