

16 Days of Activism 2025 - Actions by WAVE Members

Below is a summary of our **WAVE members' 16 Days of Activism initiatives**.

Together, let's continue to raise our voices, strengthen our 2025 #WAVEofChange, and move closer to a future free from violence against women and girls.

ALBANIA

• **Psycho-Social Centre "Vatra"**: Vatra is implementing a comprehensive campaign across multiple districts in Albania. Their activities include a social media awareness campaign on the risks of violence, reporting channels, and victims' rights running throughout the 16 Days period. They are conducting "Safe and Heard" - an initiative informing children and youth in schools about gender-based violence and reporting methods across Vlore, Fier, Berat, and Durres districts. Information corners on violence against girls and women are being set up in Health Centers in Vlore and its administrative units for victims and staff, introducing the service map through informative posters.

Key events include:

- **November 25**: Information stands in public squares in Vlore distributing materials and raising awareness on helplines and services for survivors
- **November 27**: "Strong and Safe to Say NO to Violence!" - Discussion with girls and women accommodated at Vatra Center shelter
- **December 1**: "Wall of Messages Against Violence" - School students write supportive messages and place them on a symbolic wall in the school yard (Vlore)
- **December 10**: "Piece It Together, Say No to Violence" (Vlore)

Activities implemented in partnership with Local Education Offices, Municipal Social Services, Police, and Vlore Local Health Care Unit.

AUSTRIA

• **AÖF - Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters**: *Information forthcoming*

• **FEM.A - Association of Feminist Single Mothers:** Their campaign focuses on raising awareness about institutional violence against mothers and their children in family courts under the hashtag #StopptInstitutionelleGewalt. The campaign exposes how family courts and related institutions fail to protect survivors and disregard human rights, women's rights, and children's rights. They are promoting a [petition](#) urging Austria to quickly advance GREVIO recommendations concerning family courts and family law to protect mothers and children from violence after separation. The campaign includes a comprehensive [website](#) and a [brochure about institutional violence](#) (available in English). A [toolkit](#) is available for partners in German and English.

Campaign activities (November 25 – December 10):

- **November 24, 19:00-21:00:** [Webinar: Psychological violence after separation](#) – strategies for mothers in family law proceedings
- **November 25, 09:00:** [Press conference on institutional violence against mothers in family courts](#) (Presseclub Concordia, Vienna)
- **November 25, 18:30-21:00:** [Panel discussion: "From 'gang rape' to outright acquittal"](#) (Raum für Interaktion, Vienna)
- **November 26, 18:30-21:00:** [Webinar: Acting legally and confidently in cases of suspected child sexual abuse](#)
- **December 1, 19:00-21:00:** [Webinar: How the youth welfare office justified the removal of children from single parents between 1950 and 1970](#)
- **December 3, 19:00-21:00:** [Online panel discussion: The abused authority of experts](#) – Pseudoscience as a weapon against protection against violence
- **December 4, 19:00-21:00:** [Online reading](#) – Adela Speratti reads from "Women"
- **December 9, 19:00-21:00:** [Online lecture: When children witness domestic violence](#) – an underestimated danger
- **December 10, 17:00-20:00:** [Charity event for FEM.A](#) (Museumsquartier Wien)

BELARUS (based in Lithuania)

• **Legal Initiative:** During the 16 Days of Activism 2025, Legal Initiative is implementing two key activities supported by the WAVE microgrant. They are

producing a series of eight short educational reels across social media platforms ([Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [Facebook](#), [Telegram](#)) focusing on sexualized harassment, victim-blaming, safe communication, boundaries, and everyday actions that help create respectful environments for women and queer people. They are also launching an online interactive country-by-country [list of organizations](#) that support survivors of gender-based violence, created especially for Belarusians in exile who may not know where to seek help. Both activities run from November 25 – December 10, 2025.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

• **Foundation United Women Banja Luka:** During the 16 Days of Activism, a range of interconnected activities will bring together institutions, civil society, survivors, and the wider public to strengthen efforts against gender-based violence. The campaign features expert discussions, collaborative meetings with protection actors, and public awareness events aimed at improving prevention and response mechanisms. Workshops will offer safe spaces for women survivors to share experiences and build resilience, while conferences will explore feminist approaches and advocate for stronger institutional commitment. Media engagement will amplify key messages, and educational sessions will highlight states' obligations to ensure due diligence in cases of domestic and sexual violence. The campaign culminates in dialogues designed to translate political will into concrete legislative action.

