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INNOVATIVE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTES TO INCREASED REPORTING RATES OF VIOLENCE IN KOSOVO*

Reporting rates to the police of incidents of violence against women have increased by 20 per cent since the launch of an innovative campaign aiming to involve the public in preventing violence against women. The campaign is led by Kosovo Gender Studies Centre as part of the Gender Lab, the regionwide EU-UN Women initiative that tests and implements innovative solutions to end violence against women and girls in the Western Balkans and Turkey. [Read more.](#)



NO LONGER HIDDEN: SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA END THEIR SILENCE

Women survivors of violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina are breaking the stigma around violence against women by sharing their experiences with other survivors and the community at large. Eight survivors of violence against women have published their stories, which recount disturbing experiences of violence but also offer messages of hope and inspiration. [Read about their journey.](#)



HOME IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE FOR WOMEN, NEW STUDY IN SERBIA SHOWS

According to a new study in Serbia, more than 74 per cent of femicides in Serbia take place in the family or are committed by intimate partners. The study concludes that home remains the most dangerous place for women, with 68 per cent of femicides taking place in the home of the victim and/or the perpetrator. [Read the story.](#)

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EXPERT'S TAKE: TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOUR, CONNECT WITH THEM FIRST

Dr. Everold Hosein, UN Women consultant and creator of the Communication for Behavioural Impact (COMBI) approach, discusses the gap between what we know and what we do and shares advice for achieving behavioural results to advance gender equality and end violence against women and girls. [Read more.](#)



SERBIAN YOUTH TAKE THE LEAD IN PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BEHAVIOURS

Students in Serbia harnessed their creativity and acting skills to produce a video on changing harmful attitudes in relationships. The students are part of the Youth Ambassadors for Ending Violence against Women, an initiative that encourages youth to take the lead in promoting gender equality and preventing violence against women and girls. [Read the story.](#)



TAKE FIVE: "STEREOTYPES SHAPE OUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS AND WITH THE WORLD"

Gertjana Hasalla is a project coordinator at Woman Forum Elbasan (WFE), an Albanian women's rights organization implementing an innovative behavioural change campaign in Elbasan, central Albania, aimed at ending violence against women. She shares insights and lessons learned during the campaign.

[Read more.](#)



MILOŠ DJAJIĆ: "MEN MUST CONTRIBUTE TO ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

In an op-ed for the Serbian newspaper Danas, Miloš Djajić encourages men to speak out and join the fight to end violence and harassment against women and girls. Djajić is President of the Board of Center of Modern Skills, a partner organization in the EU-UN Women regional programme "Implementing Norms, Changing Minds."

[Read the op-ed.](#)

REPORT: SECOND REGIONAL FORUM PROMOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY

The report presents a summary of discussions and conclusions from the Second Regional Forum Promoting the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention in the Western Balkans and Turkey. Convened by the Government of Albania, UN Women, the European Union, and the Council of Europe, the Second Regional Forum reviewed progress in ending violence against women and girls and implementing the Istanbul Convention in the region. The forum took place on 9-10 October 2019 under the framework of the EU-UN Women regional programme “Implementing Norms, Changing Minds.”

Read the report.



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VIDEO: SECOND REGIONAL FORUM PROMOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

The recap video for the Second Regional Forum reviews the key topics from the event and features perspectives from partners.

Check it out here.



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