



# **TAIEX Workshop on Combating Gender-Based Violence Against Women and Girls**

**organised in co-operation with  
the Ministry of Women's Affairs**

**and**

**the Office of the European Union Representative  
(West Bank, Gaza Strip, UNRWA)**

**Venue :**

**Caesar Hotel, Masyoun Heights**

**Ramallah**

**5-6 December 2017**

**Beneficiary :**

**Palestine\***

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## **Aim of the workshop**

This workshop aims at gathering international, European and Palestinian experts as well as stakeholders to exchange views and best practices on how to eradicate gender-based violence against women and girls.

It will address both the legislative and societal frameworks in Palestine and provide for lessons learned from comparative experiences from the region as well as from Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal and Sweden.

Through interactive group discussions, this workshop seeks to bolster the cooperation and involvement of key stakeholders in fighting gender-based violence against women and girls in Palestine. The participants are invited to develop recommendations for future actions by the Palestinian Authorities, civil society organizations, as well as the EU and international organizations.

This workshop falls within the EU Gender Action Plan 2016-2022 and the EU year of focused actions to combat violence against women and girls in all its forms. As a matter of priority, the EU is fully committed to ensuring the physical and psychological integrity of women and girls, promoting their empowerment and strengthening their voice and participation.

## Day 1 : Tuesday 5 December 2017

09:00-09:20	Registration of participants
09:20-09:40	<p><b>Welcome and Opening</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Haifa al-Agha</i> <i>Minister of Women's Affairs</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mr. Tomas Niklasson</i> <i>Deputy European Union Representative (West Bank, Gaza Strip and UNRWA)</i></p>
<p><b>PART I: EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND PALESTIAN CONTEXT</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: Guia Faglia, AGENZIA ITALIANA PER LA COOPERAZIONE ALLO SVILUPPO (AICS)</b></p>	
09:40-10:20	<p><b>Overview of the current situation in Palestine and Gaza</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Legislative framework: Ms. Amal Abusrour</i> <i>Director of Programs</i> <i>Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Societal framework: Ms. Sama Aweidah</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Women Studies Centre (WSC)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Overview of the situation in Gaza: Majeda Alsaqqa</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA) (TBC)</i></p>
10:20-10:40	<p><b>The Ministry of Women's Affairs – General Overview, including legislative framework</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ministry of Women's Affairs</i></p>
10:40-11:00	<p><b>Identifying Violence Against Women and Girls</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Bianca Pomeranzi</i> <i>Expert in Gender-Based Violence</i> <i>Former member of the CEDAW Committee (Italy)</i></p>
11:00-11:20	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
11:20-11:40	Coffee break

<b>PART II: ADDRESSING THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK</b>	
<b>CHAIR: Anne Marie Baldovin, EUPOL COPPS</b>	
<b>11:40-12:00</b>	<p><b>Comparative Experiences: From Lithuania to Lebanon</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Vanda Jurseniene</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Expert, Gender Research Laboratory, Mykolas Romeris University</i> <i>Former Head of Gender Division, Ministry of Social Security and Labour</i> <i>(Lithuania)</i></p>
<b>12:00-12:20</b>	<p><b>Comparative Experience: Portugal</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mr. Plácido Fernandes</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prosecutor Coordinator</i> <i>Cascais Prosecution Unit on Gender Violence and Children Abuse</i> <i>Court of Lisbon Northwest (Portugal)</i></p>
<b>12:20-13:00</b>	<p><b>Tables discussions (12)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Table Hosts: Ms. Amal Abusrour, Ms. Sama Aweidah, Ms. Anne Marie Baldovin (EUPOL COPPS), Ms. Sara Dominoni (AICS), Ms. Guia Faglia (AICS), Mr. Plácido Fernandes, Mr. Tamás Heizer, Ms. Maria Johansson, Ms. Vanda Jurseniene, Ms. Laura Mascagna (EUREP), Ms. Bianca Pomeranzi, Ms. Hoda Rouhana</i></p>
<b>13:00-13:45</b>	<p><b>Restitution and Open discussions</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Guia Faglia, AICS</i></p>
13:45-14:45	Lunch break
<b>14:45-16:00</b>	<p><b>Strengthening the role of civil society organizations in combating Violence against Women and Girls: Open discussions with Experts</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderators: Mr. Plácido Fernandes and Ms. Vanda Jurseniene</i></p>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>End of Day one</b>

## Day 2 : Wednesday 6 December 2017

<b>PART II: ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL CONTEXT</b>	
<b>CHAIR: MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS</b>	
09:00-09:20	Registration of participants
09:20-09:40	<p><b>Combating Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls as a tool for a stronger society</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Bianca Pomeranzi</i> <i>Expert in Gender-Based Violence</i> <i>Former member of the CEDAW Committee (Italy)</i></p>
09:40-10:00	<p><b>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mr. Tamás Heizer</i> <i>Expert in Gender-Based Violence</i> <i>Management Board Alternate, European Institute for Gender Equality</i> <i>(Hungary)</i></p>
10:00-10:20	Questions and Answers
10:20-10:40	<p><b>Overview of the stakeholders in Palestine</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Hoda Rouhana</i> <i>Programme Analyst, Gender Responsive Prosecution</i> <i>UN Women Palestine Office</i></p>
10:40-11:00	<p><b>Fostering partnerships between the stakeholders</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ms. Maria Johansson,</i> <i>Acting Head of Office Jerusalem</i> <i>Kvinna till Kvinna (Sweden)</i></p>
11:00-11:20	Coffee break
11:20-12:00	<p><b>Tables discussions (12)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Table Hosts: Ms. Amal Abusrour, Ms. Sama Aweidah, Ms. Anne Marie Baldovin (EUPOL COPPS), Ms. Sara Dominoni (AICS), Ms. Guia Faglia (AICS), Mr. Plácido Fernandes, Mr. Tamás Heizer, Ms. Maria Johansson, Ms. Vanda Jurseniene, Ms. Laura Mascagna (EUREP), Ms. Bianca Pomeranzi, Ms. Hoda Rouhana</i></p>

<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Restitution and Open discussions</b> <i>Moderators: Mr. Tamás Heizer and Ms. Maria Johansson</i>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch break
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks, Recommendations and Way Forward</b>  <i>Mr. Rami Hamdallah Prime Minister (TBC)</i>  <i>Mr. Tomas Niklasson Deputy European Union Representative (West Bank, Gaza Strip and UNRWA)</i>  <i>Ms. Bianca Pomeranzi Expert in Gender-Based Violence Former member of the CEDAW Committee (Italy)</i>

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