

COST Action Final Achievement Report (09/04/2013 to 08/04/2017)

IS1206: Femicide across Europe

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#	WG Title	# of participants	WG Leader	Country*
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3	Intimate partner femicide and "honour killings"	30	Dr Christiana Kouta christiana.kouta@cut.ac.cy	n/a
4	Prevention	40	Prof Anna Costanza Baldry annacostanza.baldry@gmail.com	n/a

Other key leadership positions

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* The country displayed is: for the Action Chair, the country of the person's primary work affiliation; for the Vice Chair the country that nominated the person as a Management Committee Member, for all other leadership positions, if the person is a MC Member the country displayed is the country of nomination, otherwise it is the country of the person's primary work affiliation.

Participants

COST members having accepted the MoU

AT	29/04/2013	BE	04/03/2013	BA	29/11/2012	HR	17/04/2014	CY	13/02/2013
DK	01/08/2013	EE	18/03/2013	FI	12/03/2013	FR	16/01/2013	DE	01/03/2013
EL	26/02/2013	IS	28/06/2013	IE	05/07/2016	IL	20/12/2012	IT	19/12/2012
LV	29/03/2013	LT	02/07/2013	MT	14/01/2013	NL	16/04/2013	MK	29/04/2013
NO	07/03/2013	PL	24/05/2013	PT	24/01/2013	RO	24/07/2013	RS	29/09/2015
SI	25/03/2013	ES	30/11/2012	SE	07/02/2013	TR	17/05/2015	UK	07/12/2012

Other participants

Institution Name	Country
Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs	Georgia

Summary

Main aim/ objective

The main objective of the Action is to establish the first European coalition of experts on femicide in order to advance scientific knowledge, collate data and launch a European Observatory, while suggesting guidelines and interventions to policy-makers and practitioners in order to improve women's lives and safety in Europe.

The Action addressed this as described below

COST Action IS1206 succeeded in setting up a network of experts throughout Europe, who met continuously, overcoming national concerns and cultural differences, both in COST meetings and in privately arranged conventions, to collaborate on reviewing comparative data and writing joint publications. Today, the MC members are specialists in the field of femicide and are points of reference for governments, policy makers and global institutions. Jointly, MC members are the leaders in the academic field of field, having edited three Special Issues on femicide in quality scientific journals in different languages with interdisciplinary contributions (Current Sociology, Ex Aequo, Qualitative Sociology Review) and with major publications in other journals, some of which are open access (Journal of Aggression and Conflict, Plos One and so on). This coalition of experts has collated and compared data in publications and conferences within COST and without. Some are acting as consultants on femicide for European NGOs now surveying data e.g. EIGE.

In addition, in conjunction with early career researchers, different working groups have invited advocates and policy-makers to discussions on how we define femicide, what we should include in the definition, how culture affects femicide in different contexts, and what programmes we should adopt to combat it. In the training school, police, social workers and other practitioners suggested joint interventions. In some countries e.g. Roumania, Italy and Spain, COST MC members work in conjunction with women's shelters suggesting interventions with children as well as femicide survivors or femicide victims' families.

The importance of preventing femicide is creating an impact in Europe: COST has addressed Parliaments in Europe: in Portugal, Italy and Spain, and our major conferences were held in inclusiveness countries (e.g. Cyprus, Malta, Slovenia). However, the COST Action's reputation has gone far beyond Europe. MC members have contributed to articles in the ACUNS Femicide series on 'honour killings', femicide of girls, the workings of the COST Action and more. The MC Chair has addressed the UN and participated in discussions in UNODC in Bangkok, New York and Vienna, trying to help shape the attitude of the UN towards this terrible crime.

Finally, to date, 26 countries in Europe have got together to provide country resources on femicide with the hope of establishing an EOF (European Observatory on Femicide), supported currently by the President of Malta. Both researchers and practitioners are involved in this joint project, as well as national heads of European observatories.

Action website

www.femicide.net

Achievement of MoU objectives, deliverables and additional outputs/ achievements

MoU objectives

The Action reported the following achievement of its specific objectives.

