



Thursday, 6 May 2021, 10:00 – 12:30

***Targeted NGOs consultations for the Commission initiative on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence***

***Joint meeting of the ad hoc Victims' Rights Platform and NGOs working in the area of violence against women***

***Video conference via WebEx***

***Agenda***

*The objective of the targeted consultation event is to exchange views in support of the preparation of the upcoming legislative initiative on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.*

09:45      ***Log in***

10:00      ***Welcome and introduction of participants by Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, EC Coordinator for victims' rights, and a representative of DG Justice Unit on Gender Equality***

10:10      ***Exchange of views on ensuring the prevention of gender-based violence, and support to and protection of victims***

*Participants will be invited to exchange on the topics outlined below for gathering evidence and views to facilitate the preparation of the legislative initiative. The focus of the discussion will be on identifying gaps in protection and suggesting solutions in light of the organisations' experience from the field.*

- *Concrete actions for the prevention of violence against women and domestic violence;*
- *Victim support services (including specialised support services);*
- *Access to justice: main obstacles and possible solutions;*
- *Policy coordination;*
- *Intersectional approach / multiple forms of discrimination.*

11:30      ***Exchange of views on the physical protection of victims of violence against women and domestic violence***

*During the second exchange of views, the participants will be asked to elaborate on possible solutions, including an intersectional approach, for the strengthened physical protection of victims of violence against women and domestic violence in light of the topics below:*

- *National protection measures, including protection and barring orders – efficiency and availability for victims of violence against women, including domestic violence;*
- *Access to specialist and targeted support services in the framework of physical protection measures, including shelters for persons in need of safe space and Family Houses.*

12:15      ***Concluding remarks by the Commission***

12:30      ***End of the meeting***