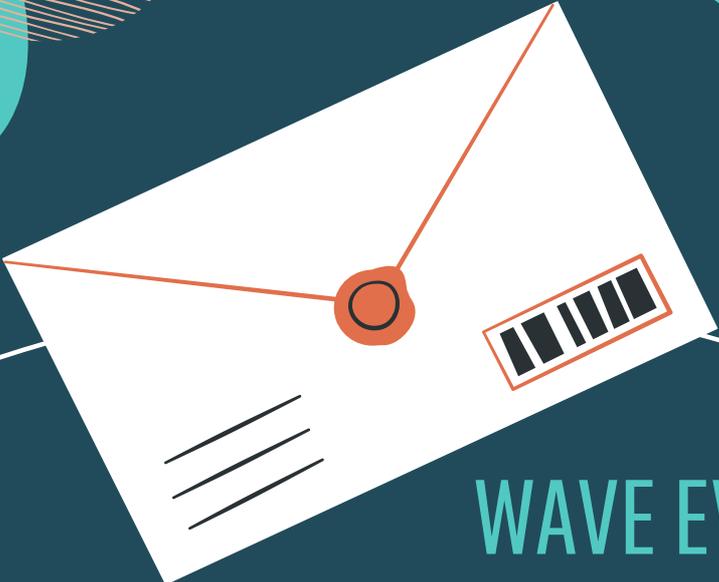


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# WAVE EVENTS

## 24TH WAVE CONFERENCE

From 10-11 October, we finally got the chance to reunite in-person with many of our members and supporters during the **24th WAVE Conference "Women's specialist services as pillars of peace in times of crisis and beyond"**. This was a wonderful opportunity to exchange and **be among dedicated women's rights feminist activists from across Europe.**

## WAVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING II

On 12 October, we held the annual **WAVE Fall Advisory Board Meeting** while in Prague, Czech Republic. The **WAVE Advisory Board**, which supports the WAVE Board in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and activities, comes together twice a year to ensure close collaboration and intensify planning for the WAVE Network. More [HERE](#).



REWATCH DAY 1 OF THE 24TH WAVE CONFERENCE



## GBV DURING WAR AND POST-WAR SETTINGS

**UPCOMING** The conference on **preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV) during the war and in post-war settings** will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia, on **8 November 2022** and is organised by WAVE and the OSCE Gender Issues Programme/WIN Project. The conference is also dedicated to **launching a new toolkit aimed at supporting survivors and preventing violence in such context**. If you would like to **join online**, you can **register [HERE](#) until 3 November 2022**. The conference agenda & concept note are available [HERE](#).

## WTI 2022 ON CHILD CUSTODY

**UPCOMING** This year's **WAVE Training Institute** (online) will take place from **1-2 December** and focus on the issues related to **child custody proceedings and violence against women** and the interconnection between intimate partner violence and children's rights. The training will offer participants the possibility to understand in-depth the connections between violence against women and child abuse, the connection between women's rights and children's rights and how these two systems can be integrated together in practice, and more.

## WAVE NEWS

### WELCOME TO THE WAVE NETWORK

Meet new WAVE member  
Sapari from Georgia.

Meet new WAVE member  
Association of Feminist Psychology and Psychotherapy  
from Spain.

*Welcome!*



Meet the new generation  
(2022-2024) of WAVE Youth  
Ambassadors:

- Ilvana Dedja, Albania
- Doga Gunduz, Cyprus
- Raphaëlle Jouannic, France
- Lena Östlund, France/Sweden
- Aliz Bineth, Hungary

Meet the new generation  
(2022-2024) of WAVE Youth  
Ambassadors:

- Milena Rusu, Moldova
- Lina Al-Hassany, Netherlands
- Teodora Mileska, North  
Macedonia
- Ines Consonni, Portugal/Italy
- Selin Ozunaldim, Türkiye



**We are happy to announce the 3rd generation of WAVE Youth Ambassadors!**  
We received many applications and it makes us hopeful to see how many young people across Europe are dedicated to fighting violence against women and girls.



