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## **International Women's Day : Statement by Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Gabriella Battaini Dragoni**

"Gender Equality dimension should be strengthened in time of austerity"

Strasbourg. 07.03.2014. "Women are suffering more than men from austerity policies: Gender Equality is at stake and it should be strengthened during these turbulent times. The right to fair remuneration, recognising the concept of equal pay for work of equal value, enshrined in article 4 of the [European Social Charter \(Revised\)](#), should be implemented and not just considered a principle. The gender dimension is key to fostering equal opportunities, fighting stereotypes and avoiding discrimination that might also lead to violence against women".



### **10-11 March – Deputy Secretary General at the UN Commission on the Status of Women**

[Deputy Secretary General](#) Gabriella Battaini Dragoni will attend the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the UN Headquarters in New York. She will be the keynote speaker at the Side Event "Trafficking in human beings – a severe form of violence against women and girls and a flagrant violation of human rights: The Council of Europe response", co-organised with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations ". Deputy Secretary General will also moderate the Side Event: "The Convention of Belém do Pará and the Council of Europe [Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence](#) (known as Istanbul Convention): A response to violence against women worldwide", co-organised with the Permanent Missions of France and Argentina to the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

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