



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S
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MONIKA - Multicultural Women's
Association, Finland

**EWL Observatory on Violence Against Women
Working group on migrant women
and the European Network on Migrant Women's
working group on violence**

Meeting 3rd-5th December 2009, Helsinki, Finland

Meeting Venue

MONIKA Multicultural Women's Association

Address: Kinaporinkatu 2 E 40, Helsinki, Finland, Meeting room, 1st floor

Draft Programme

Friday 4th December

- 8:30 Pick up from Hotel Helka by MONIKA staff
- 9:00-10:00 Welcome!
Introduction and brief presentations by participants and MONIKA
Chaired by Reet Nurmi, Managing Director of MONIKA
- 10:00-12:30 Roundtable discussion: The question of integration and violence against
migrant women
Chaired by Jenni Tuominen, Development Manager of MONIKA
- The European Violence Observatory:
Violence against migrant women in Europe – Experiences from the EWL
Project on Violence Against Migrant Women
*Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer, European policy action centre on violence
against women*
- Ministry of the Interior in Finland:
Integration and prevention of violence against migrant women
Ritva Viljanen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Finland
- Discussion
- Preparing the new Integration Law: Focusing on migrant women and
children in Finland
Meri-Sisko Eskola, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of the Interior, Finland

Violence against Migrant Women: An Irish Perspective
Catherine Cosgrave, The Immigrant Council of Ireland

Violence against migrant women, what are the priorities?
Liia Urman, Member of European Network of Migrant Women

12:30-13.30

Lunch

14:00-15:30

2nd Working group session
Chaired by Catherine Cosgrave, The Immigrant Council of Ireland

EWL and Finnish Observatory on Violence against Women
How to put into practice the good experiences on prevention of violence against migrant women and children in different European Countries?

Discussion and common recommendations

15:30

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Visit to Women's House for Multicultural Women, Women's Refuge Mona Home, Women's Resource Center

17:30-

Empowering women – Experiences from Migrant Women's NGOs
Fatima Usman, president, Africans and African European's Association
Ala Saeed and Sirwa Hawez, Irak Women's Association
Nontharos Kiatwisanchai, Thai Women Association

Discussion

19:30

Dinner

Saturday 5th December

9:00-11:30

2nd Working group session
Theme: Good practices in working with victims of violence
Chaired by Jenni Tuominen, Development Manager of MONIKA

Good Practices - easy access services and crises services for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, honour related violence, forced marriages

Nasima Razmyar, Coordinator of Women's Resource Center MONIKA
Ruth Franco, Supervisor of Women's Refuge Mona Home

11:30-12:30

Conclusions / common recommendations and closing of the meeting
Chaired by Catherine Cosgrave, The Immigrant Council of Ireland

12:30-13:30

Lunch

Sunday 6th December

Optional programme depending on the flight schedules

13:00-16:00

Multicultural Independency Day Party / Caisa Cultural Centre