

Title: AM-1-1 to R5: No more victims: stop femicide in

Europe

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From line 1 to 9:

The Istanbul Convention condemns all forms of violence against women and calls for special measures and legislation to prevent and protect women from gender-based violence.[1] However, as femicide is not mentioned in the Convention, the European Greens are calling to amend the Istanbul Convention to include gender-related killings as the most brutal and extreme manifestation of violence against women and girls and elaborate urgent and adequate measures to stop femicide worldwide. Furthermore, the European Greens are calling upon European governments to combat femicide and take urgent actions and the EU 2024 Gender-Based Violence Directive condemn all forms of violence against women and call for special measures and legislation to prevent and protect women from gender-based violence.[1] Gender-related killings are the most brutal and extreme manifestation of violence against women and girls. Even though femicide is not mentioned explicitly in the Convention, the European Greens want to remind and highlight that the Convention covers it under the criminalising of physical violence and the obligation of immediate response, prevention and protection. The European Greens are calling upon European governments uphold the clear obligation of the Convention to combat femicide, in particular by introducing it as a specific crime in their criminal codes and by urgently adopting and implementing adequate measures on prevention, protection and reporting.

Explanation / Comment

We advise against opening up the Istanbul Convention as it already covers femicide, even without explicitly using this term, especially in today's political context where the Convention is under pressure, including with Turkey already having withdrawn itself and Latvia potentially to do the same. The focus should now be on pushing for its proper implementation.