

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Commission on Gender-Based Violence
and Domestic Violence





ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Commission on Gender-Based Violence
and Domestic Violence

March 2025

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Acronyms	5
Foreword	
Message from the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms	8
Foreword by the Commissioner on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence	10
1. The Commission	12
1.1 Members of the Commission	15
2. Commission Meetings	16
3. Research and Statistical Reporting	20
3.1 Survey on Safety and Well-being	26
4. Presentation of Annual Report 2023	28
5. Implementation of the National Action Plan	32
5.1 Progress Report	34
5.2 The Inter-Ministerial Committee	35
5.3 NGO Forum Meetings	36



6. Stakeholder Meetings	38
6.1 Meeting with the Chief Justice	39
6.2 Meeting with the Office of the Attorney General	40
6.3 Meeting with Bank of Valletta	40
6.4 Roundtable on Child Marriages	40
6.4.1 Meeting with Child Protection Services	41
6.5 Meeting with Hon. Kylie Wilkinson (MP, Australia)	41
6.6 Second Meeting of National Coordinating Bodies	42
6.7 Meeting of Small States and Islands	42
7. International Reporting	44
7.1 Supervision of the Recommendations of the Committee of the Parties	45
7.2 Human Rights Committee	46
7.3 Submission of Malta's State Report addressed to GREVIO	46
8. Training for Professionals	48
8.1 Multi-Agency Training on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence	49
8.2 COPE Sessions for Educators	52
8.2.1 COPE Sessions for PSCD Educators	52
8.2.2 COPE Sessions for Primary & Secondary Educators	52
8.3 Information Sessions for Mental Health Week	53

9. Community Awareness	54
9.1 Awareness-Raising on the Collection of Services Online Directory	55
9.2 'Faces of Resilience' Memorial Benches Campaign	58
9.3 Visits in Shelters	60
9.3.1 Visit at Dar Merħba Bik & Dar Santa Bakhita	60
9.3.2 Visit at Ġhabex Emergency Shelter	60
9.4 Information Sessions in Active Ageing Centres	60
9.5 Awareness-raising at Freshers' Week 2024	62
9.6 Discussions on Television, Radio and News Articles	64
9.7 Participation in Local and International Conferences	66
10. 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls Campaign	70
10.1 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.'	71
10.1.1 Launch of Campaign	72
10.2 Activities	75
10.2.1 Launch of the 'Together we Empower' Funding Programme	75
10.2.2 Roadshows in the Community	78
10.2.3 Information Sessions with MCAST Students	80
10.2.4 CYGEN Webinar	80
10.2.5 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' National Conference	81
10.3 Awareness-raising Initiatives	84
10.3.1 Social Media Campaign	84
10.3.2 Television and Radio Campaign	87
10.3.3 Newspaper Adverts and Articles	88
10.3.4 Online News Portals Campaign	91
10.3.5 Promotional Campaign in Public Spaces	94
10.3.6 Awareness-raising Campaign in Gozo	96
10.3.7 The SHE Word	98
10.4 Participation in the Media	99
10.4.1 Television and Radio	99
10.4.2 News Articles	100
11. Financial Overview	102



ACRONYMS

AIC	Australian Institute of Criminology
CGBVDV	Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence
CFC	Office of the Commissioner for Children
CoE	Council of Europe
COPE	Community of Professional Educators
CYGEN	Commonwealth Youth Gender Equality Network
EIGE	European Institute for Gender Equality
FSWS	Foundation for Social Welfare Services
GBDV Unit	Gender-Based & Domestic Violence Unit
GEC	Gender Equality Commission
GREVIO	Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
HEUNI	European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control
HRD	Human Rights Directorate
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
MCAST	The Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology
MSPC	Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights
NCPE	National Commission for the Promotion of Equality
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NSO	National Statistics Office
SGBV	Sexual and gender-based violence
UN	United Nations
UNHCR Malta	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Malta
UoM	University of Malta
VSA	Victim Support Agency
VSM	Victim Support Malta
WAVE	Women Against Violence Europe
WWP EN	European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence

FOREWORD

Message

Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg
Parliamentary Secretary
for Equality and Reforms



Violence is the essential thread running through the pushback against gender equality that we are increasingly witnessing from the international to the community levels. It is the great enabler of the growing, organized, financed, and virulent efforts against women's rights. Much has been done, and, most importantly, much more can be done.



In 2024, our dedication towards preventing and combating gender-based violence and domestic violence in Malta continued reaching several spheres of society, highlighting the vitality of collective support for victims and survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence and societal activism against all forms of abuse.

The various initiatives taken by the Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence in 2024 reflect the continuous commitment of the Maltese government in addressing gender-based violence and domestic violence, empowering victims and survivors, and sustaining professional support services which assist victims and rehabilitate perpetrators. This commitment is clearly demonstrated in Malta's State Report submitted to GREVIO in September 2024 which highlights the efforts and functions of relevant stakeholders in preventing and combating this societal scourge.

This year, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Equality and Reforms and the Commission emphasised the significance of collective communities to foster a supportive society which empowers victims and survivors of abuse to seek support and heal their trauma. For this reason, this year's national campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls, 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.', sought to raise awareness

about offering informed support to persons experiencing violence, the importance of consent in intimate relationships, and how gender stereotypes, roles, and inequalities contribute to the prevalence of gender-based violence and domestic violence.

The impacts and consequences of gender-based violence and domestic violence are vast, effecting individuals, children, families, friends, colleagues, communities, and societies. Thus, it is imperative that, as a society, we combine efforts to advocate for and support those affected by these forms of violence, prevent such cases effectively, and ensure that justice is served in these cases.

Considering the progress achieved in 2024 vis-à-vis Malta's third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028), the Commission will continue investing its resources in implementing, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating victim-centred measures which ensure the protection, support, and empowerment of victims. Safeguarding victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence remains the main priority, and as outlined in the National Action Plan, the goal is to foster an accountable society which promotes gender equality and relationships free from violence.

Foreword

Samantha Pace Gasan

Commissioner on Gender-Based Violence
and Domestic Violence



This marked the first year of implementing the ‘UNITE. ENGAGE. ELEVATE’ third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028), during which, together with various stakeholders, the Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence began the preliminary work on several measures and achieved initial outcomes.



Addressing the needs and facilitating the experiences of victims and survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence in their healing process and pursuit of justice is the primary priority embedded in the Commission's functions and efforts. These victim-centred principles reflect the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention) and the newly adopted Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

Numerous meetings and collaborations with multiple stakeholders, including NGOs, awareness-raising initiatives, training for professionals, and policy-related reporting have constituted a fruitful year in which the Commission continued its dedicated efforts towards preventing and combating gender-based violence and domestic violence. The main highlights of 2024 include the compilation and submission of Malta's State Report to GREVIO, information sessions on domestic violence and violence against the elderly held in 29 active ageing centres across Malta, awareness-raising with post-secondary students on the importance of consent, and the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' awareness-raising campaign for the national 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls.

These efforts are centred around prioritising the safety and well-being of victims and survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence and this year's initiatives placed strong emphasis on the realities that victims of abuse experience in their daily lives. One of the main initiatives with this aim was the roadshow with theatrical plays on different forms and experiences of gender-based violence were presented in different localities across Malta and Gozo.

As the Commission moves forward, the principles enshrined within the National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) continue to guide implementation of essential measures, collaboration with stakeholders, evaluation of crucial outcomes, and development of evidence-based policies which ultimately facilitate the lives of numerous individuals, particularly those affected by gender-based violence and domestic violence.

01

THE
COMMISSION



Established in accordance with Article 10 of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention), the Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (CGBVDV) is tasked with monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Malta. The Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Act (Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta) defines the framework, remits, functions, and legal obligations of the Commission.

The Commission's responsibilities include:

- Advising the Minister and state institutions on all matters related to gender-based violence and domestic violence, including the necessary measures to ensure adherence to the Istanbul Convention and Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta.
- Overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the concurrent national strategy and action plan on gender-based violence and domestic violence by maintaining network and coordination among all pertinent stakeholders and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
- Supporting research in the field of gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- Monitoring national standards for support services assisting victims and perpetrators of gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- Coordinating and organising specialised training for professionals in the field in line with the annual training needs analysis.
- Aiding in gathering comprehensive statistical data relevant to the field at regular intervals from the state, public sector, agencies, and other relevant entities.
- Collaborating with relevant national institutions to carry out population-based surveys to evaluate the prevalence and trends of all forms of violence covered by the Istanbul Convention and Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta.
- Handing information to the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) to foster international cooperation and facilitate international benchmarking.
- Disseminating information among the public on the available support services, the Commission's initiatives, and prevention.
- Delivering periodic awareness-raising campaigns for the public with the aim of achieving a greater level of understanding on the different manifestations of all forms of gender-based violence and domestic violence and the need to prevent and tackle gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- Collaborating with educational authorities to inform students on the forms of violence covered by the Istanbul Convention and Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta whilst addressing prevention.
- Providing guidelines to the media on prevention and the forms of violence listed in the Istanbul Convention and Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta.



1.1 Members of the Commission

The Commission is headed by a chairperson together with eleven board members and a board secretary.

Chairperson: Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan

Board Members:

- Dr Cheryl Azzopardi
- Dr Bryony Balzia Bartolo
- AC Louise Calleja
- Mr Christian Camilleri
- Dr Charles Cassar
- Ms Catherine Fenech
- Ms Sarah Haider
- Ms Renee Laiviera
- Dr Alessia Psaila Zammit
- PS Natasha Vella
- Ms Marika Tonna

Staff Members:

- Ms Sasha Farrugia (Assistant Director)
- Ms Jessica Borg (Senior Manager)
- Ms Therese Caruana (Manager I Research)
- Ms Lenka Spundova (Manager I Operations)
- Ms Valentina Fiorini (Manager I Projects)

02

COMMISSION
MEETINGS



Seven Commission meetings were convened by the Chairperson during 2024 in line with Article 12(1) of the Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Act (Chapter 581).