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**WAVE Network Youth**



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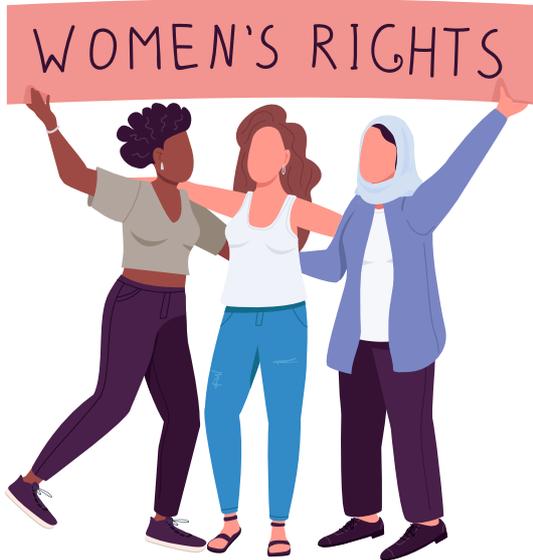
**WAVE Youth Ambassadors**

## JOIN THE WAVE NETWORK

WAVE is looking for an experienced, proactive and enthusiastic **Grant Development and Monitoring Evaluation Coordinator** to ensure effective resource mobilization for WAVE, management of funder relationships and effective recording as well as demonstrating of WAVE's work and its impact. **For more information on the job vacancy, click [HERE](#).**

### **Be part of our WAVE OF CHANGE!**

Here you can find more information on how your organisation can become a member. If you are interested in a study visit, click here. Want to work with us? Here you can find open job vacancies and internships at WAVE and within the Network. To make a donation, click HERE.



The **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** are coming up soon! From 25 November until 10 December, WAVE is focusing on femicide prevention and the importance of feminist legislation. **Join WAVE in raising awareness** and highlighting **women's specialist services' role in femicide prevention**. More info on our website and social media.

▶ NEW PODCAST EPISODE:  
ABORTION RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS! ◀

## INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY

On 28 September, the International Safe Abortion Day, WAVE took a stance to reiterate the **importance of tackling the increasing global pushback against women's human rights**, bodily autonomy & reproductive choice disproportionately affecting women from marginalised and low-income communities. **For the WAVE statement, please click [HERE](#).**

## WOMEN FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE

On our [website](#), you can find an **overview of country-specific information** that relates to supporting women **fleeing the war in Ukraine** to various European countries, including a list of the **national women's helplines** available in the 46 European Countries. If you would like to suggest a contribution, please email us at [office@wave-network.org](mailto:office@wave-network.org).

## WESTERN BALKANS STUDY VISIT TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

From October 18-20, the **Gender Alliance for Development Centre and WAVE organised a study visit to Vienna**. The visit was organised within the framework of the project "Institutionalizing Quality Rehabilitation and Integration Services for Violence Survivors", supported by the Austrian Development Agency. The delegation included **15 participants from women's specialist services, along with government officials, from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia**. The participants had the opportunity to learn about NGOs and institutions dealing with violence against women. The study visit included insights into specialist support organisations, such as the [Association of Austrian Autonomous Women's Shelters & Women's Helpline](#), the [Viennese Women's Shelters and Counselling Centre](#) and the [Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre](#) who shared valuable information, and promising practices from their work. Additionally, the visit contained a presentation of the work of WAVE, including communication and advocacy strategies and a presentation from the [Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology at the University of Vienna](#), sharing legal practices from Austria to protect victims of violence.

The group also visited some important institutions located in Vienna, that deal with VAW. This included the Division for Women and Equality of the Federal Chancellery, to discuss women specific legislation, as well as the Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, which is currently working on awareness raising around toxic masculinity that may lead to violence. Further, the visit included a trip to the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), who presented their data analysis on VAW and gave an insight into future projects.



