



General Information

- Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence
- It includes every type of violence against women because of her gender or a type of violence that concerns women in a disproportionate way (art.2)



What is the purpose ?

- It seeks to protect women against every form of violence ; physical - psychological - sexual - domestic
- It seeks to prevent and eliminate those acts of violence, eradicate every form of discrimination and promote equality between man and women (art.1)

Istanbul Convention



State Obligation

- Prevent violence ; funding sensibilization campaigns, training of experts... (art.12)
- Protect victims ; with housing, medical, psychological and legal advice, by alerting the competent authorities.... (art.18)
- Prosecution ; establishment of procedures regarding authors of violence, criminalization of violence towards women (art.49)



For who?

- Every woman victim of violence based on gender that leads or will lead to physical, psychological, sexual or economic pain.
- Migrant and asylum seeker women that face any type of violence based on gender.



Changes in the Asylum Procedure

Deliver an autonomous residence status for victims that have a status that relies on their spouse, in case of a particular difficult situation (art 59)

Recognition of violence against woman because of their gender as a motive of persecutions (art 60).

Principle of non-refoulement : victims of gender based violence can't be send back to a country where their life would be in danger or where they would face inhumane treatment or punishment (art 61).

Asylum procedure under the Convention

Criminalization of female genital mutilation

Cover their residence status in case of forced marriage

Resident card "private life" in case of gender based violence



What changes in Luxembourg