Violence Against Women in European Law

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« Hard » EU Law

- TFEU: Articles 19(2), 82, 83(1), 84
- Directive 2002/73/EC (sexual harassment at work)
- Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA
EU Case law


- CJEU, 15 September 2011, *Magatte Gueye and Valentin Salmerón Sánchez*, C-483/09 and 1/10

« Soft » EU law - policy

- *EU Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them*, General Affairs Council of 8 December 2008;


- External policies and acquis communautaire
« Soft » EU law (continued)


« Soft » EU law (continued) – European Parliament

• Resolution on the current situation in combating VAW and any future action (P6_TA(2006)0038);
• Resolution of 26 November 2009 on the elimination of violence against women (P7_TA(2009)0098)
• Resolution of 24 March 2009 on combating female mutilation in the EU (P6_TA(2009)0161)
• Resolution of 15 April 2011 on priorities on outline of a new EU policy framework to fight violence against women (A7-065/2011)
• Resolution of 25 February 2014 with recommendations to the Commission on combating Violence Against Women (P7_TA(2014)0126)
Council of Europe

- 2005 Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS no. 197)

- 2011 Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CETS no. 210)

European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) (early cases – Article 8)

- Bevacqua and S. v. Bulgaria, 12 June 2008, n°71127/01

- Jankovic v. Croatia, 5 March 2009, n°38478/05

- A. v. Croatia, 14 October 2010, n°55164/08
ECtHR (recent developments – Article 3 and Article 14)

• *Opuz v. Turkey*, 9 June 2009, n°33401/02
• *Valiuliene v. Lithuania*, 26 March 2013, n°33234/07
• *Eremia and Others v. Moldova*, 28 May 2013, n°3564/11
• *Mudric v. Moldova*, 16 July 2013, n°74839/10
• *B. v. Moldova*, 16 July 2013, n°61382/09

Further reading

• « Combatting Violence against women », European Added Value Assessment (EAVA 3/2013)
• Council of Europe webpage on VAW: [http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/convention-violence/default_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/convention-violence/default_en.asp)