



# Unseen no more!

## Policies and partnerships to protect older women from violence

**Violence against older women has long remained invisible – but not anymore.**

Through the EU-funded project MARVOW 2.0, experts, services, and policy makers from across Europe have worked together to build a coordinated multi-agency response to gender-based violence against older women. The conference “Unseen no more!” brings together policy makers, civil society and front line professionals to discuss how policies and partnerships can protect older women from violence.

The conference will be held in person, in English. Participation is free of charge.

Registration is required: [marvow.eu/unseen-no-more-conference](https://marvow.eu/unseen-no-more-conference)

09:00 REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE MODERATOR: **Alessandra Pauncz** *WWP European Network*    SPEAKERS:

09:30 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Official greetings and setting the stage for “Unseen no more!”

**Maria Sternativo**  
*European Commission*

09:45 **MARVOW 2.0 – coordinated multi-agency response to violence against older women**  
Shining a light on the efforts to protect older women from violence: Project introduction – presentation

**Martina Knoll**  
*Association of Autonomous Women's Shelters in Austria*

10:00 **A call to action for European policymakers**  
Recommendations on policies and partnerships to protect older women from violence

**Apolline Parel**  
*AGE Platform Europe*

10:15 **European policy perspectives on violence against older women**  
Relevance and impact of directives, strategies and conventions for older women victims of violence

**Evin Incir**  
*European Parliament*  
**José Antonio Moreno Díaz**  
*European Economic and Social Committee*  
**Florence Raes**  
*UN Women Brussels Office*  
**Lisa Collste**  
*European Commission*

PANEL MODERATOR: **Bridget Penhale** *OWN Europe*

11:15 COFFEE BREAK





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**11:45 Reflections from European civil society**  
Perspectives from civil society organisations  
on advancing protection for older women

**Marine Uldry**  
*European Disability Forum*  
**Ilaria Todde**  
*EuroCentralAsian Lesbian\* Community*  
**Ann-Katrin Orr**  
*Mental Health Europe*  
**Sandra Jovanović Belotić**  
*WWP European Network*  
**Aleksandra Ivankovic**  
*Victim Support Europe*

PANEL MODERATOR: **Stephanie Futter-Orel** *WAVE*

**13:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00 From risk to response –  
multi-agency collaboration tools**  
Risk assessment, training modules and do's and don'ts

**Natacha Henry**  
*Psytel*  
**Daphne Demetriou**  
*Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies*  
**Nicholas Spetsidis &  
Sophia Thanasoula**  
*Union of Women Association of Heraklion*

**15:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:15 Multi-agency collaboration in practice**  
Sharing evidence, experiences, and lessons learned  
from Bulgaria, Italy and Spain

**Svetla Sivcheva &  
Nina Nikolova**  
*Association NAIA*  
**Giusy de Grazia**  
*Anci Lazio*  
**Heinrich Geldschläger**  
*Conexus*

**16:15 Closing**  
Final reflections and commitments to EU institutions and organisations



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