The Council of Europe and the Russian Federation are launching joint project “Co-operation on the implementation of the Russian Federation National Action Strategy for Women (2017-2022)”

The Council of Europe and Russian Federation are launching on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 11:00 the joint project “Co-operation on the implementation of the Russian Federation National Action Strategy for Women (2017-2022)”. The financial support is provided by the European Union and the Council of Europe. The launch event will take place in the premises of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Moscow (Leontyevsky per. 9).

The main partner from the Russian side is the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation. In the implementation of the project also takes part the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. The project will focus on developing knowledge and skills in two areas of the Russian National Action Strategy for Women (2017-2022): 1) preventing social disadvantage of women and violence against women and 2) women’s participation in public and political life.

Verena Taylor, Director of the Office of the Council of Europe Directorate General of Programmes, will open the launch event. Welcome speeches will be given by Tatiana Moskalkova, the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation, Alexey Vovchenko, the First Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Russian Federation, Andrey Kelin, Director of the Department of European Co-operation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation, Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe, and Mara Marinaki, European Union Ambassador and the European External Action Service Principal Adviser on Gender and on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

The official opening will be followed by an international expert workshop “Violence against women: causes, prevention and ways of overcoming”. The workshop is designed to share promising experiences in combating this global scourge and to raise awareness about applicable standards.
related to prevention of violence against women and protection of victims.

**Information for journalists:**

**Venue:** Moscow, Leontyevsky pereulok, 9, Programme Office of the Council of Europe in the Russian Federation

Registration of the participants: 10:30 - 11:00 local time.

The launch event starts at 11:00 local time and the press conference with the panelists at 12:00.

English-Russian interpretation will be provided.

Prior accreditation of media representatives is required. The contact person for media accreditation is Anastasia Shadarova, senior project officer, Council of Europe Programme Office in Moscow ([anastasia.shadarova@coe.int](mailto:anastasia.shadarova@coe.int), tel. + 7 (495) 775 37 52)

Accreditation requests are accepted until 16:30 28 January 2019 (local time).

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