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Autonomous Women's Center is a woman, non-governmental organization founded in 1993.

AWC's work is based on the feminist principles and theory. AWC believes that life without violence is basic human right, in accordance with that provides specialized support to women, and encourages individual and institutional response on male violence against women, contributes to strengthening of women's "networks" and civil society in general.

Activities of AWC encompass: direct consultation work with women victims of violence, cooperation with relevant institutions on developing the concept of integral intervention (coordinated action) of the community in prevention and protection from domestic violence, educational and preventive activities, research work, campaigns for sensitizing of public opinion, advocacy, analytical and research activities, policy analyses and participation in activities of international networks against violence against women.

IPA and similar managed projects include: Rights of victims of violence - toward European solutions (2010/2013), Toward social cohesion – Influencing social inclusion policy for multiple vulnerable groups of women who are affected by violence (2011/2012), Civil Society for Government Accountability and Poverty Reduction in Serbia (2009/2012), Networking for change (2009/2011), Observatory on Violence against Women - an independent national expert body to monitor violence against women (2011).

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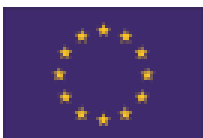
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WAVE is a network of European women's non-governmental organisations working in the field of combating violence against women and children (women's refuges, counselling centres, SOS hotlines, organisations focusing on prevention and training, etc.).

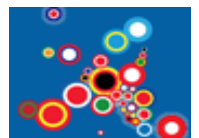
Currently the Network focuses specifically on violence in the family and in intimate relationships. The Network sets out to promote and strengthen the human rights of women and children in general and to prevent violence against women and children in particular. The Network fully supports the aims of the United Nations, stressing the importance of working towards ending all forms of violence against women and children in public and private life in accordance with the Vienna Declaration, the Declaration on Violence against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action and all other related documents. Principal functions contain the following: to collect and disseminate data on organisations working in the field of violence against women and children and on the applicable legal provisions, prevention programmes, campaigns and international activities in this area; to issue publications (newsletters, conference reports, national and project reports etc.); and to organise and co-ordinate events such as the WAVE Conference and other meetings.

WAVE gathered long-standing experience in implementing research based projects on legislations to protect women and children from violence. Through its wide network of partner organizations from all over Europe the organization is able to provide up to date information on best practices concerning the protection from and prevention of gender-based violence and action plans and legislative initiatives to tackle the problem.



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United Women Banja Luka is nongovernmental organization founded on August 16th 1996 in Banja Luka.

Through the activities and projects of the association, UW advocating for improving social position of woman and her right to life without violence in family and public life. UW wants to see more women at decision-making positions in official institutions at all levels of governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

UW mission is strengthening and affirmation of women through advocacy and work on implementation of women's human rights.

UW implemented different projects in partnerships with other national or regional partner organisations: Gender Equality in BiH – Informed Public Opinion and Gender Sensitive Media, (2004), From the Law to Real Gender Equality - NGO Platform for Action for the Implementation of the Gender Equality Law in BiH (2003), Action Against Trafficking of Children in BiH (2004/2005), Gender Budgeting Initiative in The Area of Domestic Violence at Local and Entity Level of BiH (2007), Capacity building and Advocacy Actions Planning – Safe Houses for Women and Children Victims of Violence in BiH (2008), Monitoring Trials and Judicial Practice in Criminal Cases Related to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (2011).



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On October 11th 1989, the SOS Help-line rang for the first time. It was a pioneer's, but a determined step towards the protection and help for women and children who experience violence in their partnerships, families and/or other relations.

With this act also the Association SOS Help-line, the first non-governmental organization working in the field of combating violence against women and children in Slovenia, was established. Association SOS Help-Line was a project manager for European Commission co-financed project In four steps! (2007/2008). Also, organization was involved in following projects co-financed by the EC: Bridging Gaps – Models of cooperation between women's NGOs and state authorities to prevent violence against women and children (2004); IMPROVE – Quality services for victims of domestic violence (2006); Difference is our strength (2007/2008).

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Centre for Women War Victims- ROSA is a feminist, anti-militaristic, non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 1992 with an aim to support women victims of war and other forms of patriarchal violence.

CWWV activities include: psycho-social and direct assistance to women (counseling, self-help groups, housing, therapy, legal assistance, humanitarian aid, etc.), public awareness of the problem of violence against women, promoting women's human rights by sharing knowledge and experiences, building networks with other women's organizations, lobbying government institutions to improve the treatment and legal status of women.

CWWV mission is the elimination of male/patriarchal violence against women and tolerance



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in relation to such violence, women's enjoyment of human rights and strengthening the position of women in society at all levels.

CWWV implemented different projects in partnerships with other national or regional partner organizations: Toward social cohesion – Influencing social inclusion policy for multiple vulnerable groups of women who are affected by violence (2011/2012), Influencing Changes in Legal and Media Perspectives Concerning Trafficking in Women and Prostitution (2008/2009), Cross-Border Cooperation in Combating Violence against Women and Children - Watchdog Analysis of Implementation of the Law for Protection against Violence and Children in the Family in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia (2008), Changing Perspectives in Society Toward Eliminating Root Causes of Trafficking in Women and Prostitution (2007), Strengthening Anti-trafficking Network in the Western Balkan (2006/7), Support of Women's Human Rights in Western Balkans (2004/2006).



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National Council for Gender Equality is a national network of 110 local women organizations, non-governmental organization founded in 1994.

NCGE work is based on the principles of equality and protection of women. NCGE vision is equality enshrined in women's rights; eliminate discrimination against women in society and in the family, development and peace. NCGE mission is the development of civil society by creating new relationships in society, through the support of local women's organizations and women as individuals.

NCGE activities include: Preventive, informative and educational activities for women and public in general; Consultative activities for women with trauma of male violence, interventions in acute situations with domestic violence, psychological support for victim of the violence and legal support for enjoying the right on life without violence; SOS phone service for care of women victims of violence, legal information and consultations; Cooperation and exchange with women's organizations in the state, region and the world; Civic and women's activism. Organizing and conducting training sessions for the protocols/referral mechanisms in the health, police, education, social and NGO sector in the domain of domestic violence (2011/2012), I have the right to be protected (2010/2011), Act and Influence Effectively against Domestic Violence (2010/2011), Gender based violence program for municipal leadership and private sector representatives (2010), Support for women's human rights in the western Balkans (2006).

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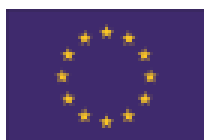
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The European Women's Lobby is one of the oldest and best established European-level civil society NGOs.

Over the last 20 years, EWL membership has grown steadily to reach more than 2500 organisations across 30 European countries. The EWL has more than 20 years of experience in supporting women's coalitions, transnational projects and campaigns. More specifically, the EWL has supported its members and experts of the Observatory to undertake campaigns for the Council of Europe Convention on Violence against women with a lobbying kit (2010) and seminars in different countries. Before, it also developed indicators to monitor progress on violence against women, which has been used extensively in many countries by women's organizations working on VAW.



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