

# **Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action**

**Conference organised by the Council of Europe in partnership with the  
German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,  
Women and Youth in the framework of the  
German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe**

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Online**

## **PROGRAMME**



- 10:00 – 10:35 am **Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator
- High-level opening of the conference: The Istanbul Convention today and its achievements**
- Franziska Giffey**, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany  
**Marija Pejčinović Burić**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
**Marceline Naudi**, President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence  
**Rik Daems**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe  
**Marcella Pirrone**, President, Women Against Violence Europe
- Official signing of the mutual declaration between Germany and Portugal***
- Franziska Giffey**, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany  
**Mariana Vieira da Silva**, Minister of State of the Presidency, Portugal
- 10:35 – 10:40 am *Projection of video “Stronger than violence” by the rapper, Eko Fresh*
- 10:40 – 10:55 am *Coffee break*
- 10:55 – 11:20 am **Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator
- The Istanbul Convention: the gamechanger for women and girls – presented by Feride Acar**, first President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Presentation of the four Ps (Pillars) of the Istanbul Convention in video format – Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Co-ordinated Policies**
- 11:20 – 12:30 pm **Moderator: Nils Muižnieks**, Director for the Europe regional office, Amnesty International
- The Istanbul Convention: Gold standard, useful tool or dangerous ideology?**
- Dubravka Šimonović**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and Co-Chair of the drafting committee of the Istanbul Convention  
**Nina Nordström**, President of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention  
**Neil Datta**, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights  
**Beka Dzamashvili**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm *Lunch break*

*Videos produced by Germany and by the Council of Europe will be projected during the lunch break*

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2:00 – 3:15 pm

**Astrid Frohloff**, Conference moderator

**Combating gender stereotypes and sexism: tackling the roots of gender inequality and violence against women**

**Andreia Lourenço Marques**, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission

**Emily Yiolitis**, Minister of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus

**Élisabeth Moreno**, Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, attached to the Prime Minister, France

**Joanna Maycock**, **Secretary General, European Women's Lobby**

**Juliane Seifert**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

**Alexandra Timmer**, Associate Professor, Utrecht University School of Law, the Netherlands

3:15 – 3:30 pm

*Coffee break*

3:30 – 3:50 pm

**Elif Shafak**, Writer, Academic, Public Speaker, and Women's Rights Activist

3:50 – 4:15 pm

**Concluding remarks**

**Christine Chinkin**, Conference Rapporteur

**Bjørn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

**Michael Roth**, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office