MoU objective	Level of achievement	Further information (hyperlink or other)
Knowledge production about femicide with comparable indicators across diverse European countries producing a marked improvement of the current situation. The production of an articulated and common theoretical and interdisciplinary framework about wife-murder.	76 - 100%	<p>MC members produced scientific breakthroughs as well as comparisons between COST countries. They edited the first Special Issues on femicide in several journals.</p> <p>1. All articles in Special Issue in Current Sociology. http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/csia/64/7</p> <p>Some explicitly work out articulated and common theoretical frameworks.</p> <p>Multiple acknowledgements of COST by co-editors, all MC members.</p> <p>2. Intimate partner homicide in 10 European countries: Statistical data and policy development in a cross-national perspective</p> <p>Consuelo Corradi, Heidi Stöckl</p> <hr/> <p><i>European Journal of Criminology</i></p> <p>Vol 11, Issue 5, pp. 601 - 618</p> <p>First Published August 21, 2014</p> <p>https://doi.org/10.1177/1477370814539438</p> <p>Acknowledgement of COST by 2 MC members.</p> <p>3. All (8) articles in Special Issue on qualitative methodology of studying femicide. The volume is markedly interdisciplinary with new indicators, qualitative and quantitative (e.g. Iceland) for femicide and new ways to study the subject.</p>

		<p>http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/volume42.php</p> <p>Acknowledgement of COST passim by MC members.</p>
The establishment of preliminary conditions for comparisons of European data, both qualitative and quantitative, on femicide, and an attempt to reach the level of the United States and other countries which are more advanced in the study of femicide.	76 - 100%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working document with country resources on femicide in 26 COST countries. www.femicide.net . See home page/working document on European Observatory on Femicide. 2. Publications on comparisons of European data acknowledging COST.
Coalitions on the prevention of femicide across Europe bringing together established and early career-researchers as well as policy makers and advocacy groups.	76 - 100%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working Groups headed by established and early-career researchers alike. See: www.femicide.net. Go to names of WG Chairs. 2. Training school for graduates groups which took place at police headquarters in Rome with advocacy groups and policy-makers. See; www.femicide.net. Go to Training School
The production of recommendations and publications of guidelines for policy makers and legal and social policy concerning wife-murder.	76 - 100%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working document with country resources on femicide in 26 COST countries. www.femicide.net . See home page/working document on European Observatory on Femicide. This will become part of a book in 2018 as a FAD. 2. Input to UN document on femicide, written by Special Rapporteur on Gender Violence: United Nations (2013) Resolution 68/191 adopted by the General Assembly at its 70th plenary meeting on December 18, 2013 on <i>Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls</i>.
Monitoring femicide in the future through the establishment of a European Observatory	76 - 100%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special meeting in COST offices in Brussels to coordinate all stakeholders in future European Observatory on Femicide (EOF). 2. Decision of MC to promote EOF at final conference- https://www.femicide.net/mc-meetings 3. Malta University has allocated funds to a part-time worker to lead to the EOF. "Call for Applications Post of Part Time Research Support Officer II Department of Gender Studies Faculty for Social Wellbeing The Department requires a Research Support Officer II to work within the European Observatory on Femicide in the Department of Gender Studies." https://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/vacancies

<p>Providing insights to define prevention strategies and their implementation, in a coordinated European response.</p>	<p>76 - 100%</p>	<p>1. Continuous consultations with MC members how to build European strategies to prevent femicide through WGs in which NGOs and policy makers were also involved. https://www.femicide.net/wgs</p> <p>2. Brussels meeting bringing together representatives of national observatories, researchers, NGOs e.g. EIGE, ENGV, ACUNS etc. https://www.femicide.net/brussels-november-2015</p>
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Deliverables

The Action reported the following deliverables:

Deliverable	Timing of deliverable	Further information (hyperlink or other)
Final conference to be held in Malta 3.17. Discussion with policy-makers, and launching of European Observatory on Femicide	Delivered	www.um.edu.mt/events/iccf2017
Special Issue published in hard copy edited by four active MC members (Shalva Weil-chair (IL), Consuelo Corradi-vice-chair (IT), Chaime Marcuello and Santiago Boira (both SP))	Delivered	http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/csia/64/7
Article published by Shalva Weil in Qualitative Sociology Review on narratives of femicide survivors	Delivered	http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/volume39.php ;
Special Issue edited by Marie Jose Malghaes and Ana Sofia Neves (both PT) in journal Ex Aequo on International Perspectives on Femicide	Delivered	http://exaequo.apem-estudos.org/page/numeros-publicados?lingua=en
Special Issue edited by Shalva Weil (IL) and Christian Kouto (CY) on qualitative aspects of Femicide in Qualitative Sociology Review. Papers edited in 2016-7.	Delivered	http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/volume42.php
Special Issue in Journal of Conflict, Aggression and Peace by Anna Constanza (IT) and other MC members on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Femicide	Delivered	http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/JACPR-08-2016-0247
website maintenance and information on femicide meetings, along with regular letters updating on femicide issues to MC members and "friends of COST Action IS206"	Delivered	https://www.femicide.net/
Proposal for Constitution of European Observatory, based on input from all MC member countries, in conjunction with European NGOs, to be launched in the final conference in Malta	Delivered	https://www.femicide.net/ ; www.um.edu.mt/events/iccf2017

