



**A EUROPEAN FEMINIST NETWORK
PROMOTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF
WOMEN & CHILDREN**

160 Members in 46 European Countries

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

2021

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



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 Network

Values

EQUALITY

SOLIDARITY

INTERSECTIONALITY

TRANSPARENCY

FEMINISM

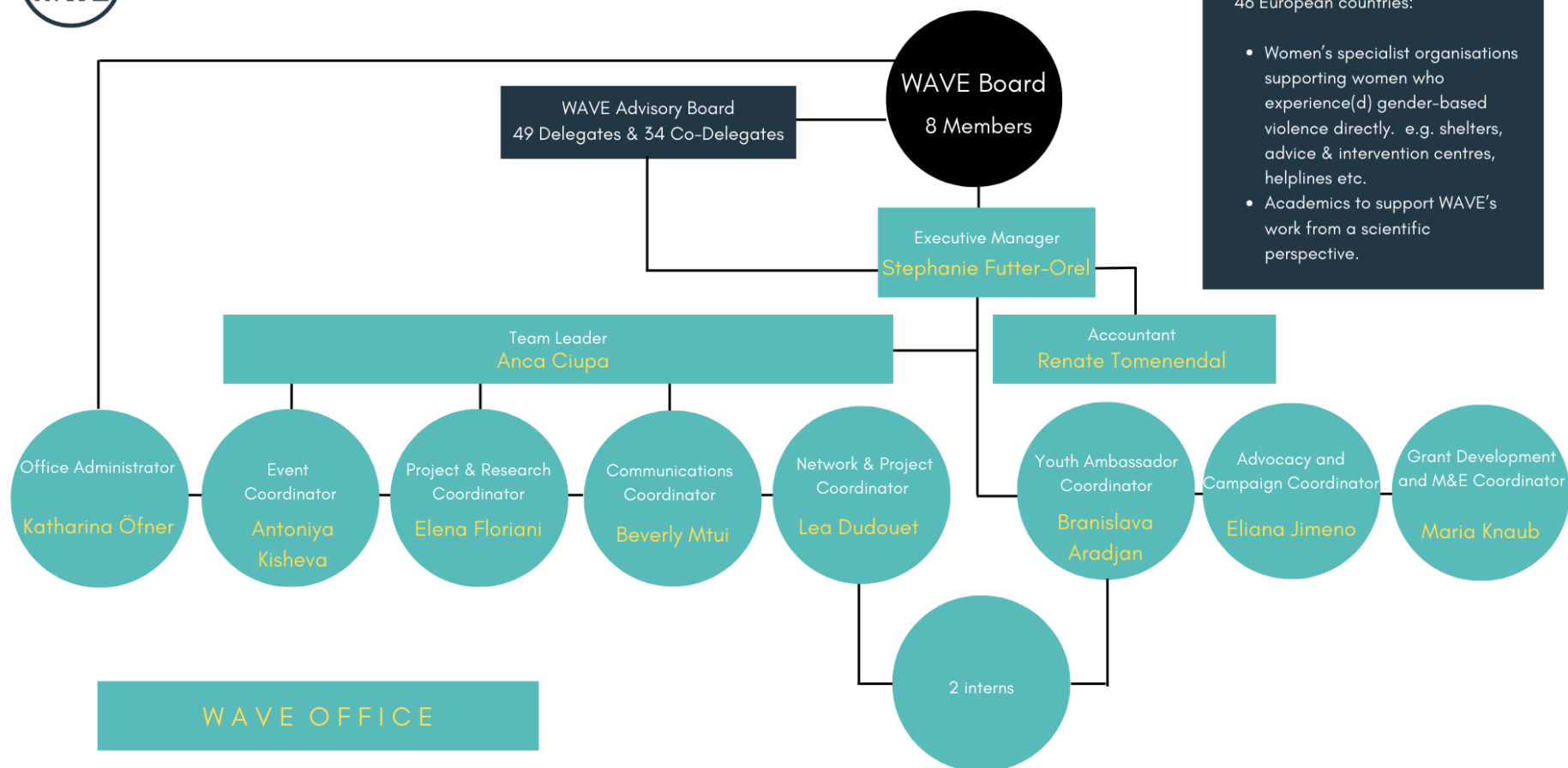
HUMAN RIGHTS

RESPECT





WAVE ORGANISATIONAL CHART 2022





WAVE Members

WAVE Network

160 Members in 46 European Countries

- Women's specialist organisations supporting women who experience(d) violence
- Academics to support WAVE's work from a scientific perspective





WAVE Members

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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



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Feminism
& gender-specific approach

WAVE Members

Membership criteria

2

Organizational goals & missions
(reflect feminism/gender specific)

3

Aligning values
& opinions

4

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

5

Being an NGO
or an academic



WAVE Actions

- Activities
- Partnerships & Cooperation
- Projects



Advocacy

Influencing policy makers to protect and strengthen the Human Rights of Women through:

- **Improved legislation** to address VAWG
- **Sustainable funding** for women's specialist services supporting survivors of VAWG
- **Signing & ratification** of important International legislative tools

Capacity-Building

- Annual WAVE Conference
- Multidisciplinary Training
- WAVE Training Institute
- Projects & Partnerships
- Webinars
- WAVE Country Report

Information Centre

- **Direct support** to women experiencing VAWG
- **Information & pan-European signposting** for survivors who are crossing international borders
- **Cooperation** between women's specialist support services all over Europe
- **Information requests** from governments, academics, the media and general public
- **Extensive Database** with 4000+ data entries on European women's support services

Research & Publications

- **European wide mapping** of women's services
- **Publications:** training manuals, thematic factsheets & research projects
- **Social Media** activities, FEMPOWER Magazine & Blog, Newsletters, Press Releases

