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European Development Days Forum in Brussels. Photo: © European Union

REGIONAL PROGRAMME AT THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT DAYS FORUM IN BRUSSELS

The European Union (EU) and UN Women will showcase the joint regional programme “Implementing Norms, Changing Minds” to end violence against women in the Western Balkans and Turkey at the **European Development Days** (EDD) Forum 2018.

The event, to be held in Brussels on 5 and 6 June 2018, focuses on the theme ‘Women and Girls at the Forefront of Sustainable Development: Protect, empower, invest’.

The three-year EU-UN Women programme, financed by the European Commission to the

tune of five million euros, is working with women’s organizations in the Western Balkans and Turkey to prevent and respond to violence against women, and to advance the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

The EDD forum is expected to bring together governments, international organizations, civil society groups, donors, private sector organizations and individual development players to discuss gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

“MANY WOMEN DON’T HAVE ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS”

Sibel Güneş Ergün is a feminist activist who has been working on gender equality and human rights in Ankara, Turkey since 2010. Currently, she is coordinating a project to strengthen the representation of women survivors of violence in the justice system at the Capacity Development Association (KAGED), as part of the regional programme, ‘Implementing Norms, Changing Minds’. Read her interview [here](#):



TAKE FIVE: “SERVICES NEED TO BE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO WOMEN WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF DISABILITIES”

Veronika Mitro is one of the most vocal advocates for women’s rights in Serbia with a particular focus on the sexuality of women with disabilities. Read her interview [here](#):



VOICES FROM THE FIELD

“As part of the programme, UN Women has supported the improvement of the quality of services for women survivors of violence in all shelters through trainings for shelter staff, which are in line with the Istanbul Convention and CEDAW.”

Erblina Dinarama
Shelter staff/activist
Safe House
Gjakova, Kosovo (Under UNSCR 1244)

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