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updates from WAVE Members and political developments

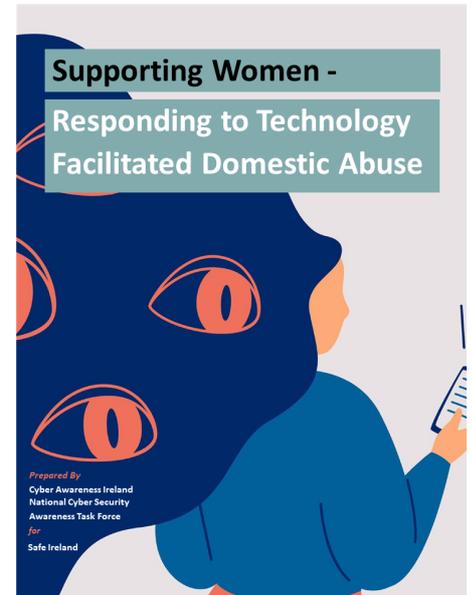


WAVE MEMBER:  
SAFE IRELAND

### NEW SAFETY GUIDE TO COMBAT TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED ABUSE

**Safe Ireland** in association with the National Cyber Security Awareness Taskforce has produced a **new safety guide to help combat technology-facilitated domestic abuse**. The booklet has been developed **for specialist domestic-abuse responders** to enable them to support women who are victims of tech abuse. As technologies and platforms that make our lives easier are being used by more-and-more people every day, perpetrators of abuse are also adopting these technologies to exert coercion and control over partners and children with extensive reach beyond the boundary of the home.

The **safety-guide has been designed for frontline responders** in Domestic Violence Services and Refuges but is **also designed as a resource for allied professionals** such as Gardaí (police), doctors, nurses, social workers, pharmacists **and other healthcare professionals**. Family, friends, neighbours and other community members may also find the guide useful when supporting someone at risk of tech abuse. Users of the booklet will also have access to a number of free training seminars and informational videos to support their use of the guide. Visit the Safe Ireland website to learn more about [technology-facilitated abuse](#) or to download a PDF copy of the [safety booklet](#).



## WAVE MEMBER: ASSOCIATION SOS HELP-LINE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

### 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF ASSOCIATION SOS HELP-LINE

On 11 October 1989, the phone of **SOS Help-line for Women and Children - Victims of Violence** rang for the first time. It was the first SOS Help-line for female victims and children victims of domestic violence in former Yugoslavia. Eight years later, the organisation opened the first shelter for women and children victims of violence in Slovenia. In the following years, the Association established different programs for women and children with experience of violence, but particularly the years 1989 and 1997 stayed the most important milestones of the organisation, as they were truly pioneering. This year, the Association decided to mark two anniversaries and set up an event for friends and partners of the organisation. The event named "Female shift" was held on 11 October 2022 in the Old Power Station in Ljubljana, gathering more than hundred representatives of government institutions and NGOs that helped the organisation throughout the years. The event concluded with concerts of feminist choirs FPZ Z'borke, Kvali and DeDer, as well as rapper Nipke. **"A life without violence is a human right, not a privilege. We have the right to use our voice and to use it for those without it. The latter we took as our duty"**, said Maja Plaz, the President of the Association, in her speech.



## WAVE MEMBER: WOMEN'S AID FEDERATION OF ENGLAND

### COME TOGETHER TO END DOMESTIC ABUSE: A SURVEY OF UK ATTITUDES TO DOMESTIC ABUSE 2022

As part of their Come Together campaign, **Women's Aid** worked with M&C Saatchi World Services to develop a unique YouGov survey into UK adults' attitudes towards domestic abuse. The aim was to **gather insight on attitudes towards domestic abuse** in order to better understand where and why domestic abuse is 'tolerated' in our society. **Women's Aid published a report using the findings of this research, which is available on the [Women's Aid Evidence Hub publications page](#).**

