



This Programme is funded
by the European Union



vol 2

IMPLEMENTING NORMS, CHANGING MINDS

SUPPORTING WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IS VITAL FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Rosa Logar, one of the founding members of the Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) Network, discusses their involvement in the regional programme on ending violence against women in the Western Balkans and Turkey and the vital role that CSOs play in the fight to end violence against women. [Read more here](#)



GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The EU-UN Women regional programme, 'Implementing Norms, Changing Minds' is being implemented in Kosovo*. Dhurata Hoxha Sadiku, Minister of Justice, talks about the relevance of this initiative and how the Government of Kosovo is planning to address the issue of gender-based violence.

[Read her interview here](#)



GENDER EQUALITY, KEY TO ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Mila Carovska has been the Minister of Labour and Social Policy for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since May 2017. She is a long-standing human rights activist with extensive experience in the NGO sector and an independent expert in social protection, sexual reproductive rights, and gender equality. The Ministry is a partner of UN Women in advancing the gender equality agenda and combatting violence against women in the country. [Check her interview here](#)

*In accordance with the February 2012 EU agreement on regional representation of Kosovo, this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. For UN Women, all references to Kosovo in this text shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

SERBIA FIGHTS TO CURB VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Calls to curb domestic violence in Serbia are mounting after two women, and a child were killed in two separate incidents in the same week. Statistics show that every second a woman suffers some form of violence. How is the country tackling the rising tide of gender-based violence?

Read the story [here](#)



TURKISH WOMEN'S UNION SUPPORTS CIVIL SOCIETY TO ADVOCATE FOR LAWS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Established in 1924, with the aim of promoting the active participation of women in social and political life, the Turkish Women's Union (TWU) is Turkey's oldest women's organization. Since 2005, the Union has acted as the Secretariat of the Executive Committee for the

civil society organizations forum on The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which has been preparing shadow reports for presentation to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. The Executive Committee is a coalition made up of 14 independent women's CSOs (with a focus on gender equality) and LGBT organizations working regionally and nationally.

With branches in 80 provinces, TWU focuses on areas of education, legislation, violence against women and raising awareness of gender equality. The Union also implemented

the EU-funded project 'Hang On: Istanbul Convention', which aims to build the capacity of rights-based women's organizations. The project provides information about the Convention and supports the development of skills for lobbying and advocacy at all levels for preventing and combating violence against women.

As part of the 'Implementing Norms, Changing Minds' programme, TWU will partner with UN Women to strengthen the capacity of civil society groups to advocate for the development and implementation of laws in line with CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention.

The organization will work with over 60 representatives from women's groups, to enhance their capacity to monitor state obligations under CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention. Furthermore, it will prepare a shadow report for the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), the independent expert body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. In consultation with women's groups, the Union will develop a three-year action plan to address the multiple challenges CSOs face in monitoring, documenting and reporting human rights violations.

Read more about TWU here:

<http://www.turkkadinlاربirliđi.org>

INFOGRAPHIC SECTION

Gaps in response to violence against women and girls in Albania



Support services for children witnesses of violence need to be enhanced and expanded nation-wide.

NEWS BRIEF

Check out the latest news, publications and updates from programme partners and the media on ending violence against women in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

Download our monthly news brief [here](#)



This publication has been produced with the financial assistance of the European Union. The contents of this publication are the sole responsibility of **Ending Violence Against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Implementing Norms, Changing Minds** and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Union.

Contact: Yolanda Iriarte, Regional Programme Manager, Implementing Norms, Changing Minds
Email: eca.evawproject@unwomen.org
Web: <http://eca.unwomen.org>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/unwomeneuropecentralasia
Twitter: www.twitter.com/unwomeneca
[#changingmindstoEVAW](https://twitter.com/changingmindstoEVAW)

