



## WAVE Newsletter January-February 2019

### WAVE News



#### WAVE Conference Location Announced

The WAVE Head-office is happy to announce that the 2019 WAVE Conference will be held from October 7-9, 2019 in Tallinn, Estonia. Registration for the conference will begin during Spring of this year. Registration for the conference will begin during Spring of this year. Stay tuned to WAVE social media & the WAVE website to stay updated on latest WAVE Conference news!

#### New organisations are joining the WAVE Network

The WAVE Network has been steadily expanding its membership over the last year. [The following organisations](#) joined WAVE in 2018 and early 2019:

##### 2018

1. Turkey – Mor Salkim Women’s Solidarity Association
2. Netherlands – Stichting Zijweg
3. Albania – Center for Legal Civic Initiatives
4. Armenia – Sexual Assault Crisis Center
5. Spain – Federacion de Asociaciones de Mujeres Arena y Laurisilva
6. UK – England – Beverley Gilbert
7. Slovenia – Association for Nonviolent Communication
8. Moldova – National Coalition Life Without Violence
9. Turkey (individual) – Kadriye Bakirci
10. UK – England – Solace Women’s Aid
11. Greece – Union of Women Associations of Heraklion

##### 2019

1. Romania – Necuvinte Association
2. Ukraine – Centre Women’s Perspectives

The WAVE office wishes all new members a warm welcome and looks forward to engaging them in exciting new projects in the future. Further information about the new member organisations are available on the [WAVE website](#).



**Announcement of new WAVE President & Vice President** We are pleased to announce Pille Tsopp-Pagan as the new President of the Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) network and Marcella Pirrone as the new Vice President. Read more about our new President & Vice president [here](#).



### **CYBERSAFE: New project to combat online violence against women & girls**

CYBERSAFE is a new European Project aiming at preventing Cyber Violence against Women and Girls among teenagers. Cybersafe focuses on creating an evidence based educational intervention, including an online serious game to help teenagers understand the risks and change

their attitudes towards Cyber VAWG. Cyber VAWG is a form of violence against women and girls. Although all internet users experience online discrimination, sexual harassment, identity theft, cyberstalking, and cyberbullying on a daily basis, it mainly affects young women.

WAVE & project partners from 8 EU countries met over 3 days in February (11-13) for the Cybersafe project kick-off in Heraklion, Greece. The project aims to prevent cyberviolence against women & girls w/ playful ECT tools. Together we will work on creating an interactive game for CYBERSAFE which will teach teenagers how to end cyberVAWG! The partners of the project are: Σύνδεσμος Μελών Γυναικείων Σωματείων (Heraklion Union of Women Association), Serious Games Interactive, ICDI - International Child Development Initiatives, Nexus\_NI, University of Ljubljana, University of Tartu, & Naiste Tugi- ja Teabekeskus. WAVE is in charge of dissemination. Make sure to follow the official project hashtags to stay updated on the project: **#CYBERSAFESpace #endcybervAWG**



### **DIS.CO: New Training Curriculum published!**

The newest DIS.CO output: „Training Curriculum on Counselling at a Distance when working with women victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence or Abuse“ – has just been published. The main aim of IO3 is to build up a potential training curriculum for counsellors at a distance, who work with women victims of domestic or sexual violence or abuse. The curriculum will focus on OC via Mobile tools, E-mail, Live-Chat, Video-Conference / Skype-like tools and Teleconference (specific focus on crisis

management through help lines). Click here to read & download it in several languages: <http://bit.ly/DISCOIO3>

To learn more about DIS.CO, make sure to sign up for the DIS.CO [newsletter](#) and follow the [official Facebook page](#).

### **Publishing of the WAVE Annual Report 2018**

The year 2018 was a challenging but also exciting and fruitful year for the WAVE Network, both in terms of internal capacity building of the WAVE Office and leadership, as well as carrying out projects and activities to start addressing the backlash against women’s human rights in Europe. The 2018 Annual Activity Report outlines the activities and events which WAVE carried out and engaged in throughout 2018. You can download the report [here](#).