Table 1
Commission meetings held in 2024

Meeting 1	10 January
Meeting 2	20 March
Meeting 3	22 May
Meeting 4	10 September
Meeting 5	28 October
Meeting 6	11 November
Meeting 7	10 December

Topics discussed during the meetings included the following activities and initiatives coordinated by the Commission: awareness-raising initiatives, including the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls campaign, the provision of feedback as part of the Family Court Reform consultation process, Malta's country report submitted to GREVIO and the collaboration with relevant stakeholders in implementing the third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028).

Throughout the year, the board also issued several press statements in response to pertinent issues related to the topics of gender-based violence and domestic violence.



Remove ban on psychiatrist's name, domestic violence commission urges court

The man, who faces domestic violence charges, still works with vulnerable people who also must be protected, they said

[National](#) [Court](#) [Crime](#) [Domestic Violence](#) [Gender](#)

24 May 2024 | Times of Malta | 0

2 min read



The commission told the court that other professionals should not be cast under an ugly shadow because of an accusation against an individual. File photo: Matthew Mirabelli

Press statement by the Commission

03

RESEARCH
AND STATISTICAL
REPORTING

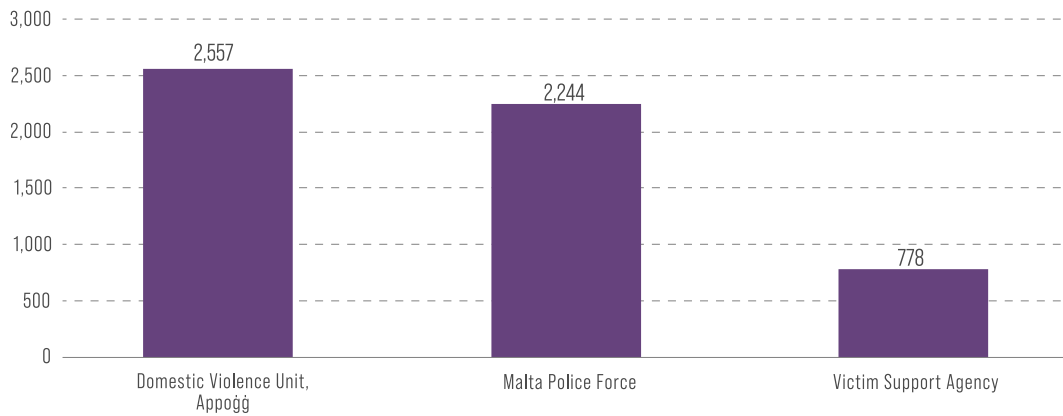


The Crime Statistics Unit within the National Statistics Office (NSO), in accordance with the Malta Statistics Authority Act (Chapter 422), has the legal capacity to collect and process data on gender-based violence and domestic violence. This information is gathered from the various governmental and non-governmental service providers.

The data collected for reference year 2023 was harmonized by the NSO and is presented in this report.

Chart 1 (A).

Number of individual cases registered with Appoġġ, the Malta Police Force, and the Victim Support Agency: 2023

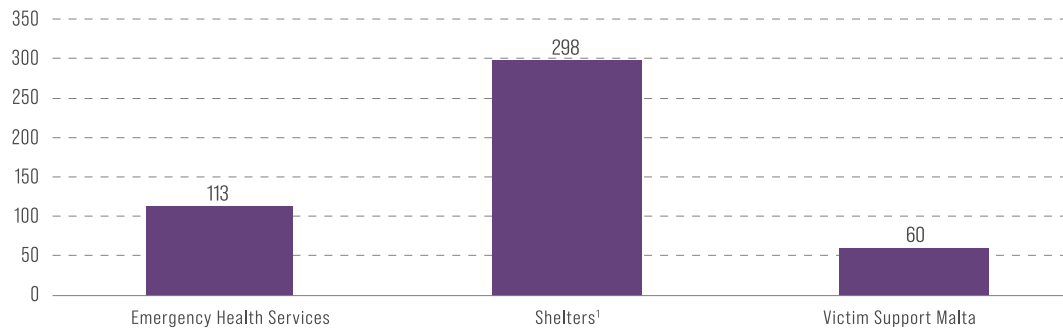


Note:

Total figures represent the number of cases registered at the respective service, persons accessing services multiple times feature more than once.

Chart 1 (B).

Number of individual cases registered with Emergency Health Services, domestic violence shelters, and Victim Support Malta: 2023



¹ Shelters include Dar Merhba Bik, Dar Santa Bakhita, Għabex and il-Miġja.

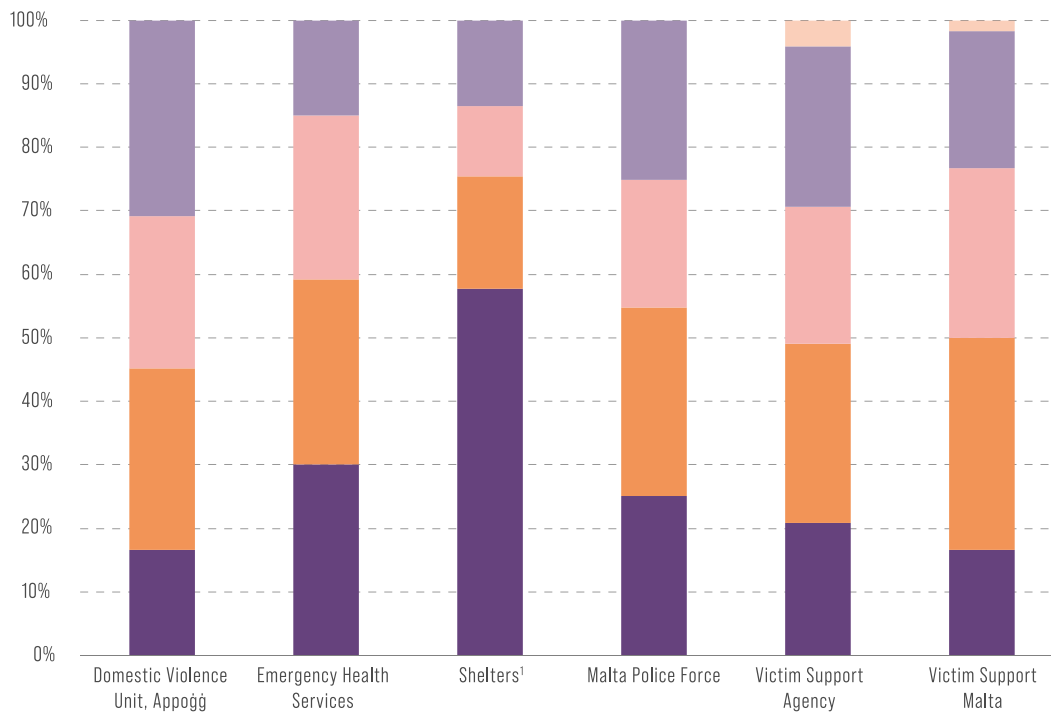
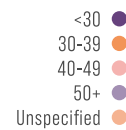
Note:

Total figures represent the number of cases registered at the respective service, persons accessing services multiple times feature more than once.



Chart 2.

Distribution of individual cases registered with the Malta Police Force and service providers by service and age-group of service user: 2023

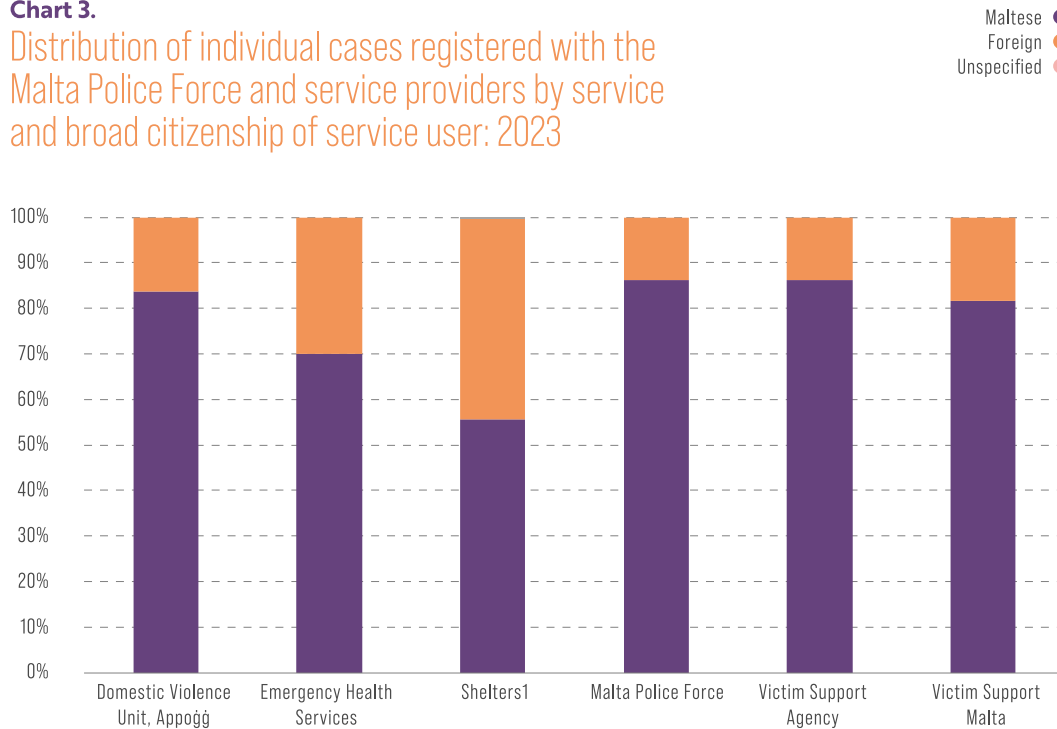


¹ Shelters include Dar Merhba Bik, Dar Santa Bakhita, Ghabex and il-Milja.

Note:

Total figures represent the number of victims registered at the respective service. Persons accessing different services or the same service multiple times are counted more than once.