The research shows the urgent need for clearer understanding of the nature of coercive and controlling behaviour across society if we are to develop effective responses to domestic abuse. Findings include:

- 40% of UK adults believe that people who carry out domestic violence against women are enabled and worsened by sexism in wider society, whilst 34% believe that people who carry out domestic violence against women are just 'bad people'.
- Whilst 71% understood that a man using tracking software to monitor his wife's location was extremely wrong, less than half thought it did her a great deal of harm (47%).
- Abusers' behaviour is excused, for example if they show remorse or appear 'well meaning'. We see in our report a 15% drop (from 81% to 66%) in the percentage of people who view a man slapping his wife as extremely wrong when he apologises afterwards.

**Come Together to End Domestic Abuse:** a survey of UK attitudes to domestic abuse 2022





## WAVE MEMBER: MOR ÇATI WOMEN'S SHELTER FOUNDATION

### ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

In the wake of Türkiye's overnight withdrawal from the **Istanbul Convention** in 2021, the year assumed a special place in the memories of women living in the country as well as of organisations working to combat violence. More about the **repercussions of the withdrawal**, and the subsequent work and activities done by **Mor Çatı** to continue promoting gender equality and feminist solidarity against male violence, can be found in their recently published [activity report](#) of 2021.

### SUBMISSION OF SHADOW REPORT TO THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES

Mor Çatı submitted a shadow report for the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. In the report, Mor Çatı shared the bad practices faced by **migrant women in Türkiye in their struggle to get away from male violence**, and much more. The report can be found [HERE](#).

### PROVISION OF WRITTEN INPUT FOR THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Mor Çatı provided written input for the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, **Ms. Reem Alsalem**, and met with the Rapporteur when she **came to visit Türkiye**. Mor Çatı's input can be accessed [HERE](#), and the Rapporteur's statement based on her preliminary findings during her visit [HERE](#).

### PARTICIPATION IN MONITORING MEETING OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Mor Çatı submitted a shadow report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and participated in the 93rd session held in Geneva on 30 September 2022 to share the **impact of male violence and the mechanisms of combating male violence on children's rights in Türkiye**. The report can be found [HERE](#).



WAVE MEMBER:  
AUTONOMOUS WOMEN'S CENTER

**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE OF SERBIA**

By **ratifying the Istanbul Convention in 2013**, the Republic of Serbia aimed to **take all legislative and other measures in order to prosecute and sanction violence against women in an efficient and effective manner**. Harmonisation of the normative framework in the field of criminal Substantive Law is one of the key obligations, bearing in mind the importance of criminal legal protection, that is, adequate incrimination of all forms of violence against women defined by the Convention, as well as prescribing adequate sanctions and measures. The first amendments to the Criminal Code aimed at harmonising with the standards of the Convention were made in 2016, but without changes to the criminal offense of rape. Respecting the standards set by the Convention, comparative-legal solutions, as well as proposals presented by the professional public and specialised associations, the **Autonomous Women's Center** **proposed amendments** to the Criminal Code for the crime of rape, and consequently other acts of sexual violence that are referred to in Chapter 18 - Crimes against sexual freedom (p. 11-22). In addition, a new criminal offense was proposed - Misuse of a video of sexual content (p. 31-32). Together with two other organisations from the prEUgovor Coalition, the amendments were submitted to the Ministry of Justice, whose response is awaited.



WAVE MEMBER:  
CENTER FOR LEGAL CIVIC INITIATIVES

**ECONOMIC AID FOR THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ALBANIA**

**Center for Legal Civic Initiatives** has prepared a **report regarding the access of victims of domestic violence to the Economic Assistance scheme**. Recommendations are given to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP), the State Social Service (SSS), the High Judicial Council (HJC), Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination (CPD), the Local Coordinator Against Domestic Violence (LCADV), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Primary Legal Aid Centres and Legal Clinics that provide primary legal aid. The report (Albanian) can be accessed [HERE](#). More about the findings of the report (in Albanian) [HERE](#).