



Inbjudan till journalistseminarium i Bryssel:

Hur ska våldet mot kvinnor stoppas?

Hur ska våldet mot kvinnor inom EU-länderna stoppas? Vad kan EU göra? Vad görs för att stoppa människohandeln? Hur ska polis och åklagare i EU-länderna samarbeta? Är ett europeiskt besöksförbud tillräckligt effektivt?

Det är några av frågeställningarna på ett journalistseminarium i Europaparlamentet på temat "Hur ska våldet mot kvinnor stoppas?". Varje år dör alltför många kvinnor inom EU av könsrelaterat våld. Fler än 100 000 kvinnor i EU lever med olika typer av skyddsåtgärder (bl. a. besöksförbud) och mångdubbelt fler är offer för människohandel och andra brott. Med anledning av internationella kvinnodagen uppmärksammar Europaparlamentets utskott för jämställdhet våldet mot kvinnor i Europa i ett **seminarium den 15 mars**. Seminariet vänder sig till journalister. I seminariet medverkar bland andra Europaparlamentets vice talman **Silvana Koch-Merin**, ordföranden för jämställdhetsutskottet **Eva-Britt Svensson**, samt den spanska ledamoten **Carmen Romero** som är föredragande för betänkandet om ett europeiskt besöksförbud.

Europaparlamentets informationskontor i Sverige har **två resestipendier** att dela ut till yrkesverksamma journalister. Resestipendiet täcker kostnader för flyg i ekonomiklass och dessutom ett schablonbelopp för övriga kostnader (hotell, mat, lokala transporter i Bryssel) på sammanlagt 180 euro. Resa och logi bokas av stipendiaterna själva. Det går naturligtvis också bra att delta i seminariet på egen bekostnad.

Skicka en kortfattad ansökan per e-post till epstockholm@europarl.europa.eu senast den 26 februari 2009.

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Program (på engelska)

Workshop for journalists

How to end violence towards women

15 March 2010

15:30-18:00 hrs

Room A1E-3, ASP Building, European Parliament, Brussels

Draft programme

15:45 Opening
An introduction to the workshop and to the meeting with national parliaments Gender violence issues on the agenda of the European Parliament
Sabina Magnano, EP official, Women's Rights Committee

16.15 Ending violence against women - a European perspective.
Too many women still die each year as victims of gender violence. To challenge this phenomenon is one of the priorities of the Spanish presidency of the Council. But what measures can be taken at European level to punish and prevent violence and protect the victims? How effective can a European warrant be? Should we be focusing on models of best practice in different EU countries? Why are some countries not in favour of coordinated action on this issue? These are some of the questions to be discussed with Members of Parliament. In addition, journalists from all over Europe specialising in this area will make their own suggestions.

In the chair:

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Vice-President of the European Parliament and President of the High Level Group of the Bureau for Equal Opportunities

Speakers (all tbc):

Guest speaker: Media editor

Bibiana Aido, Minister for Equality, Spanish presidency of the Council

MEP Eva Britt Svensson, Chair of Women's Rights Committee

MEP Carmen Romero, Rapporteur for the European Protection Order, MEP

with the participation of MEPs from the Women's Rights Committee

18:00 Close

Cocktail outside the meeting room

The Press service of the European Parliament is organising a workshop with journalists on how to contribute to eliminating violence against women and what legal instruments at European level are most effective. The seminar takes place on 15 March 2010, the day before the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee organises a hearing with national parliaments on this topic, which is open to the public and journalists.

Journalists will be able to debate with MEPs whether and how a "European" approach can facilitate progress. This will also be an opportunity to exchange views on the recent proposal by the Spanish presidency for a European warrant for the protection of women who are victims of violence.

Background

Combating violence against women and children has been a major concern of MEPs. Parliament has repeatedly called for measures at European level to promote a zero tolerance to domestic violence. In November last year, this Parliament adopted a political resolution calling for "concrete measures to prevent male violence, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators" and asked the Commission to come forward with legislation to this end. Parliament also asked the Presidencies of the Council "to make progress during their terms of office on the European protection order so as to ensure that victims of such crimes enjoy the same level of protection in all the Member States".

Among other proposals, Parliament wants the European Union to guarantee "the right to assistance and support for all victims of violence" and in particular to guarantee protection of female victims of domestic violence "whose legal status might depend on their partner". Member States should recognise sexual violence and rape as a crime and ensure that such offences result in automatic prosecution, said the resolution, adding that cultural, traditional or religious practices should never be considered a mitigating factor.

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Since then, the Spanish presidency has submitted a draft directive on a European warrant for the protection of women victims of violence, which has the support of at least 12 Member States and the Commission. As co-legislator, the European Parliament will be involved in the drafting of this directive, which will be on the agenda in the coming months.

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