Chart 3.
Distribution of individual cases registered with the Malta Police Force and service providers by service and broad citizenship of service user: 2023

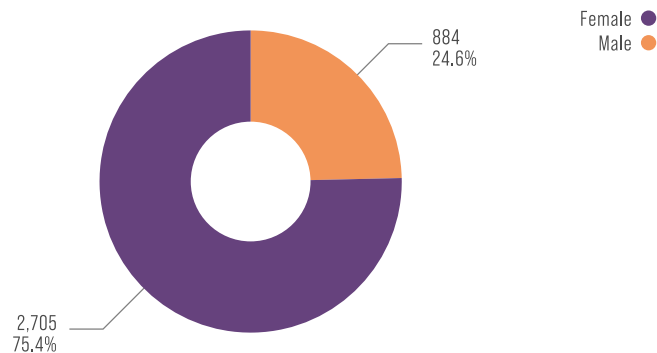


¹ Shelters include Dar Merħba Bik, Dar Santa Bakhita, Għabex and il-Milja.

Note:

Total figures represent the number of cases registered at the respective service, persons accessing services multiple times feature more than once.

Chart 4.
Number and distribution of persons using domestic violence services by sex: 2023



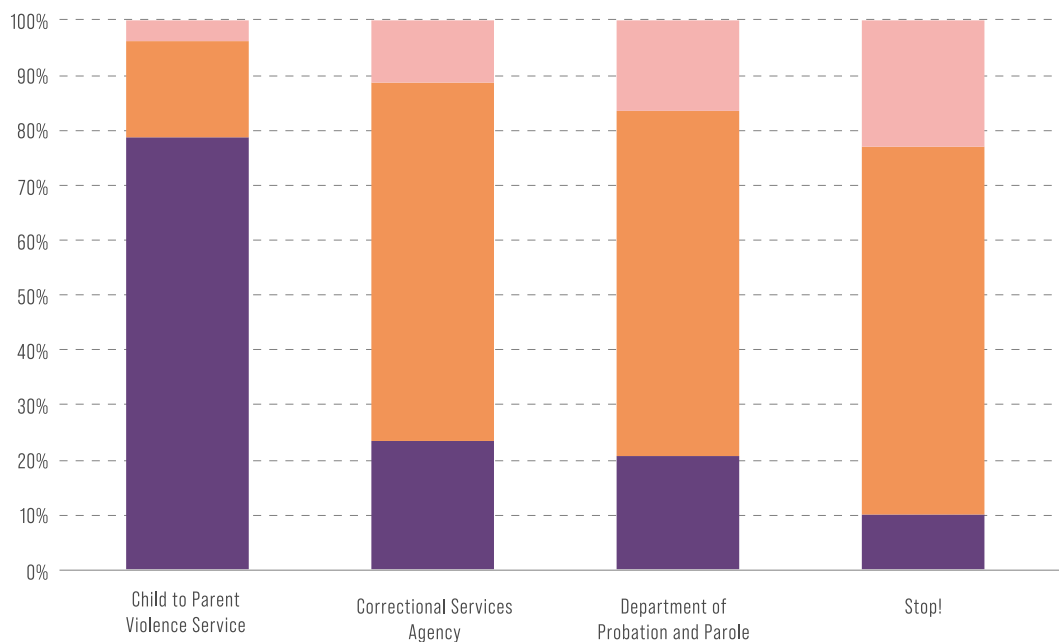
Notes:

This chart does not tally with the previous charts since it is based on the total number of individual persons and not on the number of cases/reports across services. Services included: Dar Merħba Bik, Dar Santa Bakhita, Dar Emmaus, Il-Milja, Domestic Violence Unit (Appoġġ), Victim Support Agency, Victim Support Malta, Malta Police Force, Għabex, and the Emergency Health Services.



Chart 5.
Distribution of persons registered with services
for perpetrators of domestic violence
by age of service user: 2023

<30 ●
30-49 ●
50+ ●

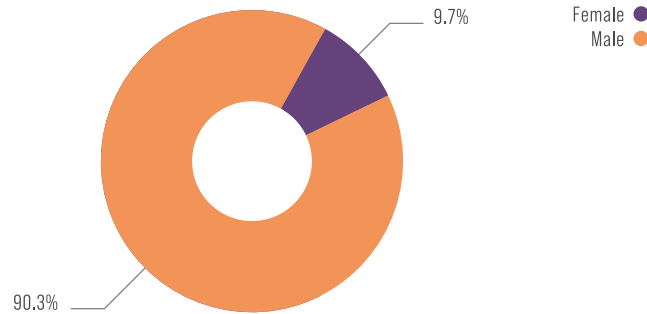


Notes:

Domestic violence services targeting perpetrators consist of the 'STOP! The Violence and Abuse' programme and the Child to Parent Violence service at Aġenzija Appoġġ, the Department of Probation and Parole, and the Correctional Services Agency.

Total figures represent a sum of the number of individual persons registered at each perpetrator service and therefore persons accessing different services are counted more than once.

Chart 6.
Distribution of persons
using services for perpetrators
by sex of service user: 2023



Notes:

Domestic violence services targeting perpetrators consist of the 'STOP! The Violence and Abuse' programme and the Child to Parent Violence service at Aġenzija Appoġġ, the Department of Probation and Parole, and the Correctional Services Agency.

This chart does not tally with the previous chart on service users since it is based on total number of individual persons who used any service and not on the individual persons for each service.

3.1 Survey on Safety and Well-being

On 14 March, NSO launched the findings of the Survey on Safety and Well-being (2022), a project partly funded by the European Union which aimed to measure the prevalence of gender-based violence in Malta.

In collaboration with Eurostat and other partners in the European Statistical System, the survey, conducted in 2022, gathered data from individuals living in private households aged between 18 and 74 years on their experiences of sexual harassment at work, non-partner violence, stalking, intimate partner violence, general victimisation, and violence during childhood. The survey also obtained information about perceptions of gender-based violence and knowledge of local services.

The results of this survey continue to inform the Commission's policy development, monitoring, and implementation of policies and awareness-raising initiatives on the multiple manifestations of gender-based violence and the current realities of such experiences.



SURVEY ON SAFETY AND WELL-BEING



Reference year: 2022

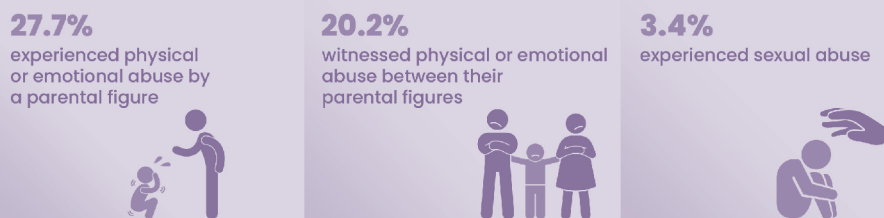
Experiences of sexual harassment at work among those who ever worked



Experiences of violence throughout lifetime among persons aged 18 to 74



Experiences of abuse before the age of 15 among persons aged 18 to 74



Experiences of stalking throughout lifetime | Perception of intimate partner violence in Malta



Research findings of the Survey on Safety and Well-being (2022)

04

PRESENTATION
OF ANNUAL REPORT
2023



On 19 April, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan presented the Commission's 2023 Annual Report to the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg.



Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan presenting the Commission's 2023 Annual Report to Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg

The Commission's Annual Report of 2023 reflects the Commission's ongoing commitments in implementing the Istanbul Convention in Malta, featuring the initiatives, activities and campaigns carried out by the Commission throughout 2023. The document outlines research and statistical reporting, various training initiatives for professionals, and the 'Beat the Silence' campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls campaign for 2023. Moreover, the report documents the drafting and launch of Malta's third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028).

During this presentation, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan and Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg reviewed the work of the Commission, discussed the current initiatives of the Commission, and outlined plans for future implementation, in alignment with the National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028). The Commission's 2023 Annual Report was published online and is available for public access on the Commission's website¹.

¹ <https://www.stopviolence.gov.mt/publications/>



ANNUAL REPORT

ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

STOP VIOLENCE
Commission on Gender-based Violence
and Domestic Violence

The Commission's
2023 Annual Report

05

IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE NATIONAL
ACTION PLAN



As national coordinating body established under Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention, the Commission continued to coordinate and monitor the implementation of Malta's third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence [2023-2028]².

² <https://www.stopviolence.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/VIOLENCE-STRATEGY-ENG.pdf>

5.1 Progress Report

In 2024, the Commission's initiatives mark the first year of the third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) which is structured on the four pillars of the Istanbul Convention.

In line with the National Action Plan embedded within the strategy, the Commission implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates several measures in collaboration with respective stakeholders. In 2024, the Commission together with other stakeholders had already started addressing 72.8% of the actions in the National Action Plan. From 81 actions, 9 were completed (11.1%).

Amongst the implemented actions, the Commission monitored the progress of legal amendments in the legal definition of the family and domestic unit (Measure 1.1 [b]), delivered a targeted campaign for the elderly by coordinating information sessions in active ageing centres (Measure 2.1 [b]) and provided reporting on policy formation to national and EU entities (Measure 1.5 [b]) through the submission of Malta's report on the implementation of recommendations issued by the Committee of the Parties and Malta's State Report addressed to GREVIO.

Furthermore, significant progress is underway in matters related to legislation and courts through the first set of recommendations of the Family Court Reform (Measures 1.1 [a]; [i]; [j]; and 1.4 [f]) while initial meetings with NGOs regarding parental consent procedures in cases of domestic violence (Measure 3.4 [b]) are in process.

The Commission is committed to continue its efforts in addressing the pending actions listed in the National Action Plan, mainly by implementing research (Measures 1.1 [d], 1.2 [b], 1.7 [a], and 2.1 [d]) to inform policy development and awareness-raising efforts related to gender-based violence and domestic violence. The table below outlines the progress achieved in 2024.



Table 2

Progress related to the National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) in year 2024

Completed Actions	Ongoing/In Progress	Pending Actions	Total Actions
9 (11.1%)	50 (61.7%)	22 (27.2%)	81

5.2 The Inter-Ministerial Committee

The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) brings together focal points from the following ministries, departments, entities and agencies which are involved in the protection, support and prosecution of all forms of gender-based violence:

- Office of the Attorney General
- Court Services Agency
- Department of Justice
- Department of Probation and Parole
- Foundation for Social Welfare Services
- Human Rights Directorate
- Legal Aid Malta
- Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation
- Ministry for Gozo and Planning
- Ministry for Health and Active Ageing
- Ministry for Justice and Reform of the Construction Sector
- Malta Police Force
- Ministry for Home Affairs, Security and Employment
- Victim Support Agency

Further to discussions concerning the implementation of the National Action Plan and the strengthening and challenges of support services, the themes raised by the Commission during meetings with the IMC included the Family Court Reform consultation and the transposition of the Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence following its entry into force. In addition, representatives from the Ministry for Health and Active Ageing were invited to provide an update on the Sexual Assault Pathway.

