

Title: **AM-3-10 to R5: No more victims: stop femicide in Europe**

Tabled by: EGP Committee

From line 2 to 9:

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~~ [\[1\]](#) Even though the term femicide is not mentioned in the Convention, the European Greens emphasize that gender-related killings are covered under the criminalisation of physical violence (Article 50). We therefore call upon European governments to combat femicide as the most brutal and extreme manifestation of violence against women and girls and to take urgent actions on prevention, protection and reporting.

Explanation / Comment

We believe that in this political moment asking to amend the Istanbul Convention would entail reopening it, which would require re-ratification by all parties. Given that some countries have already threatened to withdraw, we do not believe this would be a wise move, as it could ultimately weaken the Convention as a whole. Furthermore, although the term feminicide is not explicitly mentioned in the Convention, the Explanatory Report to the Istanbul Convention clarifies in Article 35

that it includes “violence resulting in the death of the victim,” and in Article 50 that “measures should be taken to prevent the most blatant forms of violence, namely murder or attempted murder.” This means that feminicide is already covered.

GREVIO (the expert monitoring body of the Istanbul Convention) itself argues that killings are encompassed under the criminalisation of violence and the obligation of prevention (Articles 35 and 50). Moreover, GREVIO will soon publish General Recommendation No. 2 on gender-related killings (femicides).

Demanding an explicit inclusion of feminicide in the Convention could undermine the argument that it is already implicitly covered.