



Press Release

WAVE congratulates the newly appointed GREVIO President and two Vice-Presidents

24.09.2015: WAVE is pleased to announce the recent appointment of the President and Vice-Presidents of the GREVIO, proudly including two WAVE Board members – **congratulations to President Feride Acar, first Vice-President Rosa Logar, and second Vice-President Marceline Naudi!** Elected in May this year, the GREVIO is composed of Feride Acar (Turkish), Biljana Brankovic (Serbian), Françoise Brié (French), Helena Maria Carvallho Martins Leitao (Portuguese), Gemma Gallego (Spanish), Simona Lanzoni (Italian), Rosa Logar (Austrian), Iris Luarasi (Albanian), Marceline Naudi (Maltese), Vesna Ratkovic (Montenegrin).

Women against Violence Europe (WAVE) is a formal network of European women's NGOs working in the field of combating violence against women and children in 46 European countries. The WAVE Network against Violence against Women is located in Vienna, Austria.

The first meeting of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) was held on 21-23 September 2015, in Strasbourg. The first day of the meeting was marked by the first election of the President and two Vice-Presidents of the GREVIO, as well as the adoption of its Rules of Procedure.

The President is Professor Feride Acar, who is a former Chairperson, and a current member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Additionally, she is also a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, Turkey. First Vice President is Ms. Rosa Logar, who is Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Centre in Vienna, which is an NGO based in Vienna. The NGO provides specialized services for victims of violence against women and domestic violence. The second Vice-President is Dr. Marceline Naudi, who is Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Gender studies, within the Faculty of Social Wellbeing at the University of Malta. They will each have a two-year term in office.



From left to right: Dr. Marceline Naudi, Prof. Feride Acar, and Ms. Rosa Logar

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