The Commission also coordinated a meeting between the IMC and representatives from NGOs working in the sector on 10 June.

Table 3
IMC meetings held in 2024

Meeting 1	16 April
Meeting 2	21 May
Meeting 3	10 June
Meeting 4	16 October

5.3 NGO Forum meetings

Throughout 2024, the Commission held four meetings with NGOs to address pertinent concerns and current issues whilst exploring different approaches to prioritise key measures of the third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028).

During these meetings, the focal discussions revolved around legal amendments and procedures to enhance protection and support for victims and children experiencing gender-based violence and domestic violence, training for professionals and updates on the implementation of the National Strategy. On 10 June, a consultative meeting was held with representatives of the IMC and NGOs to discuss the Family Court Reform. Moreover, on 12 September, the Permanent Secretary within the Office of the Prime Minister, EU Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue, Mr Jonathan Vassallo, joined the NGO Forum to discuss salient issues with NGOs and the challenges they face in their work with victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence.



Table 4
NGO Forum meetings held in 2024

Meeting 1	8 May
Meeting 2	10 June
Meeting 3	12 September
Meeting 4	31 October

06

STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS



6.1 Meeting with the Chief Justice

In January 2024, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan attended a meeting with Chief Justice, Dr Mark Chetcuti LL.D. This meeting sought to discuss several actions listed in the third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) pertaining to the justice system.

6.2 Meeting with the Office of the Attorney General

On 12 January, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan met with the Office of the Attorney General to discuss the work of the Attorney General while also addressing salient concerns related to sexual violence and seasonal elements of gender-based violence, such as the surge of sexual violence cases experienced by tourists in summer.

6.3 Meeting with Bank of Valletta

On 5 March, the Commission met with representatives from Bank of Valletta to assist in the dissemination of awareness-raising material amongst the company's employees. The Commission provided informational resources on gender-based violence and domestic violence which included information about available services.

6.4 Roundtable on Child Marriages

On 9 July, the Commission together with the Office of the Commissioner for Children (CFC) and the Human Rights Directorate (HRD) organised a meeting for stakeholder representatives to enhance the understanding of child marriage practices in Malta and to exchange stakeholders' experiences of dealing with cases of child marriages.

In order to explore existing national efforts addressing child marriages, Mr Jurgen Dingli (HRD) was invited to share a presentation on the legal perspective on child marriages while Ms Lara Sammut Debono shared the research findings from her study with the Middle East and Northern Africa refugee community in Malta to shed light on the local realities of child marriage practices.

During this meeting, stakeholders agreed on a collaborative approach in tackling such practice by engaging with migrant communities and community leaders through awareness-raising initiatives and legislation amendments.



6.4.1 Meeting with Child Protection Services

Following the meeting with stakeholders, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan and Commissioner Antoinette Vassallo (CFC) held a meeting with the Director of the Child Protection Services, Ms Antonella Mizzi to further discuss cases of child marriages in Malta. The discussion emphasised the prioritisation of advocacy for the rights of the child when conducting outreach measures with community leaders and migrant communities.

6.5 Meeting with Hon. Kylie Wilkinson (MP, Australia)

On 1 October, the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg and Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan met with Hon. Kylie Wilkinson, an Australian Member of Parliament.

During this bilateral meeting, Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg, Hon. Kylie Wilkinson and the Commissioner discussed mutual commitments undertaken by Malta and Australia in preventing and combating gender-based violence and domestic violence. This discussion also served as an opportunity to exchange best practices whilst exploring innovative methods and approaches to address gender-based violence priorities shared by both countries.



*Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg and
Commissioner Samantha Pace
Gasan with Hon. Kylie Wilkinson*

6.6 Second Meeting of National Coordinating Bodies

The Commission participated in the second meeting of national coordinating bodies established under the Istanbul Convention which was held in Liechtenstein on 29 April through the delivery of a presentation on Malta's experience on the role and working methods of coordinating bodies to ensure intersectoral cooperation in policymaking on violence against women.

6.7 Meeting of Small States and Islands

On 18 December, the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe organized a meeting of small states and islands on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention. The aim of this meeting was to provide the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which are interested in ratifying the Convention, the opportunity to learn from the unique experiences of other small states and islands. The Commission was invited to give an overview of its work on shaping comprehensive policies on all forms of violence against women during this meeting which was held in Strasbourg.

Second meeting of national coordinating bodies, Liechtenstein





UNITE. ENGAGE. ELEVATE.

A collective responsibility:
Shaping comprehensive policies
on all forms of Violence Against Women -
Malta's Experience



GOVERNMENT
OF MALTA

MINISTRY FOR HOME AFFAIRS,
SECURITY, REFORMS AND EQUALITY
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT
FOR REFORMS AND EQUALITY



*Presentation delivered
by the Commission*

07

INTERNATIONAL
REPORTING



7.1 Supervision of the Recommendations of the Committee of the Parties

Following the recommendations issued by the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention in December 2020, Malta was invited to report on the implementation of these recommendations, following the elapsing of the three-year expiration period. The Commission was tasked with coordinating the collection of feedback from all relevant stakeholders and compiling one comprehensive report.

The Commission reported on the progress made by the Maltese Authorities in implementing the recommendations during the 16th Meeting of the Committee of the Parties held in Strasbourg on 31 May.

7.2 Human Rights Committee

In 2024, Malta's third periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) was reviewed by the UN Human Rights Committee. A technical delegation composed of experts from the different ministries and entities, including the Commissioner on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence, participated in the 141st Meeting of the Human Rights Committee which was held in Geneva on 3 and 4 July.

7.3 Submission of Malta's State Report addressed to GREVIO

In March 2024, the Commission received GREVIO's first thematic questionnaire titled 'Building trust by delivering support, protection and justice'. As national coordinating body, the Commission was responsible for disseminating the questionnaire amongst all relevant stakeholders in order to compile a consolidated country report to GREVIO. This report was submitted on 9 September and uploaded on the Council of Europe website³.

³ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/malta>



The Permanent Secretary within the Office of the Prime Minister, EU Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue, Mr Jonathan Vassallo at the 141st Meeting of the Human Rights Committee (above)



Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan at the 141st Meeting of the Human Rights Committee (left)

08

TRAINING FOR
PROFESSIONALS



8.1 Multi-Agency Training on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence

The Commission organised five rounds of multi-agency training on gender-based violence and domestic violence targeting frontline professionals in 2024. The training comprised a three-day programme with sessions held at The Meeting Place, Marsa, in March, April, June, October and November. The training sessions were delivered by experts from NGOs as well as government agencies with extensive knowledge and experience working in the field.



Ms Kerry Hermitage
delivering a training
session in May

Topics addressed included an overview of the Istanbul Convention and the national legislative framework, working with victims and perpetrators of violence as well as the psychological impact of violence. Furthermore, an intersectional perspective was incorporated into the training programme through the inclusion of sessions specifically focused on the experiences of persons with disability and the LGBTIQ+ and migrant communities.

A total of 155 professionals attended the multi-agency training programme coordinated in 2024. Participants included police officers, social workers, risk assessors, doctors, nurses, guidance teachers, probation officers, lawyers, and representatives from various governmental and non-governmental entities.



Ms Beverley Abela Gatt
delivering a training session
in May
(right)

Training session with
professionals in October
(below)



8.2 COPE Sessions for Educators

8.2.1 COPE Sessions for PSCD Educators

The 'Self-Awareness for Educators on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence' COPE session was delivered to PSCD educators in State and non-State Middle and Secondary Schools in May 2024.

The professionals received this training which included topics, workshops and case studies on forms and signs of abuse, skills to empower students when disclosing experiences with gender-based violence and domestic violence, and a legal overview of the national education policy and the duties of educators related to such cases. Moreover, the findings from the research studies 'Safety in Childhood: A Prevalence Study of Childhood Abuse Experiences in Malta' and 'Implementation of the 'Safe Dates Programme' in PSCD Lessons in Four Maltese State Schools: A pilot project' were presented during this training.

Prof Marceline Naudi, Ms Joyce Schembri, Ms Ann Marie Ciantar, and Dr Clarissa Sammut Scerri delivered this training to 133 professionals in two separate sessions.

8.2.2 COPE Sessions for Primary & Secondary Educators

Another COPE session, titled 'Self-Awareness for Educators on Gender-Based and Domestic Violence' was delivered in Kirkop Primary School on 15 May.

This session focused on identifying and handling cases of children who experience gender-based violence and domestic violence at home, particularly on how educators can encourage students to speak about their experiences with abuse.

The training was delivered by Victim Support Malta to 29 professionals including Primary and Kindergarten educators, Learning Support Educators, and Senior Leadership Teams.



8.3 Information Sessions for Mental Health Week

The Commission was invited to deliver two information sessions on gender-based violence and domestic violence to the personnel of Premier Restaurants as part of the company's awareness-raising efforts during Mental Health Week.

The sessions were delivered by Prof. Marceline Naudi on 14 and 16 May and focused on identifying signs of gender-based violence and domestic violence and the impact of violence on mental well-being.

09

COMMUNITY
AWARENESS



9.1 Awareness-raising on the Collection of Services Online Directory

In the first quarter of 2024, the Commission continued raising awareness on the Collection of Services online directory launched during the 'Beat the Silence' 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls campaign in 2023.

To spread awareness about the Collection of Services online directory, which lists information and contact details of service providers assisting individuals experiencing gender-based violence and domestic violence, the Commission engaged companies from the private sector to promote posters and stickers containing the 179, 116 006 and emergency helplines and a QR code enabling the public to access the directory available on the Commission's website. Multiple companies also displayed a banner with the QR code on their websites, social media, and in newsletters to raise awareness with their customers. Furthermore, the Commission also disseminated business cards with contact details of service providers.

