



## WAVE Webinar

### Empowering Equality: Navigating the EU VAW and DV Directive

Monday, 4th of December 2023

16:00-16:10 Welcome by the WAVE Office

16:10-16:25 Unveiling the Dynamics: Exploring EU VAW/DV Directive Negotiations & Prioritizing WSS Inclusion

Eliana Jimeno, Senior Advocacy Advisor, WAVE,  
Colombia/Austria

16:25-16:40 Advocating for Inclusive Protection: Recognizing the Role of Women's NGOs and Addressing Risks Faced by LBTIQ+ Women in Gender-Based Violence.

Ilaria Todde, Advocacy Director at Eurocentralasian  
Lesbian\* Community, Italy/Belgium

16:40-16:55 Empowering Voices: Tackling Unreported Sexual Violence, Inclusive Policy, and Safe Spaces for Expression

Katharina Choe, Communication and Media Relations,  
Unsichtbar, Austria

17:00-17:20 Group discussion and Q&A with audience

17:20-17:30 Closing



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Eliana Jimeno, Senior Advocacy Advisor, WAVE, Colombia/Austria

Eliana Jimeno is an experienced international human rights advocate with over 16 years in collaborative work with governmental agencies, specializes in public policy, inter-agency cooperation, and post-conflict peacebuilding. Her intersectional approach aims to dismantle systemic barriers. As the WAVE Senior Advocacy Advisor, she drives network-led campaigns and strategic advocacy, prioritizing partnerships.

Ilaria Todde, Advocacy Dykirector at Eurocentralasian Lesbian\* Community, Italy/Belgium

"Ilaria Todde is a passionate lesbian activist since youth, navigates gender roles in traditional societies as a butch from Sardinia. Finding solace in feminism and the lesbian community, she emerged as a grassroots activist and community organizer. Ilaria contributed to national advocacy efforts for Italian and International lesbian and LGBTI movements. As a longstanding member of the ELC team she currently serves as the Advocacy and Research Dykirector.

Katharina Choe, Communication and Media Relations, Unsichtbar, Austria

Katharina Choe joined unsichtbar in May 2022, leading communications. She champions feminist causes, focusing on emerging forms of gender-based violence and the 'silencing' of female politicians in digital spaces. Since 2020, she has worked in the NGO sector promoting women's empowerment aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. Her personal experiences navigating patriarchal and racist structures as an Austrian-Korean drive her commitment to unsichtbar and intersectional feminism.