Preliminary Conference programme

**Day 1: Monday, 25 November 2013**

08:00-09:00  Registration

09:00-09:30  Welcome and Opening Plenary

09:30-11:00  **Plenary 1 | Evidence Gathering: Data and Indicators**
This session will serve to identify the evidence currently available on gender-based violence against women, as well as the existing gaps.

11:00-11:30  Coffee Break/ Press Conference

11:30-13:00  **Plenary 2 | Legislation and Policies for Intersectoral Action: International, Regional and National Frameworks**
This session will serve to make the case for intersectoral action for the prevention and response to violence against women and raise awareness on existing international and European frameworks supporting such action, as well as some country examples.

13:00-14:30  Lunch

14:30-15:30  **Parallel Session 1 | Challenges in Data Collection; Overcoming Gaps and the Need for Comparable Indicators**
This session will serve to have an interactive discussion on the harmonisation of data on gender-based violence against women in Europe and the role of international organisations in data collection.

**Parallel Session 2 | The Use of Human Rights Frameworks for Policy Development on Eliminating Violence against Women**
This session will discuss Member States examples on how international and regional human rights accountability mechanisms have been used to develop policies aimed at eliminating violence against women.

15:30-16:00  Coffee Break

16:00-17:00  **Parallel Session 3 | Intersectoral Action for Violence against Women: Prevention and Response – the Role of the Cities**
This session will serve to display promising practices of local level intersectoral action and discuss the crucial role of cities in implementing intersectoral policies combating violence against women.
16:00-17:00  Parallel session 4 | The Role of Intersectoral Coordinating Mechanisms in Addressing Violence against Women: from Data Collection to Policy Implementation
This session will look at how intergovernmental coordination mechanisms have worked to promote intersectoral action against violence against women.

17:00-18:00  Short Reporting Session
This session will bring together main impressions of the parallel sessions 1-4 from the perspective of the moderators in order to give a summary of the day in plenary.

Day 2: Tuesday, 26 November 2013

09:00-10:30  Plenary 3 | Prevention Strategies to Eliminate Violence against Women
This plenary will serve to discuss the effectiveness of prevention strategies to prevent violence against women through the life course.

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-12:30  Plenary 4 | The Role of the Health Sector and the Links with other Sectors in tackling violence against women
This session will focus on the role of the health sector as an entry point and on violence against women as a public health issue. It will include the European launch of the WHO policy and clinical guidelines and illustrate examples from countries on the role of the health sector.

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:00  Parallel Session 5 | Building Capacities across Sectors to Eliminate Violence against Women
This session will discuss past and ongoing capacity building efforts in countries; their aim, design and effect.

Parallel Session 6 | Addressing Specific Forms of Violence against Women in Europe
This session will serve to discuss actions to tackle specific forms of violence against women, especially FGM and the trafficking of human beings. This will include how to collect, analyse and use data.

15:00-15:30  Coffee Break

15:30-16:30  Parallel Session 7 | Gathering Evidence; Exploring the ‘Costs of Violence’
This session will serve to discuss the methods used to calculate the costs of violence.

Parallel Session 8 | Barriers in Access to Services for Migrant and Minority Populations
This session will serve to show practices and guidelines on how to reduce discrimination in access to prevention interventions and to services for migrants and women from minority populations.

16:30-17:00  Short Reporting Session
This session will bring together main impressions of the parallel sessions 5-8 from the perspective of the moderators in order to give a summary of the day in plenary.

17:00-17:30  Closing Plenary