

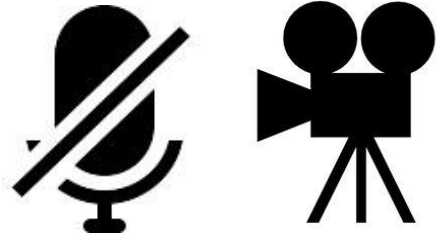
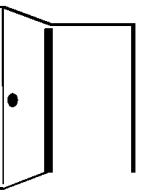
Providing NGO information to GREVIO and writing a Shadow Report

Coordination:

**Association of Austrian Autonomous Women's Shelters, AÖF &
Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna, IST**

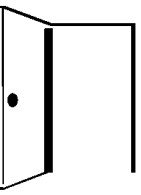
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Agenda

- 13:10-13:20** Maria Rösslhumer: Coordination of the Shadow Report
- 13:20-13:30** Maria Rösslhumer: Country visit by GREVIO and national lobbying
- 13:30-13:45** Kerstin Schinnerl: Structure of the Shadow Report and Executive Summary
- 13:45-13:50** Kerstin Schinnerl: Challenges with and Recommendations for writing a Shadow Report
- 13:50-14:00** Questions and comments from the audience

State- GREVIO Report

The Austrian coordinating body has asked NGOs to answer questions for the State Report.

Some of them have done it, but not all NGOs.

Preparation of the NGO-Shadow Report

- **Duration:** End of April to September 2016: approx. 4 month (incl. Summer holiday) Submitted to CoE: **19th of September 2016**
- **Mailing list:** collected email addresses from the most relevant NGOs who work in the field of domestic violence, violence against women and children (Women's Shelters, Intervention centers, Women's centers etc. Networks and counselling centres for sexual violence etc.)
- **Different target groups:** Associations for Migrants, Asylum seekers, for women with disabilities, LGBT, Children organisation
- **Invitation letters:** at the beginning of May for the first meeting. In total we had three meetings with the NGOs.

Coordination of the NGO-Shadow Report

Schedule of responsibilities: between the chapters and articles

Time tables: for sending materials and the content for the articles

Minutes: writing minutes and regularly informing about the current information

Decision of the structure: either following the questionnaires or the articles

Writing the NGO-Shadow Report: more or less in the last two weeks of August and September

Draft version: sent out to the NGOs for last feedbacks

State Report: Asked the coordinating body to send the State Report

30 Members of the Coalition for the NGO-Shadow Report

- African Women's Organisation
- Asylum Coordination
- Association Efeu
- Association Divan, Caritas Styria
- Association Frauenrechte jetzt (Women's rights now)
- Association Info Centre for migrants
- Association LEFÖ - Information, Education and Support for Migrant Women
- Association Maiz
- Association menschen@leben
- Association Miteinanderlernen
- Association Orientexpress
- Association Peregrina
- Association Witaf
- Austrian Women Ring (Frauenring) – Network of Women's NGOs
- Centre for Asylum Seekers, Caritas Vienna
- Centre Polis
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna (IST)
- Federal Association of Autonomous Rape Counselling Centres
- Federal Association of Intervention Centers/Centers for the Protection from Violence
- Federal Working Group on Victim-safety oriented Work with Perpetrators
- Initiative HOSI (Homosexuellen Initiative)
- Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
- Network of Austrian Autonomous Women's Shelters (AÖF)
- Network of Girl's and Women's Info, FMBST
- Ninlil - Empowerment and Counselling for Women with Disabilities
- peppa-Girls Centre Caritas Vienna
- White Circle (Victim support organisation)
- Women in Development Europe, WIDE
- Union
- Union of Austrian Shelters for Women ZÖF

GREVIO VISITS

Preparation of lists and names of different organisations for CoE and GREVIO

Preparation for the visits: 5 NGO Meetings between **28 of November - 2nd of December** (with the members of the coalitions, lawyers, migrant organisations, members of the health sector, organisation for children)

Organising meeting rooms, Catering, etc.

