

Uniting Europe to Stop Violence at Its Root Causes: WWP EN Annual Conference 2024

10 Years of Change – Exploring Next Frontiers of Ending Domestic Violence

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According to the **Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)** in Europe **22%** of women reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence from a partner since the age of 15 and **43%** of women have experienced psychological abuse by a current or former partner and only **14%** of women reported their most serious incident of intimate partner violence to the police.

So how many men are being violent and abuse against their partners? And most importantly how do we stop this? How do we shift the conversation to perpetrator's accountability?

The European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (WWP EN) is pleased to announce its Annual Conference 2024, taking place in Berlin from 21-23 October. This year's event marks a decade of transformative efforts to address domestic violence by tackling its root causes: men's violence. Uniting Europe with over 70 organizations from more than 30 countries, the Conference will explore innovative strategies and future directions for preventing violence and fostering healthier, safer communities across Europe.

Conference Highlights:

Under the theme "10 Years of Change – Exploring Next Frontiers of Ending Domestic Violence", the 3-days Conference will gather leading experts, policymakers, practitioners, and advocates. Participants will reflect on the progress made and identify new approaches to strengthening perpetrator programmes. The event will feature high-level institutional greetings, keynote speeches, interactive workshops, and discussions designed to inspire action and collaboration among professionals working to end domestic violence.

Special attention will be given to the evolving European commitment to addressing domestic violence over the past decade, with a focus on improving the integration of perpetrator programmes, addressing violence in diverse communities, and promoting coordinated responses to gender-based violence. Attendees will also explore challenges and opportunities for the future, emphasizing expanding impact and scaling up effective practices.

Expert Consultation on European Standards for Perpetrator Programs:

In conjunction with the Conference, WWP EN will host an exclusive Expert Consultation Meeting on European Standards for Perpetrator Programmes on 21 October 2024. This critical meeting will bring together high-level stakeholders from across Europe to discuss and refine the standards that aim to prevent domestic violence, ensuring the quality of perpetrator programs and the safety of victims. Participants will include representatives from the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, the

European, the European Confederation of Probation CEP, the European Network of Prison Services Europris, the Executive Secretary of the Istanbul Convention, representatives from the EU and national and international experts.

WWP EN launched these European Standards last year, reinforcing its commitment to ensuring high-quality, safety-oriented, effective interventions across Europe. Together with its members and partners and with the support of the European Commission, the Network remains dedicated to holding perpetrators accountable and working towards men's change for a future free of domestic violence.

For more information about the Conference, please visit [WWP EN's website](#).

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