## Short Bios of the experts

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<td><strong>Sophie Hansal</strong>&lt;br&gt;Public Relation manager of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna&lt;br&gt;Board member of the Austrian Women’s Lobby&lt;br&gt;Alternate Board member to the European Women’s Lobby&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:sophie.hansal@interventionstelle-wien.at">sophie.hansal@interventionstelle-wien.at</a></td>
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<td>Sophie Hansal currently works for the Domestic Violence Centre Vienna. She is a board member of the Austrian Women’s Lobby, an alternate delegate to the European Women’s Lobby and a delegate to WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe. Her areas of work include political lobbying for gender equality, representations of VAW in the media, structural forms of VAW, cyber violence, LGBTIQ+ rights and intersectionality. She holds a master’s degree in gender studies. At a national level, Sophie coordinates the Alliance for a Life Free From Violence, a network of over 30 NGOs and experts who advocate for the full implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Austria. The Alliance for a Life Free From Violence holds regular meetings, meets with politicians and stakeholders and organizes public events on the issue of GBV.</td>
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<td>Journalistic and co-founder of the Women's Council in Denmark</td>
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Johanna Nejedlová co-founded Konsent, in 2015, an organisation aiming to change the conversation surrounding traditional Czech attitudes towards sex and sexual violence. Working along the platform of “Vidíš to neočka, tak to nechce” (“If you don’t want to, she doesn’t want to”) Johanna has been a dynamic force in guiding young Czech women towards a different aspect of their own rights and power. Thanks to a grant from the US Embassy, Konsent produced a video for “Vidíš to neočka, tak to nechce” which addresses the very necessary subject of her organisation’s name. Upon its release Johanna was flooded with emails from girls and young women eager to be heard and to volunteer their time. Johanna began writing a column for Alem, a popular and savvy publication focusing on culture, society, and politics. She teamed up with artists to promote a groundbreaking art installation forcing the public to acknowledge the reality of incest. Konsent held a workshop on street harassment at the first conference on harassment in public space in the Czech Republic, spearheaded by Kingsen zenny (Congress of Women.) Johanna is member of the Women’s Lobby working group focusing on violence against women. She has given numerous interviews and fights tirelessly for the media to highlight the autonomy of women’s bodies.

Lisa Homfjord holds a position as the Danish National Observatory on IAW. She has worked on the topic of violence against women since 2001. First as a social worker, then as head of a shelter for battered women and now as CEO for Danish Women’s Societies shelters in Denmark. Since May 2011 to May 2013 she has been the president of the Danish Women Society, Denmark’s oldest women’s organisation. One of the main concerns of the organisation is the elimination of all violence against women. She is the co-author of a book on violence against women and how the Danish legislation and its demand for shared custody retains women and children in violence. She was a Danish Women’s Council boardmember from 2011- 2017 and elected again for a new term, April 2019. She is also a member of the national observatory on IAW since 2009 and a long-term member of IAW (International Alliance of Women).

Eha Reitelmann is board member of the Estonian Women’s Shelters Union and acts as an expert in the issues related to trafficking. She also directly assisting and coordinating services for female victims of trafficking and prostitution, later on domestic violence. She was involved in establishing women’s shelters in 12 counties out of 15 counties in Estonia. She was instrumental in setting up hotline 1492 for women victims of violence and was the founder of Estonian Women’s Shelters Union in 2006. Within 2006-2016 she organised basic and further training courses for shelters staff in the amount of over one thousand hours. In 2006-2008 she was Estonian NGO coordinator for the Nordic-Baltic pilot project under which services for women trafficked for sexual exploitation were developed. In 2013-2016 she coordinated the pre-defined project under the Norway Grants program, whereby we developed complex services for Estonian women’s shelters which includes emergency crisis support, psychological and legal counselling and accommodation. She has been an active promoter of the ratification of the Istanbul convention in Estonia, which was ratified in 2017.

Anna Nuorio is the Executive Director of the Exit Prostitution Association, and before being the director she worked there as a coordinator. She has also worked briefly as a coordinator in NYTKIS. She is also the Director of Finnish Women’s Associations. She has a background in working with children and youth and have done my masters in Gender Studies with a special focus on violence against women, sexuality, gender and human rights. She has given speeches in conferences and seminars both in Finland and abroad and train professionals and volunteers frequently on the topic. Last year, she was the Finnish Independent representative for the Mutual Learning program on Gender equality for the European Commission. At her current post she both works directly assisting and coordinating services for female victims of trafficking and acts as an expert in the issues related to trafficking. She also attended as a support person to court proceedings and police hearings when the victims wish so.

Isabelle TRIMAILLE is the Coordinator of the CSIF Commission on violence against women. She is chair of the national coordination commission on violence against women involving all the relevant associations. She has organised workshops at European level on the Istanbul Convention.

