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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Montenegro
Title:	Sixteen days of activism against violence against women
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Context	
Issue at stake:	Awareness raising & cooperation on stopping the violence against women
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Policy development
Field:	Other
Applicable law:	Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, <i>Official Gazette of Montenegro</i> , Nos 46/2010, 40/2011-1. Criminal Code, <i>Official Gazette of Republic of Montenegro</i> , Nos 70/2003, 13/2004, 47/2006, 40/2008, 25/2010, 32/2011, 40/2013 and 56/2013. Law on Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, <i>Official Gazette of Montenegro - International Treaties</i> , No. 4/2013.

Content

Policy development: The campaign "Sixteen days of activism against violence against women" was organized from 25 November to 10 December 2016 by the Government of Montenegro and the NGO sector, with the support of the EU mission in Montenegro, OSCE Mission to Montenegro and the UN system in Montenegro. The campaign highlighted the role that belongs to the NGOs Center for Women's Rights, Women's Safe House, SOS telephone for women and child victims of violence in Podgorica, Berane and Ulcinj. Support and funding of the EU Delegation to Montenegro has been very significant.

Throughout Montenegro, various events were organized to promote the prevention of domestic violence, and the awareness raising concerned, etc.

At the beginning of the campaign, the conference marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was organized in Podgorica by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, and the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, where EU Ambassador in Montenegro took part emphasizing the importance of gender equality principles in the EU.

On 30 November 2016, the Center for Women's Rights organized a training for the representatives of the Security Centre of Podgorica, on emergency police action in cases of violence against women and domestic violence.

The NGO "SOS Hotline for women and child victims of violence" in Nikšić, organized a public lecture "The cooperation and intervention - Stop Domestic Violence". It was held in Podgorica, Nikšić and Pljevlja, in cooperation with the NGO "Bona Fide Open Centre" from Pljevlja, the NGO *Centre for women's rights* and Safe women's house from Podgorica, as well as the Ministry for Human and Minority rights and Security Centers in Podgorica, Nikšić and Pljevlja.

The Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and the NGO *Centre for women's rights* organized a training program on domestic violence and violence against women in the judiciary, held on 28 and 29 November in Podgorica. The program was organized with the support of the Supreme Court of Montenegro and the Centre for training of the judiciary and public prosecutors.

Protest walk "Today they would have been among us" was organized on 10 December 2016 in Podgorica, passing by the buildings of the State Public Prosecutor's Office, the Parliament and the Government. It is organized on the occasion of negligent treatment in cases of violence against women and domestic violence. The campaign has repeatedly pointed out that Montenegro as a contracting party of the Istanbul Convention is obliged to work on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence.

During the campaign, the interactive play "Love and violence", which in an unusual way of communicating violence against women among adolescents, was conducted in high schools throughout Montenegro.

According to the opinion of the participants of the campaign that media transmitted, one of the biggest challenges in the efforts to prevent violence against women and girls is a significant lack of resources allocated to support services for women and girls, victims of discrimination and violence.

Key points of analysis: The main points of interest raised by the Campaign are: interconnecting the responsible public institutions and NGOs in order to put an end to violence against women and family violence, strengthening existing institutional cooperation, exchanging knowledge and good practices in the areas of intervention, awareness raising of the problem of violence, and educating the public about the importance of joint interventions.

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