

11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel discussion: Practices to counter digital forms of violence against women in Slovenia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Kristina KRAJNC</b>, researcher, Institute 8<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>▶ <b>Ajda PETEK</b>, researcher, Safer Internet Awareness Centre Safe.si, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana</li> <li>▶ <b>Mag. Bojana KRACAN</b>, Senior Criminal Inspector, Police, General Police Directorate, Criminal Police Directorate, General Crime Division</li> <li>▶ <b>Mirjam KLINE</b>, Supreme State Prosecutor, Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Aleš ZAVRSNIK</b>, Senior Research Fellow and Director, Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law, Ljubljana</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Interactive session: How can we make the digital dimension safe for everyone? – best practices, challenges, and solutions related to combatting tech-facilitated violence against women and girls (VAWG) in different countries</b></p> <p>The moderator will present innovative case studies tackling tech-facilitated VAWG from around the world, on topics such as evidence collection, awareness-raising campaigns, capacity-building, data collection and content removal. She will engage the participants in analysing how these examples could be useful in the Slovenian context.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Elina NIKULAINEN</b>, expert on prevention of, and response to, violence against women, Council of Europe consultant</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Closing discussions and coffee</i>

# Tackling the digital dimension of violence against women and girls in Slovenia – a look to international approaches



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## CONCEPT NOTE

### Background information

The rapid development of information and communication technologies has created new avenues for violence against women and girls, exposing them to greater risks of abuse. As stated in [General Recommendation No. 1 on the digital dimension of violence against women](#) of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), the digital dimension of violence against women is often overlooked in domestic laws and policies. General Recommendation No. 1 covers gender-based violence against women committed online or facilitated by technological devices.

Responses to combatting tech-facilitated violence against women need to be rooted in comprehensive policies for combating violence against women and domestic violence. As with all other forms of gender-based violence against women, adequate responses require a holistic approach that focuses not only on prosecution, but also on prevention, protection and co-ordinated policies.

At the request of the Slovenian government, the report *"The digital dimension of violence against women and girls in Slovenia"* was developed under the Council of Europe ["Ending violence against women: multi-country programme"](#). The report aims to highlight key legal and other challenges that Slovenia faces in addressing the digital dimension of violence against women. It seeks to ensure that professionals working with victims or perpetrators of gender-based violence in the digital realm are properly trained and equipped to identify and respond to these growing forms of violence.

The report is based on an analysis of relevant international and domestic legal frameworks, as well as desk research and fieldwork, and provides recommendations to address the shortcomings identified. The research involved a detailed analysis of Slovenian legal provisions and their implementation, identified through written reports, media sources, and interviews with key stakeholders. It aimed to identify key gaps in legislation and practice that require action to protect women and girls in the digital sphere. The research explored the levels of awareness and understanding of the issue among law enforcement officers, NGOs, and victims/survivors, including as regards technical and legal definitions, as well as evidentiary challenges. It also explored cross-border cooperation related to electronic evidence and other related matters.

In drawing up the report, key Council of Europe standards were considered, including the [Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence](#) (CETS No. 210, known as the Istanbul Convention) and the GREVIO General Recommendation No. 1.

### Conference goals

The conference aims to support Slovenia's ongoing efforts to protect women and girls from all forms of violence, including those facilitated by emerging technologies, and to ensure that Slovenia's legal and institutional frameworks remain robust and responsive in the digital age.

The aims of the conference are to:

- ▶ Inform participants about the findings of the report on "The digital dimension of violence against women in Slovenia".
- ▶ Facilitate a constructive exchange of best practices, challenges, and solutions related to combatting tech-facilitated violence against women and girls in different countries.
- ▶ Provide a forum for discussion on the pressing issues, and to explore potential legal, technical, and practical solutions for tackling this form of violence in Slovenia.

### Targeted participants

- ▶ 50 front-line professionals and experts.
- ▶ Representatives of the Council of Europe, the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Embassy of Japan in Slovenia and international experts.

### Languages

- ▶ Slovenian and English.

### Expected Outcomes

- ▶ Enhanced awareness of the digital dimension of gender-based violence against women and girls.
- ▶ Strengthened cooperation and discussions to identify solutions and to improve policies and practices addressing tech-facilitated violence against women and girls.

## PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:30	<i>Registration</i>
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Greetings and opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Helena VALAS</b>, Head of the Equal Opportunities Department, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Republic of Slovenia</li><li>▶ <b>Mitsuhiko SUGITA</b>, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Slovenia</li><li>▶ <b>Caterina BOLOGNESE</b>, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe</li></ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Presentation of the findings of the report <i>"Digital dimension of violence against women in Slovenia"</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Prof. Dr. Aleš ZAVRSNIK</b>, Council of Europe national consultant</li><li>▶ <b>Louise HOOPER</b>, Council of Europe international consultant</li></ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Moderator: Larissa KIREEVA</b> , Project Manager, Capacity Building and Co-operation Unit, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
11:10 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>