Lobbying and promotion of the Shadow Report

Follow up:

Meetings with the Members of the Coalitions and more

Establishment of the coalition for Lobbying the Report

Find a name for the coalition

Creating a campaign (Media and social media) for promoting the recommendations.

For example the cost of violence is very expensive! Investing money in prevention work.

Save money, save lives!

Structure of the NGO-Shadow Report

- Introduction: general information about women in Austria:
 - facts and figures on VAW and femicides
 - Information on other indicators of gender equality: gender pay gap, political participation of women, access to abortion etc.
- Following the structure of the Convention
- Chapters I – VIII, Article by Article
 - Background Information
 - Challenges
 - Recommendations
 - Exception: Special Focus on Children
- Appendices

Structure of the NGO-Shadow Report – cont.

- Background
 - relate issues to text of the Convention
 - brief – State Report will cover this section
- Challenges
 - focus on what is NOT working
 - shortcomings in the implementation of the Convention by the State
- Recommendations
 - give concrete recommendations
 - how to improve the situation in the specific national context
 - hope that GREVIO committee will take them up

Structure of the NGO-Shadow Report: Example

- **Article 8 – Financial Resources**

Text of the Convention:

Parties shall allocate appropriate financial and human resources for the adequate implementation of integrated policies, measures and programmes to prevent and combat all forms of violence covered by the scope of this Convention, including those carried out by non - Governmental organisations and civil society.

Structure of the NGO-Shadow Report: Example – cont.

- Background
 - „IC establishes that appropriate financial resources need to be allocated
 - this means that state authorities need to establish what amount is needed for the prevention of VAW“
- Challenges
 - 2011 EU study estimates that total cost of gender-based violence to be ~ 228 billion Euros, i.e. € 450 per citizen per year
 - there is little information on how much money is currently being invested into the protection of VAW in Austria
 - the annual budget of the Federal Ministry for Health and Women’s Affairs is only € 10 million – for prevention of VAW *and* gender equality measures

Structure of the NGO-Shadow Report: Example – cont.

- Recommendations

- Calculation:

- ✓ Violence costs € 450 per citizen per year
 - ✓ at least 10% of these costs should be invested in the prevention of violence
 - ✓ even when assuming this is too high and cutting this number to €250
 - ✓ this would make 25 € per Austrian citizen
 - ✓ in total (multiplied by inhabitants): € 210 million

- we demand that the budget of the Women's Ministry be increased to 210 million

- additional adequate funding is needed in all other ministries and on the provincial level

Executive Summary

- Purpose: to underline key priorities for the NGO Coalition
- Structure: summarizes thematic issues
- Timing: before State Dialogue takes place
- Added value: useful for national lobbying activities

Challenges for the NGO Coalition

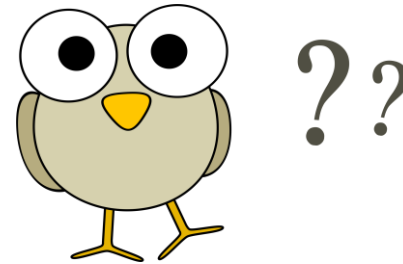
- Structure: originally guided by the questionnaire sent to States
- lack of resources (timing – summer months, no extra budget)
- contributions often too descriptive
- pressure: first shadow report

Recommendations for other NGO Coalitions

- re structure/ content of the report:
 - do not follow the questionnaire – NGOs can report on more issues than are addressed in the questionnaire
 - study Explanatory Report
 - refer back to the principle of due diligence (Art 5) also in other sections
- re procedural/ strategic aspects:
 - assign one person to put contributions together and edit them
 - start early – evaluation schedules are published long in advance
 - prepare a summary of the full report

DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

- Please, introduce yourself, your organisation,
- and tell us which country you are from



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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