Irene Fereti is the President of the Greek League for Women’s Rights since 2017 and Director of the GLWR Journal “Women’s Struggle”. She is in charge of the Counseling Service of the GLWR, established in 1990, offering free legal advice and social and psychological support to women and children victims of violence. She has worked as a senior researcher at the Institute of Child Health, where she has also developed prevention programs and trained professionals in IAWG. She has been a member in the committee who drafted the Greek Law regulating Family Violence. Her discipline background is Criminology and Sociology with studies both in the UK and the US (Ford Foundation Fellow University of California, Berkeley).
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Enikő Pap is conducting advocacy work for better legislation & implementation to respond to VAW. She analyses respective laws, policies and practices in the field, and formulates policy recommendations. She has been involved in numerous national and international programmes and projects. Enikő Pap is a legal expert of NANE Women’s Rights Association, NANE is a grassroot organisation specialised in preventing and combating violence against women, being active at different levels: individual, community, national and international, and secretary of the Hungarian Women’s Lobby. She is an EWS Observatory expert since 2015. She has international & human rights law background. Her professional career focuses on the application of international human rights norms on promoting gender equality, particularly on eliminating VAW. She conducted related research & evaluation on VAW for the EC, EIGE, OS & UN. Enikő Pap is a co-author and co-editor of several national and international publications in the field. It includes, among others, submissions and alternative reports to international human rights bodies, e.g. the UN CEDAW Committee. In 2018 she was the co-author of a study for the European Parliament’s FEMM Committee entitled "Backlash on Women’s and Girls’ Rights”.

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Hildur Fjóla Antonsdóttir is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology of Law at Lund University in Sweden. Her thesis is about the meaning of justice for people who have been subjected to violence and how this knowledge can be used to further develop traditional and non-traditional justice mechanisms. In May 2018, she submitted a commissioned policy paper on how to strengthen the legal status and rights of victims-survivors of sexual violence to the Icelandic Prime Minister’s Steering Group on a system-wide response to sexual violence. Previously, she has conducted research on the processing of rape cases within the Icelandic criminal justice system. She has also worked in the field of development on issues related to eliminating violence against women both within UNFEM (now UN Women) and the United Nations University Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme (UNU-GEST). She is currently a board member of Stigamót – Education and Counseling Center for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence.

ICELAND- The National Women’s Council of Iceland – HWL

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Mary Crilly, is a Founder and Director of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork, a frontline service provider to victims of sexual violence, which opened in 1983. A feminist activist, she has witnessed and been party to, much of the change in Irish society and the cultural and institutional responses to violence against women over the past 4 decades. She is noted for her tireless campaigning for policy and legal change in the areas of sexual violence, sex trafficking, domestic violence, female genital mutilation and human rights. She is active at local, regional, national and international levels. Mary holds an MA in Women’s Studies and the Diploma in the Psychology of Criminal Behaviour from University College Cork. She is a committed member of the Irish National Observatory on VAW and from 2017, served as the Irish expert to the European Women’s Lobby on Violence Against Women.

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Siusi Casaccia from Forum Associazione Donne Giuriste and LEF Italia is a member of a women lawyer’s association involved in work on women’s rights and VAW. In the 90’s she was the co-founder of a women’s shelter. She provides legal assistance to women on family law and VAW in its different kind. She organises and attends as a speaker trainings about ending violence against women. She is part of the group of experts who wrote the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process.

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Edite is the founder of the Latvian national coordination of European Women’s Lobby. She is a psychologist-by-profession and human resources professional in daily work dealing with diversity and inclusion, and workplace discrimination and prevention. She serves on relevant national gender equality bodies as National Gender Equality Committee and relevant task forces and working groups at Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health and others. She has experience in designing and leading training programmes on unconscious bias and diversity in the workplace. She is the Coordinator of a training programme on Responsible Business Ambassadors and the author of a young female mentoring programme and Young Feminist Summer Winter academy programme, bringing together young feminists from the Baltic and Scandinavia strengthening their knowledge and skills on various topics and become confident feminist leaders.

LATVIA- Women’s NGOs Cooperation Network of Latvia

Dovile Masalskienė (on maternity leave)
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Dovile Nasalskienė, works at the Women’s Issues Information Centre (WII), where she provides legal aid for women victims since 2015. She is a lecturer on VAW and domestic violence in Lithuania, European & International legislation, practices, both for the society & specialists working in the field. She is the author of a book on Domestic violence that provides insight on the situation in Lithuania, as well as practical advice for women. She carried out a study on TBV of women from forced labour -domestic workers in Lithuania. Dovile ensures the successful running of the Specialised Assistance Center in Vilnius that is providing consultations for survivors of domestic violence. She also provides legal counselling for survivors of domestic violence. Dovile participates in the meetings with other women NGOs members of Lithuanian Women’s Lobby, as well as all 17 NGO’s working on domestic violence in Lithuania. Dovile also cooperated with human rights NGO’s and state institutions in different countries in the EU.

