

THE ROLE OF MEN AND BOYS IN STOPPING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

ROUND TABLE

Event organised by the PACE Interparliamentary Cooperation and Project Support Division in cooperation with Women at PACE, the Network Women Free from Violence and the Dutch Delegation to the PACE

Date/time: Friday 3 March 2023 from 14h30-16h30

Venue: Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands

Background:

Gender-based violence against women and girls is widespread and harmful. It affects society as a whole and should be recognised as a global human rights issue. The fight against gender-based violence has been led for decades by women and women's rights movements. However, as underlined in the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence ("[Istanbul Convention](#)"), men and boys also have an important role to play. They should be more aware that they are part of the solution – as well as being part of the problem. Men and boys have a responsibility to act to prevent and combat gender-based violence against women and girls.

The Round Table will aim to raise visibility of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly work and standards on the role of men and boys to end violence against women and girls, facilitate discussions and networking with stakeholders and define take-away actions to make progress in this regard.

Speakers:

Opening session:

- ▶ **Tiny Kox**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ **Pascalie Grotenhuis**, Ambassador, Women's Rights and Gender Equality, Director of Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- ▶ **Bjørn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- ▶ **Even Eriksen**, PACE General Rapporteur on Violence against Women

Thematic discussions:

- ▶ **Laila Ait Baali**, Director of the Gender Platform Women
- ▶ **Babab Tarawally**, Writer, journalist and "masculinity" expert
- ▶ **Maarten van Rossum**, Head of Strategy at "&FLUENCE"

Moderator:

- ▶ **Petra Stienen**, Chair of the Dutch Delegation to the PACE, Rapporteur on PACE report on "The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls", member of the Bureau of the Women@PACE Group.

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List of standards and adopted texts:

1. Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence ("[Istanbul Convention](#)");
2. [Resolution 2480 \(2023\)](#) "The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls"
3. [Dublin Declaration](#) on the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence;
4. [Resolution 2027 \(2014\)](#) "Focusing on the perpetrators to prevent violence against women";
5. [Resolution 2274 \(2019\)](#) "Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment";
6. [Resolution 2405 \(2021\)](#) "Revision of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly: introducing the explicit prohibition of sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence and misconduct";
7. The Assembly's [#NotInMyParliament](#) awareness-raising initiative to prevent and combat sexism, harassment and violence against women in parliaments;
8. [The places of men and boys in women's rights and gender equality policies](#) (Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission);
9. [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2019\)1](#) on preventing and combating sexism;
10. [Council of Europe Action Page on preventing and combatting sexism](#)