These posters were distributed across Malta and Gozo, mainly in grocery shops and supermarkets, bars and restaurants, barber and salon shops, pharmacies and private clinics, churches, active ageing centres, and local councils. These posters were also disseminated to the Gender-Based and Domestic Violence Unit, representatives of the IMC and NGOs and on the Commission's social media platforms. To continue with its awareness-raising efforts, the Commission also uploaded the QR code on the Public Service's screensaver to promote the directory with employees of the Public Service.



[Sustainability](#) [About Lidl](#) [Contacts](#)

🏠 [Sustainability](#) | [Projects and activities](#) | [Beat the Silence Campaign](#)



LIDL's newsletter
(left)

LIDL STANDS WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Lidl Malta has taken a stand against domestic and gender-based violence alongside the Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence through the Beat the Silence campaign. The goal is to break the silence surrounding domestic violence and empower survivors to seek help. Lidl Malta believes in creating a safer, more compassionate society, and knows that through awareness initiatives, collaborations and advocacy, positive change can be fostered.

In case of emergency and in need of support, people are urged to reach out on the helpline numbers at their disposal. A contact directory can also be found here [Contact Directory - Stop Violence \(gov.mt\)](#) - or by scanning the QR code below:



Remember that if you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. You don't have to go through this alone. Break the silence and take the first step towards getting help.



Zur is-sit

NINGHAQDU. NINVLUVU. NELEVAW.

BEAT
THE
SILENCE

08:59
Tuesday 16 April



112

F'kaz ta' emerġenza

179

Linja ta' għajruna 24/7

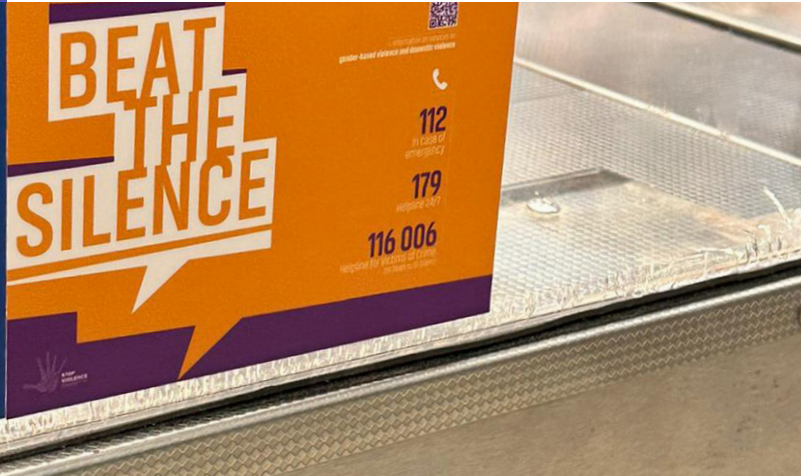
116 006

Linja ta' għajruna għall-vittmi ta' reati
(07:30am ta' 07:30pm)



The Public Service's
screensaver
(top)

Sticker at LIDL
(right)

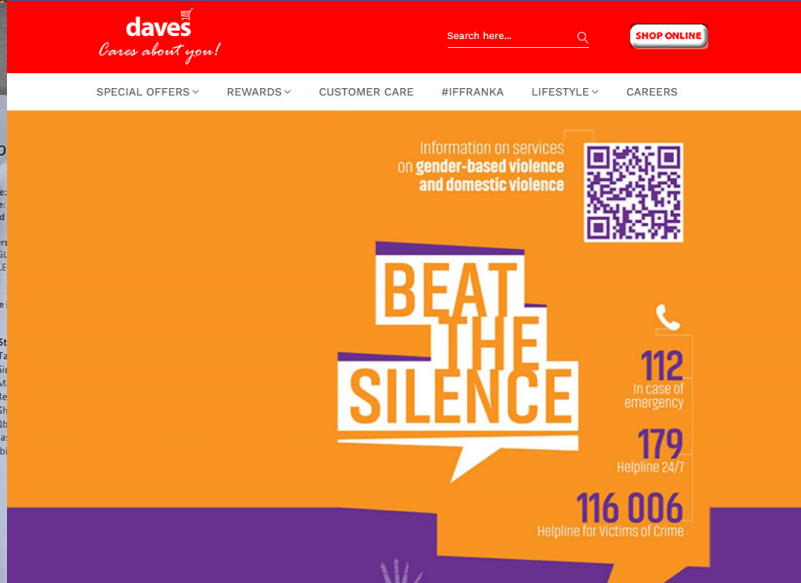


Poster at St. Julian's church
(left)

Poster at Santa Marija
Pharmacy, Żebbuġ
(bottom left)

Poster on a public
noticeboard in Dingli
(bottom middle)

Banner on Dave's
Supermarkets website
(bottom right)





Memorial bench at
Sliema's promenade
(left)

9.2 'Faces of Resilience' Memorial Benches Campaign

On 20 May, the Commission and the Eastern Regional Council launched a communitarian project titled, 'Faces of Resilience' as part of Region of Culture for 2024.

Led by the Artistic Director Mr James Micallef Grimaud, this project aimed to honour the lives of women who lost their lives to femicide and domestic violence by renovating benches at Sliema's promenade in their memory. Such initiative involved the participation of local artist to decorate the benches with artistic work reflecting the importance of empowering women and girls experiencing violence.



Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan at the launch (top)

Memorial benches (left)

Faces of Resilience Banner (bottom left)

Faces of Resilience Memorial Benches Campaign (bottom right)



MEMORIAL BENCHES FACES OF RESILIENCE



These benches are dedicated to women lost to domestic violence and femicide over the past twenty years. May their memories live on.

← Scan to find out more



REACH OUT.

If you or a loved one is dealing with domestic violence – there is help. Scan the QR code for more information on where and how to find help.



9.3 Visits in Shelters

9.3.1 Visit at Dar Merħba Bik & Dar Santa Bakhita

On 24 July, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan visited the Dar Merħba Bik and Dar Santa Bakhita shelters for victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence.

For this visit, the Commission engaged JKA WF Malta to provide a self-defence session in which the Commissioner and the residents together with their children participated to learn basic techniques for self-defence. Following this interactive session, the Commissioner visited the premises of the shelters and met with professionals working in the facilities. The Commissioner also had casual discussions with the survivors residing at the shelter to learn more about their experiences and the support they received during their stay at Dar Merħba Bik and Dar Santa Bakhita.

9.3.2 Visit at Għabex Emergency Shelter

On 4 November, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan visited the Għabex emergency shelter for victims who experience gender-based violence and domestic violence. The Commissioner went round the premises of the shelter and spoke to the professionals working in this shelter. During the visit, the Commissioner carried out an art activity together with the residents and children residing in the shelter. After this activity, the Commissioner spoke with the residents, where they shared their experience, concerns, and some of the barriers they were currently facing.



9.4 Information Sessions in Active Ageing Centres

In 2024, the Commission invested its resources to increase awareness with the elderly on gender-based violence and domestic violence. In collaboration with Active Ageing and Community Care, the Commission conducted information sessions in 29 active ageing centres across Malta.

These sessions, delivered by Victim Support Malta (VSM) and Fondazzjoni Sebh, sought to equip the elderly with information on all forms of gender-based violence and domestic violence, power and control, the importance of consent, recognising abusive behaviours, and helping persons experiencing violence. Attendees were also informed on the existing support services available for victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence. Moreover, the Commission disseminated the Collection of Services posters at the centres and handed promotional material and business cards listing the contact details of support services to every attendee. A sample test to assess these sessions' effectiveness was conducted with 5 centres using pre- and post-questionnaires.

Results show that 98.59% of participants found the session useful. Additionally, 50% of attendees, who were previously unaware or unsure of the actions to take if they or someone close to them experienced violence, reported that the session taught them the appropriate actions to take.



Ms Kyra Borg (VSM), Ms Sharon Attard De Giovanni (VSM), & Ms Kerry Hermitage delivering sessions in active ageing centres



9.5 Awareness-raising at Freshers' Week 2024

For Freshers' Week 2024, the Commission prepared an awareness-raising campaign for students at Junior College, the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) and the University of Malta (UoM).

This campaign primarily focused on amplifying awareness on the importance of consent and healthy relationships with post-secondary students at Freshers' Week 2024. To achieve this, the Commission set up an awareness-raising stand inviting students to participate in a competition aiming to stimulate students' thoughts and ideas on what constitutes healthy and safe relationships. The students were encouraged to fill in the blank of the following sentence: 'Your _____ is _____ an orgasm!' with a chance of winning a tablet from the Commission.

The Commission also promoted and disseminated business cards featuring the contact details of professional support services and informative leaflets developed by the Malta Gay Rights Movements and Victim Support Malta. During this campaign, the Malta Girl Guides and Dar Merħba Bik joined the Commission on the awareness-raising stands at Junior College and MCAST to promote their services. Additionally, Miss Universe Malta 2024, Ms Beatrice Njoya, together with the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg and Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan joined the stand at UoM.

From the various responses submitted by students, a participant from Junior College won the competition with the response, 'Your DIGNITY is WORTH MORE THAN an orgasm!'. This reflects the importance of sexual consent, as when consent is not sought, the autonomy and rights of the persons involved are violated. The primary aim of this competition was to spread the message that by ensuring consent, one safeguards and respects the dignity of the other person.

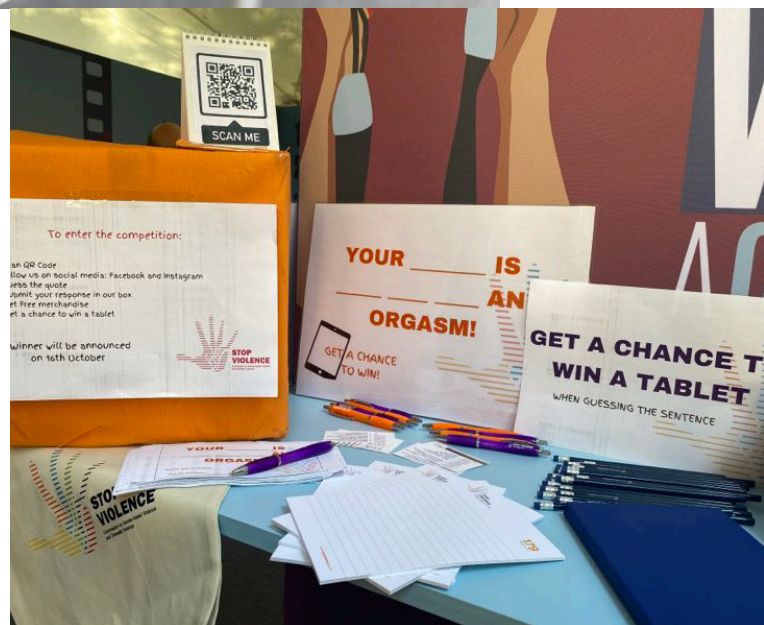




Awareness-raising stand at
MCAST
(above)

Awareness-raising stand at
Junior College
(left)

Awareness-raising
stand at UoM
(right)



9.6 Discussions on Television, Radio and News Articles

Throughout 2024, the Commission had presence in mass media through interviews with the Commissioner featured in news articles, television and radio programmes to continue spreading awareness on themes related to gender-based violence and domestic violence, including forms of violence, consent, power and control, gender stereotypes and inequalities, and promotions of concurrent awareness-raising campaigns.



*Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan
and Mr Brian Farrugia (VSA) on
Campus FM 29 June 2024
(above)*



mt MaltaToday
December 1, 2024 · 🌐

Commissioner for Gender-based Violence and Domestic Violence Samantha Pace Gasan tells Matthew Farrugia, Maltese society has changed but more still has to be do... [See more](#)



MALTATODAY.COM.MT

29 June 2024 Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan on RTK103 FM, 15 October 2024 (above)

Article on Times of Malta, 24 May 2024 and Maltatoday, 1 December 2024 (left and below)

Commission on Gender-Based Violence & Domestic Violence
May 24, 2024 · 🌐



TIMESOFMALTA.COM

Remove ban on psychiatrist's name, domestic violence commission urges court

9.7 Participation in Local and International Conferences

In 2024, the Commission participated in various local and international conferences related to gender-based violence and domestic violence.

Table 5
Participation in local and international conferences in 2024:

Title of Conference	Date	Organisation
SGBV Roundtable: Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls	28 February	UNHCR Malta
Building a Constructive Dialogue with Teenagers on Safe and Enjoyable Intimacy for Self and Partners, to Promote Gender Equality and Prevent Sexualised Abuse	1 March	WWP EN
Adult Financial Literacy: Malta's Results in the OECD Survey Conference	6 March	MSPC
NCPE International Women's Day Conference 2024	7 March	NCPE
Launch of the Survey on Safety and Well-being Results	14 March	NSO
Second meeting of EU Network on the prevention of gender-based and domestic violence: Engaging young people, in particular men and boys: role of education and digital media.	10 – 11 April	EU Commission
WAVE Regional Meeting of South Europe	18 -19 April	WAVE
Second Meeting of national co-ordinating bodies established under the Istanbul Convention	29 April	Government of Liechtenstein and co-organised with the Secretariat of the Istanbul Convention Monitoring Mechanism of the Council of Europe



Title of Conference	Date	Organisation
GEC Annual Conference to Launch CoE Gender Equality Strategy 2024-2029: Marking 10 years since the entry into force of the Istanbul Convention	30 May	Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
16th Meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention	31 May	CoE
Cyberviolence and Perpetrator Work	4 – 5 June	WWP EN
42nd Management Board Meeting, Vilnius	18 – 19 June	EIGE
Behind the Screen: The Role of Technology in the Facilitation of Child Sexual Exploitation	18 June	AIC - HEUNI
NCPE's Annual Conference 2024	27 June	NCPE
UN Human Rights Committee Malta Review, Geneva	3 – 4 July	UN Human Rights Committee
Launch of National Strategy and Action Plan on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings in Malta	1 August	HRD
26th WAVE Conference: From emergency support to violence prevention: 30 years of championing women's rights	30 September – 1 October	WAVE
Webinar on Tackling Domestic Abuse: Developing a Comprehensive Strategy to Radically Reduce Incidences, Increase Convictions and Improve Support for Survivors Under a New Labour Government	3 October	Public Policy Exchange, UK
Change: Pathways to Prevent and Combat Gender-Based Violence	6 November	WWP EN
WAVE Online Regional Meeting	12 November	WAVE
Webinar on WWP EN Strategy 2026-2029	13 November	WWP EN
National Expert Group on Sustainable Development Indicators: TF on the Indicators for SDG 16	13 November	NSO

Title of Conference	Date	Organisation
Workshop on Safeguarding and Empowering Children in Court Proceedings	15 November	Women's Rights Foundation
Raġel fuq l-Irġiel Teach In: Masculinities in Maltese Contemporary Society	20 November	UoM's Equity Office in collaboration with the Gender Equality and Sexual Diversity Committee
Celebrating 30 Years of Standing Up for Victims of Domestic Abuse	25 November	FSWS
VSA Annual Conference 2024	27 November	VSA
5th Plenary Meeting of the Santiago de Compostela Committee on Organ Trafficking	2 – 3 December	The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention against the Trafficking in Human Organs
How Can Your Perpetrator Programme Reach its Full Potential?	2 December	WWP EN
Webinar: 16 Days of Activism against Sexual & Gender-Based Violence	2 December	CYGEN
Confronting Cyber Violence	4 December	Equity Office, UoM
National Sexual Health Strategy 2025 – 2030 Public Consultation	10 December	Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Directorate, Ministry for Health and Active Ageing
17th Meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention	17 December	CoE
Meeting of small states on the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)	18 December	Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe



Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg at the conference, 'Celebrating 30 Years of Standing Up for Victims of Domestic Abuse' (left)

Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan at the conference, 'Celebrating 30 Years of Standing Up for Victims of Domestic Abuse' (below)



10

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND
GIRLS CAMPAIGN



10.1 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.'

The annual 16 Days of Activism against Violence Against Women and Girls is an international campaign spearheaded by the UN to raise awareness on preventing violence against women and girls. National and international initiatives around the globe join this campaign which spans between 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and 10 December, Human Rights Day.



In 2024, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Equality and Reforms and the Commission dedicated their efforts to increase awareness on gender-based violence and domestic violence on a national level by implementing several activities under the theme, 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' ('Nieqfu Flimkien. Flimkien Infiqu.').

This slogan was selected to highlight the significant roles individuals have in society to support victims of abuse and to prevent and combat gender-based violence and domestic violence.

10.1.1 Launch of Campaign

On 22 November, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Equality and Reforms and the Commission held the official launch of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls at Villa Bighi, Kalkara.

Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan at the launch of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' Campaign (right)





For this event, the Commission invited the Permanent Secretary within the Office of the Prime Minister, EU Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue, Mr Jonathan Vassallo, and representatives from NGOs and the IMC. Dr Lydia Abela, the Minister for Social Policy and Children's Rights Hon. Michael Falzon together with the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg and Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan addressed the importance of awareness-raising on a national level to foster collective activism against gender-based violence and domestic violence. Furthermore, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan provided an overview of the progress achieved in 2024 in relation to the third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) and announced the events and initiatives planned for the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign.



Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg (top left), at the launch of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' Campaign

Dr Lydia Abela (above), at the launch of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' Campaign

Hon. Michael Falzon (below), at the launch of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' Campaign





Ms. Antonella Mizzi, Dr Josianne Cutajar and Dr. Charles Cassar at the panel discussion (above)

'Id-Dar tal-Anzjani' theatrical play (right)



During the launch, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Equality and Reforms and the Commission presented one of the short theatrical plays titled, 'Id-Dar tal-Anzjan', developed for the roadshow campaign as part of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign. This play sought to depict multiple forms of violence against the elderly including manipulation, control, and economic violence.

Following this theatrical play, a panel discussion with the Director for Child Protection Services, Ms Antonella Mizzi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority and former Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent De Paul, Dr Josianne Cutajar, and psychologist and board member Dr Charles Cassar delved into the risks that vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children and persons with disability, are exposed to. Moreover, the discussion also addressed the manifestations of child-to-parent violence and psychological violence in the Maltese society.



10.2 Activities

10.2.1 Launch of the 'Together we Empower' Funding Programme

The 'Together we Empower' programme was launched to support voluntary organisations in raising awareness about gender-based violence and domestic violence. This initiative aligns with the Commission on Gender-Based and Domestic Violence's commitment to implement Malta's Third National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) and adheres to the Istanbul Convention.

With a dedicated budget of €100,000, the 'Together we Empower' programme offers grants to a maximum of 10 projects, each receiving up to €10,000 in funding.

The 'Together we Empower' programme is designed with the following key objectives:

- Support Voluntary Organisations: To assist in the work of voluntary organisations addressing gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- Enhance Capacity and Knowledge: To build capacity and expand knowledge in the areas of gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- Promote Cooperation and Networking: To stimulate collaboration between voluntary organisations in the sector.
- Develop Partnerships: To provide a platform for cooperation among voluntary organisations, private entities, local councils, and government bodies.

This initiative plays a crucial role in providing voluntary organisations the opportunity to network, collaborate, and brainstorm project ideas aimed at addressing vital areas within gender-based violence and domestic violence. By fostering knowledge and capacity enhancement, NGOs will be better equipped to provide services to both victims and perpetrators of gender-based violence.

The 'Together we Empower' programme also facilitates stronger cooperation among voluntary organisations, private entities, local councils, and the government, ensuring the effective implementation of Malta's National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028).



Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg at the launch of the 'Together we Empower' programme

The submitted projects must align with the following priorities:

1. **Addressing Gender Stereotypes:**
Tackling prejudices and gender stereotypes to prevent gender-based violence.
2. **Raising Awareness on Gender-Based Violence:**
Projects should focus on various forms of gender-based violence, including:
 - Forced marriages
 - Forced sterilization
 - Forced abortion
 - Female genital mutilation
 - Sexual, physical, psychological, and economic violence
 - Stalking, harassment, cyberviolence, and other harmful practices
3. **Domestic Violence:**
Initiatives that address the impact of gender-based violence within the family or domestic unit, in line with Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta, the Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Act.



