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From marital violence to violence within the family: a three-sided affair – victims, perpetrators and child witnesses

Dates: 22 and 23 November 2010

Place: Strasbourg (Palais de l'Europe)

Organised by the Regain Association under the patronage of Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in conjunction with the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs.

Description: The Council of Europe, which is currently drafting a new convention to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, will host this colloquy which will provide an opportunity for the Regain Association to share its professional practices, consolidate its operational network and support its research programme on what is being done to offer a comprehensive and multidimensional approach to dealing with the three parties involved: victims, perpetrators and child witnesses.

The Association will give a presentation on its expert assessment strategy, comprising:

- consideration of the problem of violence within the family;
- studying the psychological and sociological mechanisms of violence;
- addressing the issue of recurrence prevention;
- assessing the advantages and limits of day-to-day practice;
- creating "inter-service" practices and networking;
- revisiting the question of gender equality;
- influencing changes in the application of the law and changes in traditions.

The colloquy will provide an opportunity for meetings with local bodies and debates on the following topics:

- European, national and regional policies to combat and eradicate domestic violence;
- the psychoanalytical and anthropological approach to the phenomenon of violence within the family;
- implementing a holistic approach to violence within the family by drawing on the multidimensional work of international and European associations;
- the way in which French and other European courts deal with violence within the family;
- the case for setting up a European network of associations.

Practical information:

- the colloquy will begin on Monday 22 November at 9.30 in Room 1 (Palais de l'Europe) – [Programme](#)
- **accreditation** from the Directorate of Communication, Danielle Schreiber-Somoza, tel. +33 3 88 41 25 44, danielle.schreiber-somoza@coe.int

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