

*Monitoring Mechanism of the Council of Europe
Convention on preventing and combating violence
against women and domestic violence*

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Subject: First thematic evaluation round visit, “Building trust by delivering support, protection and justice” by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) in Estonia (20-24 October 2025)

Dear Ms Kruusement,

On behalf of GREVIO, I hereby wish to thank your authorities for the information provided in the state report submitted by Estonia. GREVIO is looking forward to dialogue with your authorities during the evaluation visit which, as agreed, is planned to take place from **20 to 24 October 2025**.

I am pleased to inform you that the delegation participating in this visit will include the following GREVIO members:

- Ellen O'MALLEY-DUNLOP (Second Vice-President of GREVIO) and
- Päivi HIRVELÄ.

The delegation will be supported by Elif Sariaydin, administrator at the Secretariat of the Istanbul Convention.

The issues to be addressed during the visit will focus on the main themes of this evaluation round, including the development of policies to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, and their financing; data collection; prevention; support and protection of victims and their children; investigation, prosecution and conviction rates; other issues pertaining to civil and criminal law.

Your kind help with the organisation of the programme of this evaluation visit will be much appreciated. Please note that we will inform you of the list of institutions, including the indication of a second city to visit in addition to Tallinn and potential on-site visits, as well as the proposed agenda for the meetings, in due time.

I would also like to inform you that, in addition to meetings with representatives of the authorities, the Secretariat will directly organise a number of meetings with representatives of civil society and non-governmental organisations.

I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in the different steps of the evaluation procedure and I look forward to our continued co-operation. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat (conventionviolence@coe.int) or Elif Sariaydin (elif.sariaydin@coe.int).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nelles', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Johanna Nelles
Executive Secretary

Encl.: Practical guidelines on the role of the contact person of the state party with respect to the monitoring work carried out by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties

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