Commissioner Samantha Pace
Gasar at the launch of the
'Together we Empower' programme



The programme will support the following types of activities:

- **Artistic Community-Based Initiatives:**
Projects involving creative approaches to raising awareness and fostering discussion.
- **Targeted Capacity-Building Workshops:**
Workshops aimed at enhancing skills and knowledge in the sector.
- **Production and Dissemination of Information Materials:**
Materials designed to inform and educate the public on gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- **Development of Informal Education Tools:**
Tools to facilitate community-based learning and education on the topic.

On 17 December, the Commission hosted an information session for NGOs interested in applying for the grant. This session provided detailed guidance on the eligibility criteria and the step-by-step application process. A total of 17 NGOs working in the field of gender-based and domestic violence attended.

10.2.2 Roadshows in the Community

Held in 5 different localities, the roadshows sought to spread awareness through artistic performances in various communities to portray the complexities of the various manifestations of gender-based violence and domestic violence.

The roadshow featured a series of 4 short theatrical plays written by Mr Andre Mangion with the Artistic Direction of Mr Joseph Galea with the aim of stimulating community discussions on several themes including, consent, gender stereotypes, stalking and harassment, manipulation and psychological violence, violence against the elderly, violence at the workplace, intimate partner violence, and supporting persons experiencing violence. Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan and several stakeholder representatives were present during these roadshows to answer any questions from the audiences related to services and gender-based violence. The Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg together with Dr Lydia Abela joined the community discussion in Gżira.

The Commission invited various communitarian organisations, including local councils, local band clubs and sports organisations to promote these roadshows in their respective localities.

Tixtieq tkun taf aktar dwar il-vjolenza domestika?

Inti jew xi hadd qrib tieghek esperenzajt u l-vjolenza domestika?

Inghaqad magħna għal serata u diskussjoni dwar il-vjolenza domestika u l-vjolenza abbażi tal-generu.
Wara l-attività se jkun hemm bibita.

Filmkien nistghu nwaqfu l-vjolenza.

27 ta' Novembru 2024 19:00 - 20:30 Palazzo Xara, Każin tal-Banda, L'Isle Adam, Triq San Pawl, Rabat
29 ta' Novembru 2024 19:00 - 20:30 Skola Primarja San Pawl il-Bahar, Kullegġ Maria Regina, Triq l-Iskola, San Pawl il-Bahar
4 ta' Diċembru 2024 19:00 - 20:30 Sala tal-Parroċċa, Triq Manoel De Vilhena, Gżira
7 ta' Diċembru 2024 19:00 - 20:30 Sala tal-Kunsill, Kunsill Lokali Fgura, Triq Hompesch, il-Fgura
10 ta' Diċembru 2024 19:00 - 20:30 Citadella Sala Nru. 2, Citadella, Rabat (Victoria), Għawdex

Poster promoting the roadshows





*'Id-Dar tal-Anzjan' at Fgura
(top left)*



*'Kontra Kull Kurrent' at Ċittadella
(top right)*

*Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg, Dr Lydia Abela
and Commissioner Samantha Pace
Gasar at Gżira Roadshow
(right)*



*'Ċirku Tond' at St
Paul's Bay
(left)*

*'Dejjaqqli
l-Qanpiena'
at Rabat (below)*



10.2.3 Information Sessions with MCAST Students

To raise awareness among students during the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls, the Commission collaborated with the Institute of Community Services at MCAST to coordinate information sessions for students enrolled in the Diploma in Foundation Studies for Security, Enforcement and Protection, the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Management and the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Work.

On 29 November, Ms Ann Marie Ciantar from Aġenzija Appoġġ delivered an information session to students following the courses of social care and social work and on 6 December, Supt. Sylvana Gafà from the Victim Support Agency (VSA) and the Gender-Based & Domestic Violence (GBDV) Unit, and Supt. Johann Fenech from the Gender-Based Domestic Violence Unit within the Malta Police Force delivered two separate information sessions to students aspiring to seek employment within the Disciplined Forces.

The aim of these sessions was to encourage students to work in this sector by providing information on the work and remit of Aġenzija Appoġġ, VSA, and the GBDV Unit, an overview of the different forms of abuse, including emerging trends, and to equip students with skills to help victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence in an effective manner.

10.2.4 CYGEN Webinar

On 6 December, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan was invited by the Commonwealth Youth Gender Equality Network (CYGEN) to join a panel discussion for youth gender activists on sexual violence and gender-based violence.

In this international webinar, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan shared her insights and perspectives on gender-based violence advocacy, activism, and awareness-raising.

Webinar: 16 Days of Activism against Sexual & Gender-based Violence

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

START AT 11 AM GMT
Live on Facebook & Youtube

SAMANTHA PACE GASAN
COMMISSIONER ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | MALTA

VALERIE LOLOJU
CYGEN EXCO
KENYA

MELISSA FAIREY
CYGEN ALUMNI
CANADA

KALIFA FACEY
CYGEN MEMBER
JAMAICA

CYGEN CAFE

CYGENetwork

Poster for CYGEN webinar



Ms Beatrice Njoya delivering her keynote speech

10.2.5 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' National Conference

The Parliamentary Secretariat for Equality and Reforms and the Commission organised a national conference titled, 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' at Xara Lodge, Rabat. The conference aimed to encapsulate the initiatives and efforts undertaken by the Commission and stakeholders during the 16 Days of Activism against Violence Against Women and Girls and to explore innovative methods to enhance community outreach and awareness-raising on gender-based violence and domestic violence.

The Commission invited Ms Beatrice Njoya, Miss Universe Malta 2024, to deliver a keynote speech during this conference, in which she shared her journey as a survivor of domestic violence and emphasised on the importance of reaching out and seeking professional support to leave abusive relationships.



Dr Lydia Abela at the conference (above)

Following the intervention of Ms Beatrice Njoya, a panel discussion on engaging communities in the fight against gender-based violence ensued with the participation of the Artistic Director and Producer of the roadshow plays, Mr Joseph Galea; the chairperson of ENGAGE, Mr Jacob Callus; Ms Colette Farrugia Bennett from Aġenzija Appoġġ, and Mr James Buhagiar from Men Against Violence. The discussion explored various perspectives on integrating artistic and technology-related elements in campaigns and initiatives to target different communities and groups, including children, youth, men and boys, migrants, persons with disability, and the elderly. The discussion also delved into effective approaches addressing gender stereotypes and inequalities by highlighting their contribution to gender-based violence and its various manifestations. The Minister for Social Policy and Children's Rights Hon. Michael Falzon, the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg, Dr Lydia Abela and Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan remarked how the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign shall continue beyond the 16 Days of Activism against Violence Against Women and Girls in order to strengthen collective and holistic activism against gender-based violence and domestic violence.

Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg at the conference (below)





Mr Joseph Galea, Mr James Buhagiar, Mr Jacob Callus and Ms Colette Farrugia Bennett at the panel discussion (above)

Hon. Michael Falzon at the conference (right)

Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan at the conference (below)

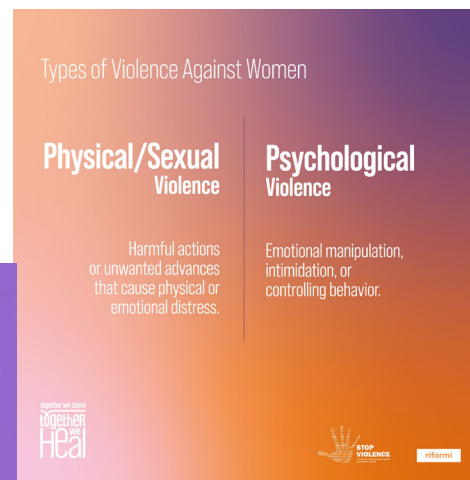


10.3 Awareness-raising Initiatives

To promote the messages behind the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' initiatives and activities, the Commission engaged the public through social media, television, radio, public spaces, news articles, and news portals throughout the 16 Days of Activism.

10.3.1 Social Media Campaign

An extensive social media campaign was implemented during the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls campaign which involved the sharing of informational material on the Commission's social media platforms. Infographics and videos aimed to raise awareness about the different forms of gender-based violence and domestic violence and inform the general public about available services and the recent findings from the Survey on Safety and Well-being (2022). Social media was also used to promote and showcase the Commission's activities.



Social media campaign assets



CONTROL IS NOT LOVE BUT A CRIMINAL OFFENCE

together we stand
together
we
Heal

If you or someone you know
needs help, reach out.

179 Helpline
24/7

116 006 Helpline for
Victims of Crime
24/7



riformi

nieqfu flimkien
flimkien
infiqu

179 Helpline
24/7

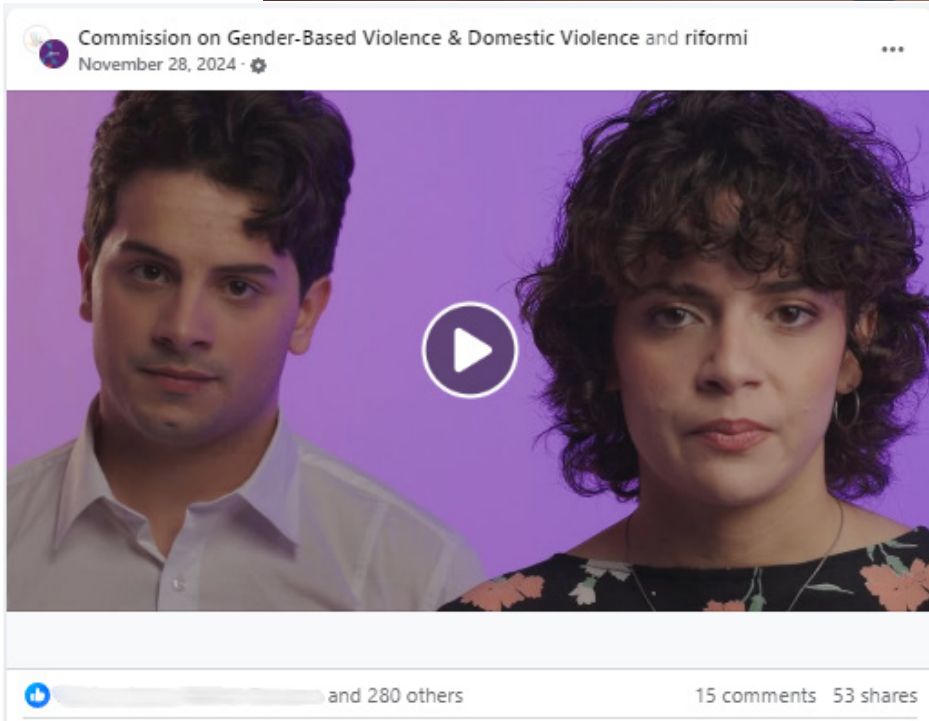
116 006 Helpline for
Victims of Crime
24/7