For more information visit:
www.wave-network.org

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

HELP

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for Human Rights Education
for Legal Professionals

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE



Beijing + 20
The 4th Review of the Implementation of the
Beijing Platform for Action in the EU Member States

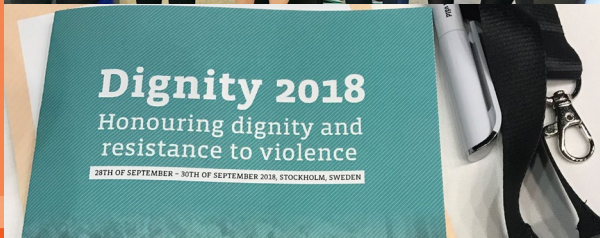
Report



ACADEMIC PAPER

DOING IT RIGHT

Making Women's Networks Accessible
with a Special Focus on Women from
Minority and Disadvantaged Groups



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

StepUp! Activist in Italy



StepUp! Activists in Ukraine



STEP UP!
CAMPAIGN

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/



2019 Youth Ambassadors

2020-2022 Youth Ambassadors:

Çeçilia Gazulli, Albania
Hannah Svoboda, Austria
Zehra Šarić, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mia Bradić, Croatia
Myrto Karydi, Greece
Krisztina Les, Hungary
Ginevra Candidi, Italy
Alina Cebotari, Moldova
Zvezdana Radulović, Montenegro
Adriana S.Thiago, Portugal
Alexandra Muntean, Romania
Teodora Stojilković, Serbia
Viktoriiia Shvaher, Ukraine
Sabiha Azad, Wales (UK)



STEP UP!
CAMPAIGN

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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



www.marvow.eu



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)



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Projects – CYBERSAFE

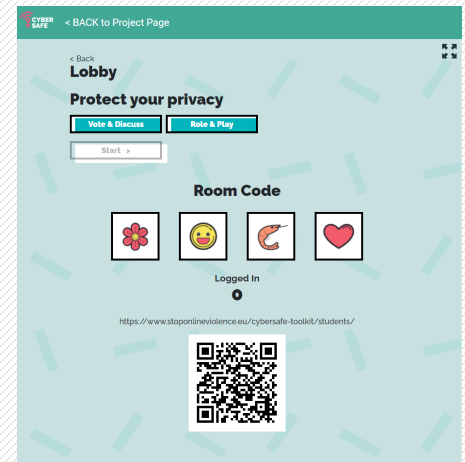
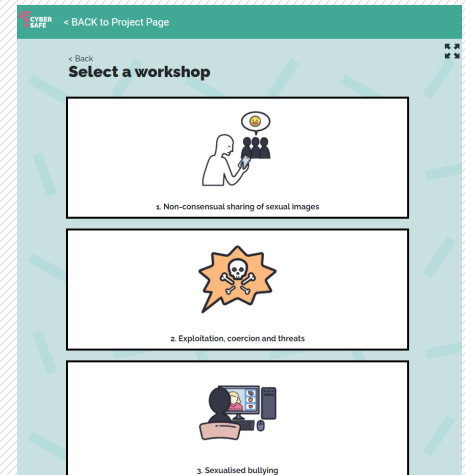
Project funded by the European Union to develop and promote an innovative experiential educational prevention programme: the CYBERSAFE Toolkit

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



Online tool

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Projects – CSSP

The *Civil Society Strengthening Platform* strengthens women's voices and agency, including women's from disadvantages marginalized groups, at a regional level

Main aims:

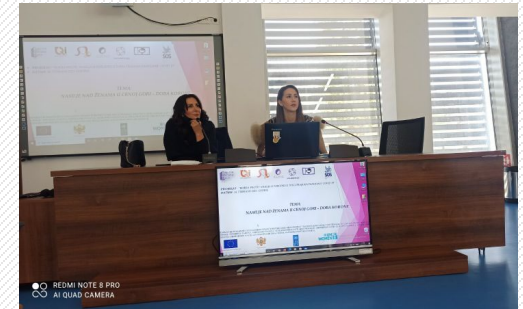
1. **Strengthen women's voice and agency** in Albania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
2. **Create support to women's civic engagement** in CEDAW and Istanbul Convention monitoring and reporting
3. **Adopt and implement** frameworks aligned with international normative standards in addressing gender-based discrimination and violence against women



www.cssplatform.org



The Republika Srpska Assembly prohibits the questioning of sexual behavior of victims after the crime



Public Tribunal in Montenegro to discuss domestic violence during COVID 19 pandemic

CSSP
Civil Society
Strengthening Platform

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Projects – Working groups

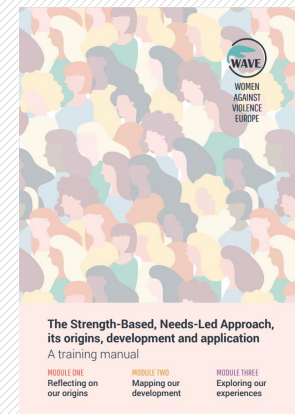
Since 2016, WAVE Network is running *Thematic Working Groups* to enable a more in-depth collaboration by members to address important issues facing specialist women's support services

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

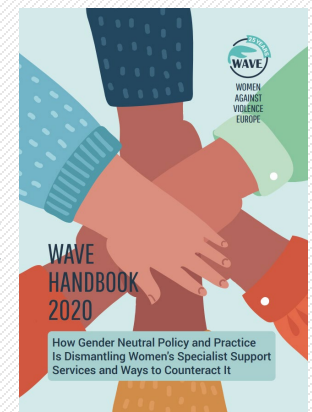


Sexual Violence Working Group 2019



SBNL Working Group Training Manual 2020

Gender Neutrality Working Group Handbook 2020



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Federal Minister for Women,
Families and Youth



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