Key events include:

- **November 24:** Round table on aligning the criminal offence of rape with the Istanbul Convention (Banja Luka)
- **November 25:** Meeting with protection actors and press conference presenting statistical data on domestic violence and femicide (Banja Luka and Stanari)
- **November 27-28:** Workshop for women survivors of violence (Vlasic) and Institutionalizing Feminism Conference (Belgrade)
- **December 2:** Online presentation on the State's Duty of Due Diligence (11:00-12:30)
- **December 3:** Panel discussion featuring healthcare worker and survivor (Banja Luka Youth Center, 6:00 PM)
- **December 10:** Strategic Dialogue on legislative action (Banja Luka)

ENGLAND

- **Women's Aid:** To highlight the urgent need to protect children as part of the government's manifesto commitment to halve violence against women and girls, Women's Aid Parliamentary Champion Richard Quigly MP will be leading a Westminster Hall debate, "Protecting Children from Domestic Abuse", on Thursday, November 27 at 15:00-16:30. More information [HERE](#).
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ESTONIA

- **NGO International Women's Network in Estonia (IWNE):** IWNE is pleased to share the final event of WeLens, taking place on November 29 as part of the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The project is co-funded by the European Union and coordinated by femLENS. While the in-person event in Tallinn is fully booked, the international community is invited to explore its content and the project's publicly available results. The programme highlights the full WeLens journey: the We See magazines, a multilingual video library, and practical toolkits for educators, activists, and community organizations working to address gender-based violence through creative learning. It also features key methodologies including femLENS' Gender-Based Violence Tree and IWNE's Relaxation as Resistance framework. All resources are accessible [online](#). For inquiries: community@iwne.ee
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LITHUANIA

- **Women's Issues Information Centre:** This year, Women's Issues Information Center is reaching a diverse audience through an intensive programme of activities during the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women. They kicked off the week early with professional meetings, conferences, and community events, and are going on the road to seven municipalities, bringing the campaign "Storm Against Silence" to local communities. Through 1.5-hour workshops, they invite residents to recognize the signs of violence, reach out to survivors, and build supportive, non-blaming environments. In parallel, they are delivering lectures for students, teachers, public servants, probation officers, social workers, and seniors, including dedicated sessions on recognizing domestic violence, understanding consent, and preventing sexual and cyber violence. WIIC representatives are

speaking at national conferences and holding open-door events. They have also translated and shared EWL campaign messages with seven municipalities.

POLAND

• **Autonomia Foundation:** The Autonomia Foundation runs a nationwide website, "Kampania16dni.pl" (16-day campaign). They've updated the website, developed new materials and a "primary prevention" section, and launched a publicly available calendar of activities for organizations and institutions. During the Campaign, they'll be publishing a series of educational and activating Facebook posts encouraging the use of materials on consent, verbal self-defense, and protection from violence for women with and without disabilities (in Polish, Polish Sign Language, audio, a version for women with intellectual disabilities, and Ukrainian), and engaging men.

- **November 29/30:** Co-organizing WenDo - feminist self-defense workshops
 - **December 10:** Organizing an online training course on primary prevention of VAWG/GBV, aimed at professionals, decision-makers, and activists
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SPAIN

• **Asociación Por Ti Mujer:** As part of the 25N commemorations, Asociación Por Ti Mujer will organize two key public events aimed at raising awareness, sharing research, and strengthening advocacy for women's rights. They will present the research report "Impact of Gender-Based Violence on the Mental Health of Migrant Women in Spain" to disseminate findings to civil society and strategic stakeholders who can help improve public policies and intervention mechanisms. Together with LEM España (European Women's Lobby), they will also host the presentation of the report "Artificial Intelligence: Risks and Opportunities for Women. Legal Analysis of the European Regulation," bringing together activists, social-sector professionals, public officials, academics, and anyone interested in equality and technology.

Key events:

- **The 1st National Forum on the Impact of Gender-Based Violence on the Mental Health of Migrant Women in Spain:** Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 16:30-18:30 (Online). [Register HERE](#). [More information](#).

- **Presentation of the report: "Artificial Intelligence: Risks and Opportunities for Women":** Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 18:30-20:00 (Online). [Register HERE](#). [More information](#).

In the context of 25N, Asociación Por Ti Mujer will also develop an initiative centered on migrant women's experiences and emotional wellbeing in Spain, featuring short testimonies to amplify their voices and realities. [More info HERE](#).

Note: This list represents submitted activities as of November 25, 2025. Additional member activities may be shared throughout the campaign period.