LITHUANIA- Lithuanian Women’s Lobby

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<td>André Birnbaum</td>
<td>Director of Femmes en detresse</td>
<td>André Birnbaum is Director general of FEMMES EN DETRESSE. The aim of the association is to provide women, their children, and young women and girls with effective protection against violence through the development and management of shelters for women and girls in distress, and information and consultation centers. The association aims at improving the living conditions of women by helping them integrate into economic and social life by providing them with psychological, legal and social assistance and offering them specific training. André has lead on MACAO, a new emergency shelter for women. André is member of the national committee against domestic violence, in contact with public authorities and other civil society organisations. André has social work experience of 20 years working with persons with disabilities, senior and elderly persons, children and youth work. She also worked at the University of Luxembourg as an academic responsible of liaison with social institutions.</td>
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<td>Lara Dimitrijevic</td>
<td>Lawyer, Founder and Director of Women’s Rights Foundation</td>
<td>Dr. Lara Dimitrijevic graduated as Doctor of Laws in December 2008 and has specialised in the field of family law and human rights, with particular interest to issues related to domestic violence and intimate partner violence, human trafficking, sexual abuse, sexual and reproductive rights and human rights. Dimitrijevic is Founder and Director of Women’s Rights Foundation and has been actively advocating for women’s rights. Dimitrijevic has spearheaded a number of human rights cases dealing with discrimination against women. She is currently a representative on the European Women’s Lobby “Observatory of Violence against Women” on behalf of Malta Confederation of Women Organisations, a delegate to Women Against Violence Europe, a member of the Commission on Gender Based Violence and Domestic violence (Medusa), as well as a national expert for gender risks.</td>
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<td>Essa Reijmers</td>
<td>Policy Advisor Innovation &amp; Development Blijf Groep</td>
<td>Essa Reijmers represents the Dutch Women’s Council (Nederlandse Vrouwenraad) and has been working for Blijf Groep, one of the largest women’s shelter organizations in the Netherlands since 1996. Blijf Groep has 6 shelters and a wide range of non-residential services in two prolonas. Her focus at Blijf Groep has always been on innovation and development of new approaches, amongst which digital safety as part of the pattern of IPV and systems interventions (Orange House approach). She is also involved in research on the programs Blijf Groep has developed. She supports social workers in their daily job to find the most effective and efficient ways to help and support women and their families. Essa was one of the pioneers bringing the American Safety Net project to the Netherlands (<a href="https://safetyned.org/">https://safetyned.org/</a>) and active in the EWA-C project WorkNetRights. She has been active in local, national and international networks over the last 15 years. She participated in two World Conferences on women’s shelters and helped organise the one in The Hague (2015). She will join the 4th World Conference of Women’s Shelters in Taiwan (November 2019) and be active in workshops on both the Orange House approach, SafetyNet and Rethinking Innovation.</td>
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<td>Liljana Popovska</td>
<td>MP of the Republic of North Macedonia</td>
<td>Liljana Popovska is Member of the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia 2002-2019, member of the lobby groups for women, disability, HIV/AIDS, LGBT and green politics. She was the Coordinator of the Macedonian Women’s Lobby 2001-2006. She has also been Vice-President of the Parliament, Deputy Minister for development, adviser of the Mayor of Skopje, councilor in the City Council of Skopje, researcher in the Institute of Pharmaceutical factory “Alkaloid”. Founder and President of the green political party the Democratic Renewal of Macedonia 2006-2019 (member of the European Greens). Liljana Popovska was the initiator as a President of the Committee for equal opportunities of men and women and was a member of the Board of the Women’s in Parliament Club that has a big focus on VAW. Engineer of chemical technology, MS in technical sciences and PhD in political science.</td>
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<td>Malgorzata Tarasiewicz</td>
<td>President Network of East West Women</td>
<td>Malgorzata Tarasiewicz has been involved in many projects aiming at opposing violence against women at the local, national and international level. As the President of the Network of East-West Women (NEW) she has been coordinating projects aiming at policy changes, and introduction of measures that would oppose men’s violence against women. She was active in the campaign which led Poland to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention on Violence against Women. She is now at the possibilities at the city level to support programs to oppose male violence against women.</td>
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<td>Isabel Ventura</td>
<td>APEM- Portuguese Association of Women’s studies</td>
<td>Isabel Ventura works at APEM - Portuguese Association of Women’s studies and JPG - Women Without Borders, member organisations of the Portuguese Platform for Women’s Rights. She holds a PhD in Sociology, and is an invited professor at the Catholic University of Orvieto where she coordinates a Master course seminar about law, gender and sex crimes. She is a research member of the group of Women Studies at the CDRM (The Centre of Studies on Margination and Intercultural Relations), from the Portuguese Open University. She is the author of “Medusa at the Courthouse or a History of Rape” (2018) and “The first Portuguese female reporters” (2012). She focuses her work mainly on sexual violence.</td>
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Since 2000, Laura is the CEO of Community Safety and Mediation Center (OVMC) in Romania. She coordinated over 25 programs related to social services (domestic violence, child abuse, vulnerable victims). She projects for unemployed persons in rural areas (mainly women) focused on social inclusion, coordinated over 15 projects of community development, including cross-border projects, promote and advocate for new policies in the field of community development, victim protection and women rights. She has coordinated projects focused on violence against women; equality between women and men; women in politics and decision making; women in rural areas; women and poverty; Roma women; migrant women. Since 2000 she promotes new legislation in the field of violence against women in Romania and conflict resolution, changing and adapting legislation and norms of application of laws in the field together with others NGOs part of the legislation group inside coalitions and networks. Since 2010 she represents Romania as an expert in European Observatory on Violence against Women of European Women’s Lobby, and since 2011 she became Vice President and in January 2015 President of the Romanian Women’s Lobby.

