

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN ALBANIA

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Situation in Albania

- **Taking action to effectively prevent and fight violence against women, particularly domestic violence.** (*104.44 –Algeria; 104.45-Slovakia; 104.46-Turkey; 104.55-France*);
- Reform of the legislation against domestic violence, based on the international standards;
- New legislation for regulating free legal aid and access to justice;
- New mechanisms against domestic violence, ex. Police Protection Order;
- Need: Strengthen state bodies against domestic violence and their efficiency, especially in local government.

Recommendations

- Establishing the referral mechanism against domestic violence in all municipalities of the country;
- Drafting a framework law on preventing and combating violence against women;
- Setting up mechanisms in order to implement the new law on legal aid and the amendments of domestic violence law;
- Setting up mechanisms in order to enforce court decisions on protection orders and compensation of victims of gender based violence.

Situation in Albania

- **Addressing the factors, which may still prevent women from filing complaints regarding episodes of violence; (104.47-Italy);**
- Raise awareness of women, in denouncing domestic violence in collaboration with CSO-s;
- Assisting domestic violence cases in local referral mechanisms (partially completed)
- Need: More support for the institutions dealing with domestic violence cases;

Recommendations

- Improving the cooperation among the institutions that are part of referral mechanisms, for a better assistance to the victims;
- Approving the draft Parliamentary strategy in public education and implementing it especially in rural areas;
- Increasing the collaboration with civil society for public awareness.
- Implementing the Judicial Reform in order to increase the reliability of the justice system;

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- **Raising public awareness of domestic violence as a criminal offence** (*105.22-Czech Republic*);
- The curricula was improved at the university level;
- The issues were included in awareness campaigns, organized in collaboration with civil society organisations;
- Need: Monitoring the situation and using media as a tool for information.

Recommendations

- Establishing an action plan for monitoring of pre-university curricula, in order to improve it;
- Establishing an action plan for monitoring the punishment rate situation and the information of citizens;
- Approving the existing draft Parliamentary strategy in public education and implementing it;
- Increasing the collaboration between Albanian Institutions and CSO's for awareness campaigns;

Thank you!

- ❑ MONITORING NETWORK AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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