

Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)

The Council of Europe (CoE) approved the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO) in December 2008 to prepare one or more legally binding instruments "to prevent and combat domestic violence including specific forms of violence against women, and to protect and support the victims of such violence as well as prosecute the perpetrators."

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Cosc Awareness Raising Scheme 2013 relating to Domestic, Sexual And Gender-based Violence

Cosc is pleased that it secured funding to run the Cosc awareness raising grant scheme in 2013 and, of the 67 applications received, grants have been awarded to date to 53 successful applicants. [read more>>](#)

Third Level Teachers Guidebook and Handbook

The Governments National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2010-2014 attaches high importance to ensuring that understanding and recognition of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence are included in curricula in relevant third-level courses. Last year Cosc surveyed relevant third level colleges across the country seeking information about the inclusion of domestic and sexual violence content in their curricula in the social science and medical courses that they offer. [read more>>](#)

Making A Victim Impact Statement

On the 8th of July 2013, the Garda Commissioner, along with the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence and the Director of Public Prosecutions launched Guidelines entitled "Making a Victim Impact Statement". [read more>>](#)

Law Reform Commission Publish Issues Papers on Domestic Violence

The Law Reform Commission has recently published two Issues Papers in relation to Domestic Violence. The purpose of an Issues Paper is to provide a summary or outline of a project on which the Commission is embarking or on which work is already underway, and to provide readers with an opportunity to express views and to make suggestions and comments on specific questions. The Issues Papers are circulated to members of the legal professions and to other professionals and groups who are likely to have a particular interest in, or specialist knowledge of, the relevant topic. They are also published on the Commissions website to ensure they are available to all members of the public. [read more>>](#)