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# IMPLEMENTING NORMS, CHANGING MINDS

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2018, the regional programme "Implementing Norms, Changing Minds" created an interactive map showcasing 39 women's rights activists working to end discrimination and violence in the Western Balkans and Turkey. [Read more.](#)



## THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MONTENEGRO

It has been seven years since the Montenegrin Government signed the Istanbul Convention – and four years since its entry into force. How has this regional treaty improved the situation for women survivors of violence in the country? [Read the article here:](#)



## TAKE FIVE: HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION WITH THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION - A PRIORITY FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Daniela Rangelova, Member of Parliament in the former Yugoslav Republic (fYR) of Macedonia, explains the importance of harmonizing the national legislation on violence against women with the Istanbul Convention. [Read more.](#)

## IN THE WORDS OF SANEM ÖZTÜRK: “OUR AIM IS TO BUILD A STRONG AND ENDURING SOLIDARITY NETWORK THAT BRINGS TOGETHER WOMEN FROM TURKEY AND SYRIA”

Sanem Öztürk is a sociologist and activist based in Istanbul, Turkey. She is working with the Women's Solidarity Foundation (KADAV) under the regional programme to build the capacity and maintain a network of Syrian and Turkish women CSOs, to work together to develop tools for combating sexual and gender-based violence within the framework of the Istanbul Convention and CEDAW. [Read her blog here.](#)



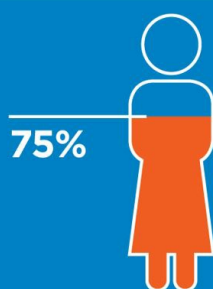
## NEWS BRIEF

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.

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**Only 13% of service providers dedicate more than 75% of their work to supporting survivors of violence.**

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