Additional outputs/ achievements

The following outputs/ achievements also resulted from the Action:

The Action reported 10 publications on the topic of the Action, co-authored by at least two Action participants from two countries participating in the Action, and for which the Action networking was necessary.

Co-authored Action publications - peer-reviewed

1.

Femicide: A social challenge

First Published April 12, 2016 Research Article
Download PDF Article information

Article Information

Volume: 64 issue: 7, page(s): 967-974

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Theories of femicide and their significance for social research

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First Published February 2, 2016 Research Article

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http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/Volume42/QSR_13_3_Weil_Kouta.pdf

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Expert Opinions on Improving Femicide Data
Collection across Europe: A Concept Mapping
Study

Carmen Vives-Cases, Isabel Goicolea, Alison Hernández, Belen Sanz-Barbero,
Aisha K. Gill, Anna Costanza Baldry, Monika Schröttle, Heidi Stöckl,

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The lessons of history:

The role of the nation-states
and the EU in fighting violence
against women in 10 European

countries, *Current Sociology*, 2016, Vol. **64**, 4: pp. 671-688

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Anna Costanza Baldry and Jacqueline Sebire

Policing, Volume 10, Number 4, pp. 323–327

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“Hearing Their Voices”: Exploring Femicide among Migrants and Culture Minorities

Anita Nudelman, Santiago Boira, Tina (Tiko) Tsomaia, Ecaterina Balica, Sopia Tabagua

Qualitative Sociology Review, 13 (3), July 2017, pp. 48-69

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Ecaterina Balica and Heidi Stockl Homicide-suicides in Romania and the role of migration, European Journal of Criminology, July 2016 13(4)

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Kouta C, Rousou E, Freysteinsdóttir FJ, Boira S and Naudi M. Gender and Socio-Cultural Perspectives through Femicide Case Studies. J Community Med Health Care. 2017; 2(2): 1013.

Projects

The Action reported 0 project(s) and 2 proposal(s) resulting from the Action networking.

"N/A"

Other outputs / achievements

The following other outputs/ achievements contributing to the COST mission resulted from the Action:

1. Proposal in 2017 to Global Challenges Foundation with Shalva Weil and Ecaterina Balica to establish a Global Femicide Observatory. Results in April 2018

Impacts

The Action reported the following impact(s):

Description of the impact, i.e. what will change, and for whom, as a result of what the Action achieved	Type of impact	Timing of impact
Impact on global systems e.g. UN. The current Special Rapporteur on Gender Violence now calls 'gender-related killings of women and girls"- femicide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Societal 	Achieved
Special Issues on Femicide in different types of journals in different disciplines in different languages (Serbian, Spanish etc). Now femicide is a legitimate field of enquiry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific / Technological 	Achieved
Awareness of the topic femicide in widening circles. Daily Google Alerts on femicide. Here is a link to today's story: http://www.qchronicle.com/2017/11/more-than-a-number/ Hopefully, with growing awareness, femicide will be combatted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Societal 	Foreseen within two years
Consolidation of FAEN (Femicide across Europe Network) as a large cadre of experts and practitioners and a significant factor in the study of gender and implementation of preventive programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific / Technological 	Foreseen within two years
Establishment of EOF (European Observatory on Femicide), which will disaggregate data on women and not just focus on homicides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific / Technological • Societal 	Foreseen two-to-five years

Dissemination and exploitation of Action results

Dissemination and exploitation approach of the Action

The Action's dissemination and exploitation approach as well as all activities undertaken to ensure dissemination and exploitation of Action results and the outcomes of these activities are described below.

Femicide is today a well-known term. I receive daily Google Alerts on femicide, whereas when we began the Action, there was one every 6 months. We introduced the problems of femicide to 30 European countries and globally, through participation in UN meetings. Today, the Special Rapporteur in the UN on gender uses the term 'femicide' and is setting up Femicide Watches in different countries, based on our idea of the European Observatory on Femicide.