Dijana Malbasa
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Since 2012 Dijana has worked as a waiter in Autonomous Women’s Center providing legal aid to women victims of male violence, mainly domestic and sexual violence. She is also engaged in providing training on gender based violence issues and asylum issues. Also she worked on policy analysis regarding the implementation of gender dimension in migration and asylum system and has been involved in advocating for implementation of Istanbul Convention in Serbian asylum legislation. Dijana was also engaged in a project relating to position of migrant women and the implementation of a gender dimension in Serbian migration and asylum system, which resulting in the adoption of a new Law on Asylum which recognises GBV as ground for granting international protection. Dijana provides legal aid via telephone help line and in direct individual consultation. Her work also includes risk assessments and development of safety plans for victims of violence.

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Barbora Holubová is a sociologist with more than 14 years of working experiences in applied research. In the area of violence against women and gender inequalities, she is currently working as an independent researcher. Previously she was employed in the state research institute affiliated to the ministry responsible for the gender equality and coordination of the VVR policies in Slovakia for 10 years. She worked also as a research officer in the gender-based violence team of the European Institute for Gender Equality in Bruxelles, Lithuania in 2016 - 2017. She is an author and co-author of numerous research reports and publications. She was involved in managing several national and EU-wide projects in the area of violence against women. In her research, she intensively cooperates with women’s NGO and activists operating in the field of specialised support services for women’s survivors of violence against women and protecting the women’s rights. Barbora was for more than 10 years a member of several working groups in the area of violence against women reviewing the proposed policies and developing the national action plans in Slovakia.

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Mag. Špela Veselš is an Expert Associate at the Association SOS Help-Line for Women & Children – Victims of Violence. She was an EOWL Observatory expert 2012 mandate and from 2006-2009 again. She is the author of numerous articles and books on violence against women and the situation in Slovenia and its compliance with the International Human rights standards, also standards of Istanbul Convention. She led many social media and media campaigns since 2005 and different projects on VAW since 2001. She works as an expert and coordinator; with the media, on lobbying with policy makers and policy taken. She participates as an expert in different conferences, round tables, trainings. Networking is an important part of her work as well preparing articles, studies, awareness raising materials. She started working at the Association SOS Help-Line as a volunteer in 1995. Since then she is doing networking home and abroad. Association SOS Help-Line is a grassroots level NGO that runs two shelters for women and their children – victims of violence, SOS Help-line, self-help group and psychosocial counselling. They cooperate with other NGOs, and service providers on daily basis – mainly in Slovenia but also abroad. They have established a network with NGOs from former Yugoslavia, and regularly cooperate with neighbouring countries’. NGOs. Association SOS Help-Line is also a focal point organisation for Slovenia in the frame of WAVE Network.

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Elvira is the Manager of the Office of Health Technology Assessment of the Principality of Asturias (DATIPA). DATIPA belongs to SIDIPA, the Spanish Public Health System of the region, and is supported by the Regional Ministry of Health. She has experience in the creation, organisation and analysis of health care records in violence against women, a programme of care for battered women and the development of the first health care protocol for violence against women. She also is responsible for the planning and organisation of training for health workers and public workers jointly with the Asturias Women’s Institute. She also worked on the elaboration and edition of a didactic guide of diagnosis and treatment in gender violence in primary care. She has broad experience in teaching and diffusing of gender violence guides into the Public Health System. She is active in the Forum Politico Feminista in Asturias.

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