Implementation of the Istanbul Convention in the changing political atmosphere: Sweden

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A gender equal society free from violence



Unizon is the Swedish association for over 140 women's shelters, young women's empowerment centres and other support services

- **1 104** women, **1 184** children and **18** men stayed at the Unizon women's shelters in 2018
- The Unizon women's shelters and young women empowerment centres had over 108 000 support contacts in 2018, mostly women and girls
- The young women empowerment centres and youth empowerment centres are the largest support service for support online in Sweden, with more than **50 000 contacts** in 2018



Status: Sweden 2018

- Deadly violence against women/girls: 33
 Increase by 6 % compared to 2017
 22 of the 33 were killed by a male partner/spouse or ex-partner
- Deadly violence against men/boys: 75

 Decrease by 11 % compared to 2017
- Assault crimes against women over 18 years: 28 700 Increase by 3 %
- Assault crimes against men over 18 years: 30 700 **Decrease by 6** %



Status: Sweden 2018

- Reported rapes: 7 960 Increase by 8 %
- Reported rapes of women over 18 years: 4
 270
 Increase by 6 %
- Reported rapes of men over 18 years: 193 **Decrease by 7** %



Grevio: report on Sweden

- Since long, Swedish governments have been firmly committed to ending violence against women as well as domestic violence in line with the objectives of their policies for Gender Equality and the Rights of the Child. As follows from Sweden's State Report (2017), numerous actions were taken for this purpose in the past few years, including the adoption of a ten-year national strategy in 2016.
- GREVIO welcomes that Sweden considers violence against women a key factor towards gender equality and accentuates Sweden as a leading country in gender equality policy making.



However...

- GREVIO strongly encourages the Swedish authorities at all levels of government, in particular the local level, to step up measures that would assure easily accessible funding which is long term and sufficiently covers all relevant operational costs of domestic violence shelters and other women's NGOs which provide specialist services to women victims of violence.
- GREVIO strongly encourages the Swedish authorities to introduce systematic and **mandatory initial and in-service training** on all forms of violence covered by the Istanbul Convention **for all social service staff**

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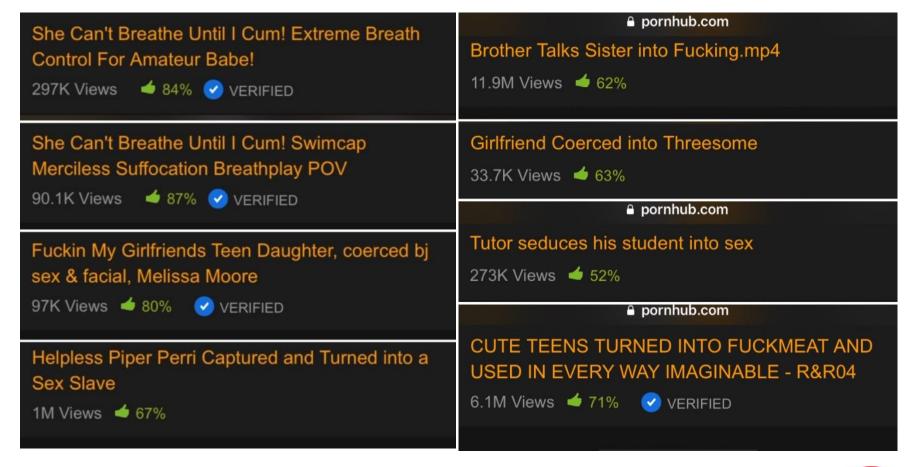
to ensure **systematic and mandatory initial and in-service training** on all forms of violence covered by the Istanbul Convention for members of the **judiciary and the law enforcement agencies**.



- GREVIO encourages the Swedish authorities to promote, with the media, the development and monitoring of the use of self-regulatory **standards in relation to the nonstereotypical and non-sexist portrayal** of women
- GREVIO urges the Swedish authorities to step up efforts to enhance and formalise co-operation structures in relation to cases of all forms of violence against women within and across local authorities, government agencies and women's specialist support services.
- GREVIO encourages the Swedish authorities to pursue their efforts to increase the quality and the capacity of domestic violence shelters, including by **ensuring access to affordable housing** for women exposed to violence and their children.



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- GREVIO welcomes recent steps to ensure quality risk
 assessment by social services and courts in the context of
 decisions on child contact in domestic violence cases.
 GREVIO is nonetheless concerned that not all actors
 are fully aware of the possible negative impact on
 the safety and protection of abused women and their
 children, of decisions taken on child custody,
 residence and visitation rights.
- GREVIO encourages the Swedish authorities to ensure the effective application of the full range of criminal offences relevant to **psychological violence**.



- GREVIO encourages the Swedish authorities to swiftly identify and address any factors which contribute to erosion in rape cases as well as other cases of violence against women in order to increase the number of convictions.
- Status: 95 % of all rape cases are not prosecuted in Sweden
- **50** % of all suspects of rape are not interrogated by police



Thank you!

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