Dissemination meetings funded by the Action

The Action funded Dissemination Meetings as shown below:

Title	UN Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting		
Date	11-11-2014 to 13-11-2014	Country	Thailand
Event	UN Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting		

Title	European Sociological Association - Research Network 33 - Women's and Gender Studies		
Date	16-10-2014 to 17-10-2014	Country	Italy
Event	ESA Research Network no. 33 on Women's and Gender Studies, mid-term conference: Pls note the RN does not have its own website.		

Title	ACUNS Consultation on "Taking action against gender-related killings of women and girls" and informal meetings NY HQ		
Date	15-10-2015 to 19-10-2015	Country	United States
Event	2015 Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice		

Title	"Fighting Femicide: Cultural and Legal Interventions"		
Date	05-11-2015 to 07-11-2015	Country	United Kingdom
Event	Fighting Femicide: Cultural and Legal Interventions, Queen Mary college, University of London		

Title	Lecture entitled: COST Action IS1206 "Femicide across Europe"		
Date	16-09-2016 to 18-09-2016	Country	Brazil
Event	International Scientific Conference on Domestic Violence, Salvador		

Other dissemination activities

The Action also undertook the following dissemination activities:

Activity	Press release
Target	Stakeholders; advocates; policy makers; journalists-in Europe and globally
Outcome	Disseminated by 30 countries to national NGOs, and to global advocacy groups. It is effectively a

	summary of the Action's activities over 4 years.
Link	https://www.femicide.net/dissemination?lightbox=datapitem-j2hjalam1

Activity	MC Chair, Dr. Shalva Weil-speech on "Femicide across Europe" in the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament. February 2nd , 2016 (not funded by COST)
Target	Policy-makers and politicians in Italy
Outcome	First time a meeting on femicide held in the Italian Parliament. Brought awareness of femicide to policy-makers in Italy.
Link	https://www.femicide.net/dissemination See picture of meeting

Activity	Presentation on COST Action IS1206 as part of ACUNS Consultation on "Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls" in New York UN HQ October 16 2015
Target	UN representatives of many countries; policy makers globally
Outcome	Awareness of work to combat femicide in Europe in general and of COST Action work on this subject in particular.
Link	https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/61d2f3_fc8927bfdb05452aacb6befbc0ffed9e.pdf

Activity	Two multi-media projects 2014-5
Target	MC and COST "friends" who consulted www.femicide.net
Outcome	1. Encouragement of early-stage researchers in Greece and Cyprus respectively 2. Dissemination of Action work on youtube (791 +211 views to date) 3. Dissemination of Action work on femicide.net website
Link	1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZYcbr5m7rY 2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCpVHMaSb1w 3. www.femicide.net

Activity	Presentation and first discussion on femicide in the Aragon Parliament, March 2015, during the Zaragoza COST annual conference.
Target	1. Aragon people since on TV. 2. COST MC from Zaragoza conference. 3. MPs, policy-makers and advocates, who attended.
Outcome	1. First discussion in a Spanish Parliament about femicide. 2. Dissemination of the idea of femicide as a lethal crime. 3. Involvement of advocacy groups and policy-makers.
Link	https://www.femicide.net/dissemination ; http://www.elperiodicodearagon.com/noticias/aragon/universidad-zaragoza-acoge-conferencia-femicidio-europa_1012761.html ; http://alacarta.aragontelevisi3n.es/informativos/aragon-noticias-1-18032015-1400

Exploitation activities

The Action undertook the following activities to ensure exploitation (use, in particular in a commercial context) of the Action's achievements:

No exploitation activities were reported by the Action.

Action Success(es)

The Action's two most significant successes were the following:

- Series of publications on femicide, never studied per se before
- The organisation of an Action coordinating 80 people including representatives from inclusiveness countries with early-stage career researchers, which created a balance in studying a subject on gender which had been neglected until now, namely, femicide.

Action Expenditure

The table below shows the budget allocated to the Action for each Grant Period:

#	Grant Period	Start Date	End Date	Budget allocated to Action (EUR)
1	IS1206-20130614	1-6-2013	31-5-2014	162,000.00 (EUR)
2	IS1206-2	1-6-2014	31-5-2015	0.00 (EUR)
3	CGA-IS1206-3	1-6-2015	30-4-2016	96,151.66 (EUR)
4	AGA-IS1206-4	1-5-2016	8-4-2017	140,714.00 (EUR)