

FRA Fundamental Rights Forum 2018, Vienna

## Session #MeToo - A Global Movement To End Universal Human Rights Violations Against Women

Date: Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, 14:00 – 15:15

Location: Wien, METAstadt, KesselHaus, ground floor

### Programme

#### 14:00-14:20 Opening statements

<b>Dubravka Šimonović</b>	UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences
<b>Alianne Looijenga</b>	Speaker, blogger and founder of the Professionals Against Violence (PAVE) podcast, survivor of sexual violence and partner abuse from the Netherlands
<b>Carmen Gheorghe</b>	E-Romanji, Association for Promoting Roma Women's Rights, Romania

#### 14:20-14:50 Group discussion of participants, initiated by 5min inputs by the following experts

<b>Stephanie Futter-Orel</b>	Executive manager WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe
<b>Lucila Granada</b>	PICUM – Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, Director of Latin American Women Rights Service (LAWRS)
<b>Rosa Logar</b>	Director Domestic Violence Intervention Center Vienna, Co-founder WAVE network, GREVIO member
<b>Sami Nevala</b>	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
<b>Noá Nógrádi</b>	Social and political scientist, activists in the women's rights organizations PATENT and NANE Hungary
<b>Evelyn Probst</b>	Intervention IBF - Intervention Center for Trafficked Women Vienna
<b>Kerstin Schinnerl</b>	Alliance For a Live Free from Violence Austria, Coordinator of the Austrian NGO Shadow Report to GREVIO

#### 14:50-15:05 Plenum: Short closing statements by experts

15:05-15:13 **Peggy Lynn Hicks**, SNR Director of the UN's Human Rights Office (OHCHR) Geneva

15:13-15:15 **Closing remarks by Michael O'Flaherty**, FRA Director

Immediately followed by a joint call for the accession of the EU to the Istanbul Convention

Facilitator:

**Joanna Goodey**, FRA - Head of Freedoms and Justice Department

## CVs of experts to the session #MeToo - A Global Movement to End Universal Human Rights Violations against Women

**Stephanie Futter-Orel** holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna as well as a Master's degree in Development Management from the London School of Economics.

With work experience for over 7 years in organisations dedicated to fighting violence against women (frontline roles as well as Senior Management), she joined the WAVE Office as the Executive Manager in June 2017.

**Carmen Gheorghe** is the president of E-Romnja Association, a Roma feminist NGO in Romania promoting Roma women's rights. She holds a PhD in Political Science. She has been working with different Roma NGOs over the years and specialized in developing programs for Roma women's rights within the community and society while working the National Agency for Roma.

**Joanna Goodey** is Head of the Freedoms and Justice Department at the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), based in Vienna, where her work encompasses access to justice and victims of crime; asylum and migration; information society, privacy and data protection; and the Agency's EU-wide surveys on different groups' experiences of fundamental rights in practice. She has led the 2014 EU-wide FRA survey on violence against women.

**Lucila Granada** is a migrant woman from Argentina and the director of the Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS), a feminist organisation run by and for Latin American women in the UK. LAWRS is leading the #StepUpMigrantWomen UK campaign, which seeks to secure safe reporting of crime to the police for migrant women with insecure immigration status. Lucila has led a coalition of 14 Latin American NGOs to achieve official recognition as an ethnic group in London, and has completed a PhD on migration, language, and ethnic identity.

**Peggy Lynn Hicks** has served as director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division at the UN's Human Rights Office (OHCHR) since 2016. From 2005 to 2015, she was global advocacy director at Human Rights Watch, where she was responsible for coordinating Human Rights Watch's advocacy team and providing direction to its advocacy worldwide. Ms. Hicks previously served as director of the Office of Returns and Communities in the UN mission in Kosovo and as Deputy High Representative for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has also worked as the Director of Programs for the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights), and as an expert consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

**Rosa Logar** is Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Center Vienna and co-founder of the European Network WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe, 1994). Since June 2015 she has been a member of the Council of Europe's independent expert committee (GREVIO) monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. From 2008-2010 she was a member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO) which drafted the Istanbul Convention and a member of the UN Expert Group Meeting *Good practices in legislation on violence against women (2008)*.

**Alianne Looijenga** is an international speaker dedicated to motivating organizations to effectively help survivors of partner abuse, child abuse and sexual abuse. She is the founder of aliannelooijenga.com and the Professionals Against Violence (PAVE) podcast. Alianne is a survivor of sexual abuse and partner abuse; and is the mother of twins who were abused by their biological father after a judge granted him visitation rights when the children were three years old.

**Sami Nevala** Head of Sector Statistics and Surveys, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). Sami Nevala has a MA in the social sciences with statistics as the main subject, and has published a number of books, chapter and reports in the fields of victimization and comparative multi-country research – including Nevala (2017) *Coercive Control and Its Impact on Intimate Partner Violence Through the Lens of an EU-Wide Survey on Violence Against Women*; and Johnson, Ollus and Nevala (2008) *Violence against Women: An international perspective*. Working in FRA, he managed the agency's survey on violence against women, which interviewed 42,000 women in the 28 EU Member States.

**Noá Nógrádi** is an activist and academic based in Budapest, Hungary. She holds an MSc in Social and Political Science, a MA in Political Philosophy from Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), and a PhD in Politics and International Relations (University of Leeds, UK). Her main research areas include VAW, the continuum of violence, global gender injustice, and refugee law (gender-based asylum). Since 2013, she has been working for Hungary's biggest womens organizations NANE Association and PATENT Association, raising awareness on VAW, providing support for victims and trainings for professionals, and advocacy: NANE Association and PATENT Association.

**Michael O'Flaherty** Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights since 16 December 2015. Previously, Michael O'Flaherty was Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He has served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. From 2004-2012, he was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, latterly as a Vice-Chairperson. He is currently adjunct Professor of Law at the National University of Ireland Maynooth.

**Evelyn Probst** has a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years. Since 2000 she has been the coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) based in Vienna Austria, and as such she monitors the support system for trafficked women and girls as well as their access to their rights. She is a teacher at the University of Klagenfurt. Furthermore Probst has published in the field of trafficking in women, focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for trafficked women and girls.

**Dubravka Šimonović** was appointed as United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences in 2015 by the UN Human Rights Council. Ms. Šimonović was a member of the CEDAW Committee from 2002 to 2014, and served as its chairperson in 2007 and 2008. On the regional level, she co-chaired the Ad hoc Committee (CAHVIO) that elaborated the Istanbul Convention. Prior to these functions, she headed the Human Rights Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, was posted as the Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations in New York and was the Ambassador to the OSCE and United Nations in Vienna, Austria.

**Kerstin Schinnerl** is a human rights lawyer and works at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Center Vienna, where she offers legal and psychosocial support to victims of domestic violence and does legal research and advocacy work in the field of violence against women (nationally and internationally). She has coordinated the Austrian NGO Shadow Report to GREVIO on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.