



**DAYS OF ACTIVISM  
AGAINST  
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE  
TOWARDS  
WOMEN AND GIRLS**



**25 NOVEMBER- 10 DECEMBER  
SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN**



**DAY 2:**

Strong and consistent research from the EU and the UK shows that gender-based violence (GBV) is near universal for all women experiencing homelessness. Collaboration between GBV specialists from women's services & homelessness services is essential.

**DAY 3:**

Housing First can be very well integrated with gender and trauma-informed approaches to care & support; combined, it can create the appropriate set-up for women to exit homelessness and break the cycle of violence & homelessness. Learn more by watching the recording of our webinar on Housing First & Women. You can find it on our YouTube channel.

**DAY 4:**

On this day, we presented two projects in Italy to fight gender-based violence for women at risk of marginalisation, by MondoDonna Onlus. Shelt(h)er & Out of Shade aim to improve the identification of gender-based violence situations suffered by women experiencing homelessness, to offer adequate responses to complex needs and more. The projects are based on a close cooperative relationship between homeless services and anti gender-based violence organisations, including innovative ideas like a "mobile desk" for shelters in which workers from the two sectors work in tandem.

**DAY 5:**

On day 5, we partnered with our member Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Wohnungslosenhilfe. BAG W urged lawmakers, civil servants, NGOs & service providers to coordinate their responses to gender-based violence to protect women in the homelessness sector effectively: "It is our responsibility to ensure that women experiencing homelessness find a safe place where they can come to rest & begin a self-determined life. Still, many employees in emergency shelters know too little about the Istanbul Convention & its legally binding requirements."

#### DAY 6:

Isabel Baptista shared a good practice from Portugal. The training under the Portuguese National Homelessness Strategy includes one specific module on Gender & Homelessness, which directly addresses gender-based violence & its implications.

#### DAY 7:

Researcher Méabh Savage shared the significance of the affective sphere to explain the homelessness journeys of four mothers.

#### DAY 9:

International expert on the prevention of violence against women Rosa Logar talked about homelessness and the risk of violence and femicide.

#### DAY 10:

BMSZKI & several NGO partners collaborated in opening the first gynaecologist practice for women experiencing homelessness in Hungary in September 2022. An independent expert held a two-day training for the nurses, gynaecologists and social workers.

#### DAY 12:

During our webinar on "Women's safety and protection from gender-based violence in mixed homelessness services" Lucy Campbell (Single Homeless Project) and Louisa Steele (Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse) discussed the complexities of the relationships between women and their domestic abuse perpetrators.

#### DAY 13:

During our webinar on "Women's safety and protection from gender-based violence in mixed homelessness services" Laura Slimani from Fondation des Femmes presented the project #UNABRIPOURTOUTES (a shelter for all women). The project provides specific recommendations to help women in mixed homelessness services.

#### DAY 14:

FEANTSA issued a statement urging Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention and to create more housing options for survivors.

#### DAY 15:

On this day, we shared a message by Solace Women's Aid on setting up women-only spaces in homelessness services.

#### DAY 16:

On the final day, we advocated for The European Platform on Combatting Homelessness to address gender-based violence in order to achieve its goals. Indeed, gender-based violence is the key driver of women's homelessness and one of the most prevalent human rights violation.

*We would like to thank all of the professionals, activists, researchers and homelessness services who have contributed to our campaign by raising awareness, sharing best practices and providing knowledge on this very important topic.*