**New [Thematic Paper on the Importance of Women’s Specialist Support Services in Europe](#) is published by WAVE**



The WAVE Thematic Paper on the Importance of Women’s Specialist Support Services in Europe explores the necessity and added value provided by this type of services for women survivors of violence and their children. The paper also makes reference to several studies carried out in various European countries looking into the economic cost associated with violence against women in society. Read & download it [here](#).

## International News

### Any Woman, Anywhere



In celebration of International Women’s Day 2019, Zero Tolerance, in collaboration with AMINA, the Muslim Women’s Resource Centre, the Church of Scotland and Summerhall, have launched a new campaign #AnyWomanAnywhere to increase awareness and understanding of violence against women. From Friday 1 March to Sunday 17 March 2019, they are hosting a series of events at Summerhall, including a photography exhibition, workshops, talks and film screenings. They are also taking the campaign to the streets with a large-scale animation projected on to a building in the Grassmarket, Edinburgh each evening over the weekend of Friday 8 March to Sunday 10 March.

Find out more about these events [here](#).

### Dialogue with doctors - to help victims of violence held by Fund ‘ Sukhumi’ in Georgia



Health care professionals play an important role in preventing gender-based violence. However, they often do not realize what to do when confronted with such situations – namely how to identify and support a woman affected by gender-based violence. Legislation in Georgia does not clearly state that they must respond to any such incidents. NGOs in Georgia also are making efforts to change this situation. Fund "Sukhumi" started a dialogue

with doctors from Kutaisi. Throughout several months, meetings were held in medical institutions, and trainings were organized, bringing together health care professionals and social workers engaged in prevention of violence against women/domestic violence. A guide – “The role of medical staff in violence prevention” – was also published recently. What changed? Doctors saw how important it is to make a difference. They learned how to help the victim, how to redirect, how to take responsibility. Fund "Sukhumi" plans to expand these efforts and will continue to support women affected by gender-based violence with the help of health care professionals.



### 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters



[The World Conference of Women’s Shelters](#) is the largest and most diverse global gathering on protection services and prevention of violence against women. Organized by the Global Network of Women’s Shelters and hosted by the Garden of Hope Foundation, the 4th World Conference of Women’s Shelters (4WCWS) will be held in Kaohsiung on November 5-8, 2019. 4WCWS will bring together 1,500 people from 120 countries to network and share ideas on

how to strengthen women shelters and end violence against women. The theme of 4WCWS is “Impact • Solidarity” to highlight the leading role that shelters play in developing systematic approaches to combatting gender-based violence. The 4WCWS program reflects the key issues facing both the shelter



community and the broader movement to end violence against women today, and is designed to produce maximum participation, learning and networking opportunities for delegates.

### **Belgium, Spain and Andorra submit state and shadow reports to GREVIO this February**

The state reports from [Belgium](#), [Spain](#) and [Andorra](#) were received by GREVIO in February 2019. A coalition of NGOs from Belgium also submitted a Shadow Report to GREVIO, which is accessible [here](#). GREVIO plans to carry out an evaluation visit to Belgium, Spain and Andorra in the autumn of 2019 in order to assess the situation on the ground. The Group will then draw up and adopt its evaluation reports in the course of 2020. GREVIO is the independent expert body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([Istanbul Convention](#)) by the Parties. In March 2016, GREVIO adopted a questionnaire on legislative and other measures giving effect to the provisions of the Convention. It launched its first evaluation procedure shortly after.

### **Scottish Council to give 'safe leave' to staff who are victims of domestic abuse**

Victims of domestic abuse working for a Scottish council will now have the right to take up to 10 days of [paid "safe leave" to give them time to access help and support](#) without sacrificing pay or annual leave. Inspired by recent legislation enacted in New Zealand, South Ayrshire council approved the ground-breaking policy in February 2019. The new policy sets out that abuse can also encompass controlling and coercive behaviour, and states that employees may take time off in order to, for example, attend legal proceedings, seek safe housing or visit legal advisers or support agencies.

