

Eastern Partnership Platform 1

Strengthening institutions and good governance

19 February 2019 – Brussels

Venue: Stanhope Hotel Brussels, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Bruxelles

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:30 – 09:40 **Introductory remarks and adoption of the agenda**

Audrone Perkauskiene, European External Action Service, Head of Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, and Mathieu Bousquet European Commission DG NEAR Head of Unit Georgia, Moldova and Neighbourhood Cross-Border Cooperation (co-chairs).

09:40 – 10:20 **Keynote speeches**

Christian Danielsson, Director-General DG NEAR
Tiina Astola, Director-General DG JUST
Mara Marinaki, EEAS Principal Advisor on gender and UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security

10:20 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:15 **Thematic session: Challenges in adoption of domestic violence legislation and ensuring its effective implementation**

Moderator: Anna Collins Falk, International Coordinator of the Swedish Gender Equality Agency

Introduction speeches:

Erika Kvapilova, Country Dir. UN Women in Georgia

Lara Aharonian – Director of Women Resource Centre (Armenia)

Baia Pataraiia – Executive Director Union Sapari (Georgia)

Shahla Ismayil, CSF representative - Chair of Women's Association for Rational Development (Azerbaijan)

Interventions by EaP country representatives

Armenia – Vigen Kocharyan, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice

Georgia – Natia Mezvishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of internal affairs of Georgia

Azerbaijan – Tural Huseynzada, Senior Adviser, State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs

Ukraine – Kateryna Levchenko, Government Commissioner on Gender Equality Policy

Belarus – Melnik Raman, Ministry of Internal Affairs

Republic of Moldova – Dorin Purice, State Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

(5 min for NGOs and EaP country representatives)

After the interventions, the floor will be open for discussions among the participant from the EaP region.

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:15

Thematic Session: Effective referral mechanisms are in place

Moderator: Anca Sandescu, Council of Europe

Interventions by EaP country representatives

Azerbaijan – Elnur Aslanov, Deputy Head of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs

Belarus – Siarhei Krasutski, Deputy Head of Prevention Department of the Main Department of Public Order and Prevention of Law Violation, Ministry of Internal Affairs

Ukraine – Kateryna Levchenko, Government Commissioner on Gender Equality Policy

Interventions by NGO

Lara Aharonian, Director of Women Resource Centre (Armenia)

Shahla Ismayil, CSF representative - Chair of Women's Association for Rational Development (Azerbaijan)

Interventions by EU Member States representatives

Austria – Rosa Logar, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna, Co-Founder and board member of the WAVE-Network

Netherlands and Belgium – Bert Groen and Pascale Franck, President and vice-President of European Family Justice Center Alliance

(2 min for NGOs and 5 min per country/expert representatives)

After the interventions, the floor will be open for discussion by all.

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15.30 – 16:45

Thematic Session: Violence preventive programmes for perpetrators

Moderator: Anna Collins Falk, International Coordinator of the Swedish Gender Equality Agency

Introduction speech: Erika Kvapilova, Country Dir. UN Women in Georgia

Interventions by EaP country representatives

Georgia – Natia Mezvrishvili, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (TBC)

Armenia – Ms. Taguhi Harutyunyan, the representative of the Ministry of Justice

Interventions by NGOs

Baia Pataraiia, Executive Director Union Sapari (Georgia)
Sofia Strive, CSF representative - Forum Syd (Sweden)

Interventions by EU Member States representatives

Ralf Puchert, Project Dev. Officer, European Network for Work with Perpetrators

(2 min for NGOs and 5 min per country/expert representatives)
After the interventions, the floor will be open for discussion by all.

16:45 – 17:30

Follow up on previous panels and planned events for 2019

Moderation by DG NEAR

Rule of law panel (DG HOME and DG JUST)

Public Administration Reform panel (EEAS and DG NEAR)

Security panel (EEAS and DG ECHO)

Presentation by incoming Finnish Presidency (Kaisa Honka-Hallila)

17:30– 17:45

Closing remarks and adoption of the operational conclusions

Luc Devigne, EEAS Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia and Lawrence Meredith, DG NEAR Director for Neighbourhood East (co-chairs)

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