

Autonomous Women's Center
Report
«Austrian Model of Intervention in Cases of Domestic
Violence»

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*Efficient prevention will cost,
But not prevented violence, will cost much more.*
Rosa Logar



On June 28, 2007 Autonomous Women's Center organized The Conference «Austrian Model of Intervention in Cases of Domestic Violence» for decision makers and on June 29, 2007 the Seminar for professional public in Serbia. These events were organized within The CoE campaign «Stop Domestic Violence Against Women».

The ten-years experiences of the Austrian models' implementation of the protection from domestic violence, recommended by CoE and EU, were presented by Ms Silvia Thaller, a judge of The Vienna's Court and an advisor on The Directorate for criminal legislation in The Austrian Ministry of Justice and Ms Rosa Logar, the chief of the Intervention Center from Vienna, member of the inter-ministerial Task Force for the creation of The Domestic Violence Law and the member of the CoE Task Force for the campaign *Stop Domestic Violence against Women*.

The goal of the Conference (June, 28) was to support the idea of a need for the National Strategy draft and a correlation between procedures of actions in the field of the protection from domestic violence and violence against women in Serbia. The participants were 30 decision makers from all relevant ministries, The Supreme Court, The Republics' Public Prosecutors' Office, MP's, as well as representatives from key local and international agencies and organizations involved in reform programs in Serbia.

The goal of the Seminar (June, 29) was to introduce the professional public in Serbia with an approach of problem solving that starts from a clear defined national authority's standpoint that domestic violence is not a private but public issue. The participants of the seminar were 400 professionals from relevant services for protection from domestic violence - police, centers for social welfares, prosecutors' office, courts (civil and criminal departments, misdemeanor courts), health institutions, local self governments, NGO's, local and international organizations working in the field.

All conclusions of the Conference and suggestions, for which is received a great support from the participants of the Seminar, AWC will disseminate to decision makers in all relevant ministries.

More detailed reports for the events, as well as speeches and presentations of the participants you can find on the Autonomous Women's Center web site www.womenngo.org.yu