WAVE Network

History

1994

Women against Violence Europe, is founded as an informal network of women’s organisations in Vienna, Austria

WAVE becomes a legal entity in its own right and a formal Network

2014

WAVE gathers 160 members in 46 European countries and is part of international projects to prevent violence against women and children

2021
WAVE Network

Aims

Promoting and strengthening the human rights of women and their children and preventing violence against women and their children

- Raising awareness about violence against women & girls (VAWG) throughout Europe
- Promoting women’s NGOs empowering them, especially NGOs supporting women survivors of violence and their children
- Lobbying improving VAWG legislation, increasing resources for women’s specialists addressing VAWG
WAVE ORGANISATIONAL CHART 2022

WAVE Board
8 Members

Executive Manager
Stephanie Futter-Orel

WAVE Advisory Board
49 Delegates & 34 Co-Delegates

Team Leader
Anca Ciupa

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Eliana Jimeno

Grant Development and M&E Coordinator
Maria Knaub

2 interns

WAVE OFFICE

160 WAVE Member-Organisations in 46 European countries:
- Women’s specialist organisations supporting women who experience(d) gender-based violence directly, e.g. shelters, advice & intervention centres, helplines etc.
- Academics to support WAVE’s work from a scientific perspective.
WAVE Members
WAVE Network

160 Members in 46 European Countries

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WAVE Members

WAVE Members are:

- Experts about VAWG in their country
- Facilitators of idea/information exchange about VAWG throughout Europe
- Catalysers for change
- Active contributors to WAVE Conferences, projects, campaigns and activities
- A source of strength and support to each other
Feminism & gender-specific approach

Organizational goals & missions (reflect feminism/gender specific)

Aligning values & opinions

Engaging with other WAVE Members in the country: networking on national level with women’s organisations and other Members of WAVE

Being an NGO or an academic
WAVE Actions

- Activities
- Partnerships & Cooperation
- Projects
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<td>- <strong>Improved legislation</strong> to address VAWG</td>
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<td>- <strong>Sustainable funding</strong> for women’s specialist services supporting survivors of VAWG</td>
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<td>- <strong>Direct support</strong> to women experiencing VAWG</td>
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<td>- <strong>Information requests</strong> from governments, academics, the media and general public</td>
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For more information visit: [www.wave-network.org](http://www.wave-network.org)
WAVE Actions
Partnerships & Cooperation

- AGE Platform Europe
- Council of Europe
- EIGE
- European Women’s Lobby
- Inclusion Europe
- PICUM
- UNFPA
- UN Women
WAVE Actions
Projects – The StepUp! Campaign

European-wide campaign launched on 25 May 2016 promoting the rights of women and children experiencing VAWG to access support and protection

Main aims:
1. **Raising awareness** about VAWG in Europe, especially about domestic violence & sexual violence

2. **Convincing** all European governments to step up their efforts to stop VAWG

3. **Protecting survivors** through campaigning activities which target key stakeholders and decision-makers

www.wave-stepup.org
WAVE Actions
Projects – The StepUp! Campaign

WAVE Youth Ambassadors

The Youth Ambassadors contribute to WAVE StepUp! development and practical implementation

The aim?
Raise awareness on the importance of youth inclusion in promoting non-violence & encourage intergenerational collaboration

www.wave-stepup.org/youth-ambassadors/
WAVE Actions
Projects – MARVOW

The Multi-Agency Response to Violence against Older Women Project is developing and implementing a comprehensive multi-agency cooperation model for working with elderly victims of abuse.

Main aims:
1. **Improve knowledge of stakeholders** in the prevention and response to DV on how to identify and respond to elderly women abuse
2. **Develop multi-agency cooperation model**
3. **Increase capacity of stakeholders** to address elderly women abuse in a coordinated manner

Official meeting with MARVOW Partners from Austria, Estonia, and Greece:
- Austrian Women’s Shelter Network (AT)
- Women’s Support and Information Centre (EE)
- Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefecture (GR)
- University of Tartu (EE)
- WAVE Network (EU)
- European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (EU)
WAVE Actions
Projects – CYBERSAFE

Project funded by the European Union to develop and promote an innovative experiential educational prevention programme: the CYBERSAFE Toolkit

Main aims:
1. **Address the issue of online violence** against women and girls among young people in a classroom
2. **Promote healthy relationships** and gender equality online
3. **Providing 4 workshops materials** for teachers and other professionals working with young people to raise awareness of these two issues

www.stoponlineviolence.eu
The Civil Society Strengthening Platform strengthens women’s voices and agency, including women’s from disadvantages marginalized groups, at a regional level.

Main aims:
1. **Strengthen women’s voice and agency** in Albania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey

2. **Create support to women’s civic engagement** in CEDAW and Istanbul Convention monitoring and reporting

3. **Adopt and implement** frameworks aligned with international normative standards in addressing gender-based discrimination and violence against women
WAVE Actions
Projects – Working groups

Since 2016, WAVE Network is running *Thematic Working Groups* to enable a more in-depth collaboration by members to address important issues facing specialist women´s support services

**Working groups:**

1. **The Strength-Based, Needs-Led Approach as a Tool of Empowerment in Women´s Specialist Services Supporting Survivors of Domestic Abuse** with Elena Floriani

2. **Protecting Women´s Specialist Services from Gender Neutral Policy and Practice** with Lina Piskernik

3. **Sexual Violence** with Maria Knaub

4. **Legal Working Group** with Anca Ciupa
Thank you!