



10th Conference on Femicide/Femicide

Not One Woman Less!

Strengthening EU-CELAC cooperation in the struggle against femicide/femicide

Concept

Violence against women (VAW) and femicide/femicide continue to be a serious public health problem, as well as one of the most complex and tenacious human rights violations both in Latin America and Europe. Due to this social pandemic, the 2013 and 2015 EU-CELAC¹ Summits resulted in the inclusion of Chapter 7 into their respective Action Plans. This chapter is entirely dedicated to guaranteeing gender equality, as well as the protection, promotion, and implementation of women's rights – one of their main aspects being the eradication of all forms of VAW. Nevertheless, despite what has been established in the aforementioned Action Plans, there are only few bi-regional initiatives carried out with regard to the fight against violence affecting women and girls. The scarce cooperative programs that are initiated by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the EU and CELAC members in this area do neither form a coherent strategy, nor do they live up to the normative standards of the relevant regional and international treaties.

In fact, both regions are affected by international treaties that are fundamental to the eradication of violence against women and girls: The Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) of the Council of Europe, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women (Belém do Pará Convention) in the Americas, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) at the global level. In addition to the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, the above mentioned mechanisms constitute the foundation of States' obligations with regard to the fight against violence against women and girls. Hence, we understand that these international instruments should serve as the guidelines for the implementation of policies under Chapter 7.

Objectives of the Conference

The *X Conference on Femicide/Femicide: a Global Phenomenon* will reflect upon the key challenges of the contemporary fight against VAW in which cooperation between EU and Latin America could contribute to ending VAW as well as femicide. Taking into account the existing normative frameworks and international instruments, the conference aims to identify those actions with the highest potential for collaboration, implementation, and impact with regard to the eradication of VAW and girls in both regions. The specific objectives are the following:

¹ European Union and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

- Identifying common challenges and obstacles in the implementation of the existing frameworks in both regions, especially considering the Istanbul Convention and the Belém do Pará Convention.
- Exchanging experiences on actions to prevent violence against women and girls with a focus on human rights and women's access to justice.
- Examining strategies for the appropriate training of public officials involved in cases of violence against women and girls, including police officers, judges, and prosecutors, considering the critical role of law enforcement in safeguarding women's human rights.
- Analyzing media (mis)representation of the phenomena of VAW and femicide/femicide, as well as exploring existing projects that promote gender-sensitive news coverage on these issues.

In order to guarantee a sustainable cooperation between the EU and Latin America on the issue of violence against women and girls, the most relevant results of all of the individual issues will be further developed and outlined in the form of concrete proposals for potential projects and actions that adhere to the given framework of Chapter 7 and similar frameworks.

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Agenda	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Conference Opening and Introduction Moderation: Ernest Urtasun, MEP-Greens/EFA</p> <p>Patricia Jiménez, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Head of Global Dialogue Programme</p> <p>Manfredo Fanti, Head of Division Americas Department/Regional Affairs, European External Action Service (EEAS)</p>
9:45 – 11:20	<p>Panel I: Challenges in the Implementation of Legal Frameworks on Violence Against Women and Femicide/Femicide</p> <p>Moderation: Patsilí Toledo Vásquez, Lawyer and Adjunct lecturer at the Law Department of the University Pompeu Fabra, Spain</p> <p>Dubravka Simonovic, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences</p> <p>Leila Linhares Barsted, Principal Expert of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), Brazil</p> <p>Asha Allen, Policy and Campaigns Officer, European Women’s Lobby</p> <p>Debate</p>
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee Break
11:40 –13:15	<p>Panel II: Protection and Access to Justice for Women that are Victims of Violence Moderation: Marta Ibero, Executive Secretary, EU-LAT Advocacy Network</p> <p>Rosa Logar, Domestic Abuse Intervention Center Austria, Member of GREVIO</p> <p>Luz Patricia Mejía, Technical Secretary of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI)</p> <p>Natalia Gherardi – Executive Director of the Latin American Group for Gender and Justice (ELA)</p> <p>Debate</p>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break

<p>14:15 – 15:55</p>	<p>Panel III: Challenges in the Training of Public Officials on the Prevention of Violence Against Women</p> <p>Moderation: Cornelia Hoffmann, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung EU, Head of EU Programmes & Democracy</p> <p>Eva Villareal Pascual, Legal Gender Specialist, Technical Secretariat of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI)</p> <p>Prof. Vasso Artinopoulou, Professor in Criminology at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (Greece), Head of the Crime and Criminal Justice Unit and the Gender Issues Unit in the European Public Law Organisation (EPLO, EU)</p> <p>Adriana Benjumea, Director of Corporación Humanas, Colombia</p> <p>Debate</p>
<p>15:55 –16:10</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>16:10 – 17:45</p>	<p>Panel IV: A Gender-Sensitive Approach to Media Coverage of Violence Against Women and Femicide/Femicide</p> <p>Moderation: Florent Marcellesi, MEP Greens/EFA</p> <p>Tatiana Rein Venegas, Principal Expert of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), Chile</p> <p>Pamela Morinière, Head of Communications, International Federation of Journalists</p> <p>Mariana Carbajal, Journalist at Página/12 (Argentina). Expert of Gender-Sensitive Journalism. Consultant on Communication and Gender</p> <p>Debate</p>
<p>17:45 –18:00</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Patsilí Toledo Vásquez, Lawyer and Adjunct lecturer at the Law Department of the University Pompeu Fabra, Spain</p>