riformi

*Social media campaign
videos and posts*

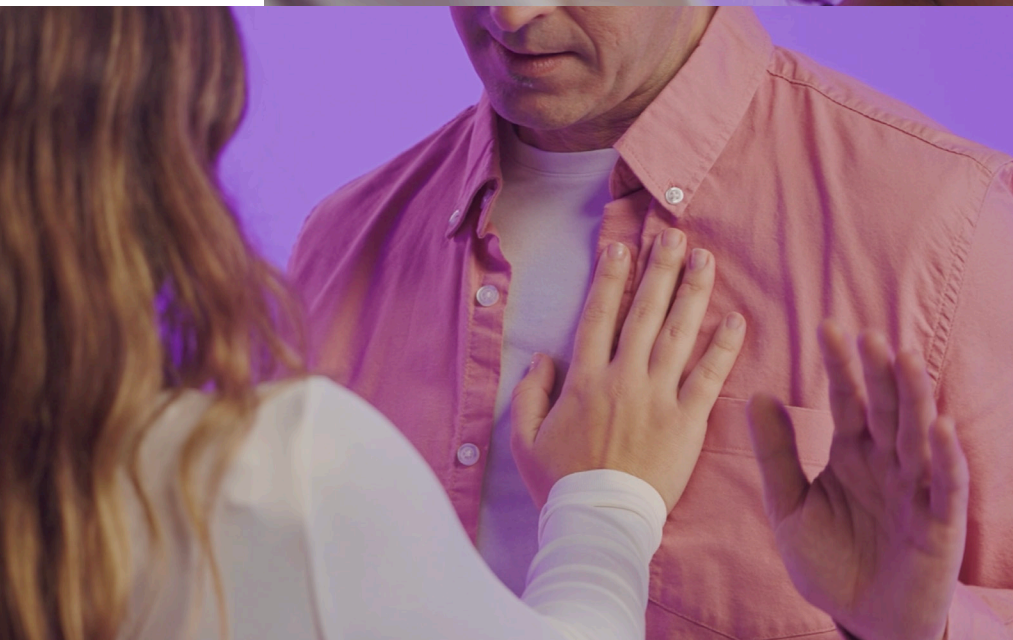
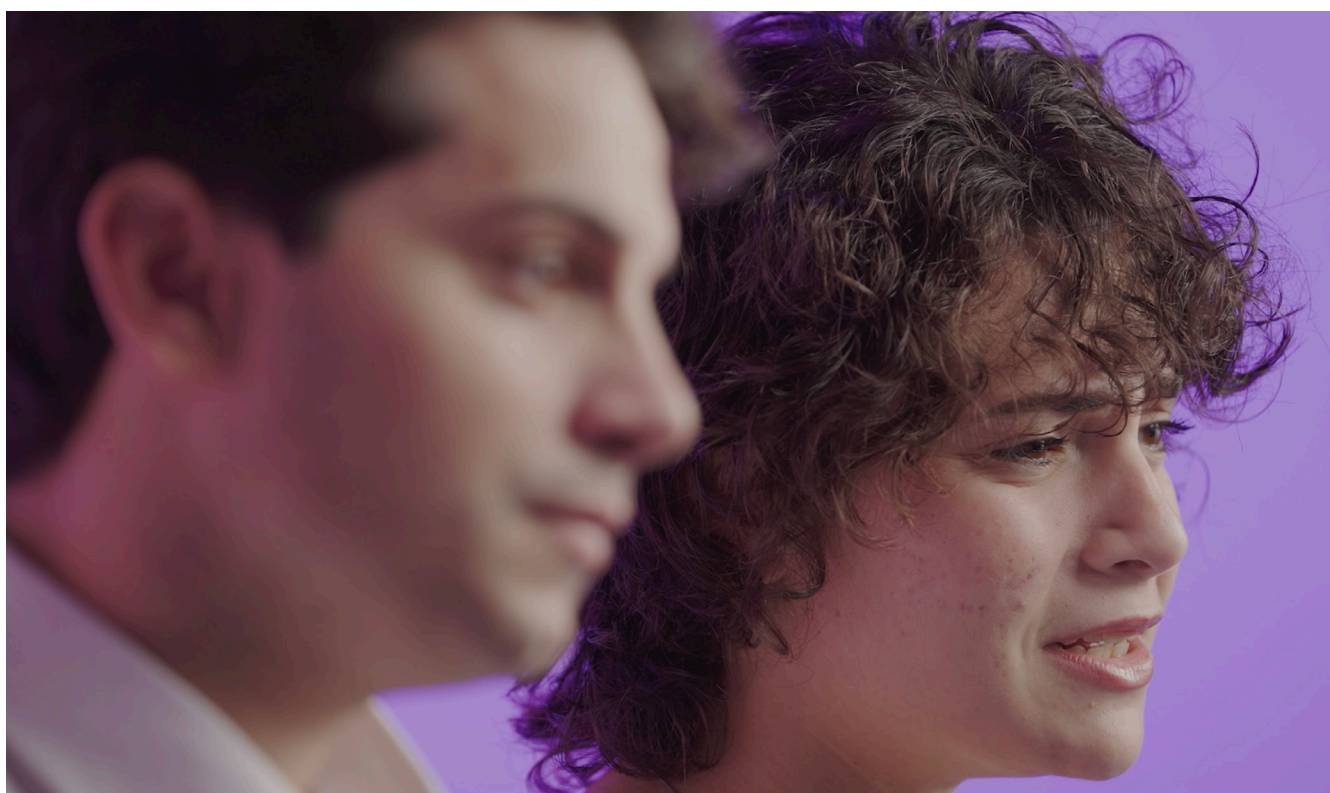
Social media
campaign videos
and posts





10.3.2 Television and Radio Campaign

The Commission developed three awareness-raising videos and three radio clips which were featured on several national television and radio stations throughout the duration of the campaign and extending into the Christmas period. The themes portrayed in the videos and radio clips included coercive control, consent and violence against elderly persons. The adverts were scheduled at different times throughout the day to maximise their effectiveness in reaching a broad audience.



TV advert on power and control (above)

TV advert on consent (left)



10.3.3 Newspaper Adverts and Articles

Throughout the campaign, the Commission also published several adverts and articles in various local newspapers. All adverts included the campaign’s theme as well as the national helpline numbers to empower persons affected by gender-based violence and domestic violence to seek help.



Newspaper advert on violence against the elderly (above)

Newspaper advert on consent (left)

Newspaper advert on power and control (right)



together we stand
together
we
Heal

Unfortunately, Domestic Violence is very present in our Maltese communities. Every day, countless individuals endure hours of pain, fear, and silence behind closed doors. Domestic abuse leaves scars - some visible, others buried deep. It affects people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, breaking lives and families apart. If you or someone you know is facing any domestic abuse, know that help is available.

**Let us together help break the silence and end the cycle of abuse.
United we can stop Domestic Violence - United we can heal our society.**

**Your voice can be the start
of someone's healing**



Information
on services

179 Helpline
24/7

116 006 Helpline for
Victims of Crime
24/7

**If you or someone you know
needs help, reach out.**

**If you are a perpetrator/ abuser
and need support take the first
step and seek our help.**



riformi

'Together We Empower'

A programme for voluntary organisations

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign occurs annually between 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, till the 10 December, recognized as the International Day for Human Rights. The primary aim is to raise awareness on the different forms of gender-based violence and domestic violence. The theme of this year's national campaign is 'Together we Stand, Together we Heal.' (Niegfu Flimkien, Flimkien Infiq.)

On 28 November, the Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon Rebecca Buttigieg and the Commissioner on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Samantha Pace Gasan launched an initiative which is being managed and administered by the Commission on Gender Based Violence and Domestic Violence with the support of the Office of the Prime Minister, European Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue. The 'Together We Empower' programme was designed to encourage voluntary organisations to enhance capacity and knowledge on gender-based violence and domestic violence. This programme was developed as part of the Commission on Gender Based and Domestic Violence's commitment to implement Malta's third National Strategy on Gender Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) and in line with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention). The 'Together We Empower' programme has a budget of €100,000 and the Commission is giving the opportunity for a minimum of 10 projects to be awarded this grant with a budget of €10,000.

The objectives of the 'Together We Empower' are:

To support the work of voluntary organisations in the field of gender-based violence and domestic violence

To enhance capacity and knowledge related to gender-based violence and domestic violence

To stimulate cooperation and networking between voluntary organisations and

To provide a platform to develop co-operation between voluntary organisations, private entities, local councils, and the Government.

Such an initiative is of significant importance as it is providing an opportunity for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working within the field to network and collaborate to implement projects in much needed areas. The NGOs would also be enhancing further their knowledge and capacity when it comes to the services provided to both victims and perpetrators of gender-based violence. This initiative will also provide an opportunity to develop co-operation between voluntary organisation, private entities, local councils, and the Government to implement the national strategy in the most effective manner

whilst also ensuring that different target groups are informed of the various types of violence.

The submitted applications need to be tied to the priorities of the programme. Such priorities include addressing gender-based violence prevention by tackling prejudices and gender stereotypes. Activities proposed under this priority may focus on addressing misogyny and patriarchy in general, by targeting gendered attitudes, behaviours and social norms that either encourage or minimize the impact of violence.

Another priority is that of gender-based violence which aims to enable applicants to focus on the different forms of gender-based violence, which mostly affects women and girls, including forced marriages, forced sterilization, forced abortion, female genital mutilation, sexual, physical, psychological and economic violence, stalking, harassment, cyberviolence and other harmful practices. Domestic violence is another priority tied to the programme which aims to address the aggravating circumstances that different forms of gender-based violence have within the family or domestic unit. Initiatives under this priority should address at least one form of gender-based violence within the family or domestic unit as defined in Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta, the Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Act.

Activities which fall under this project include artistic community-based initiatives, targeted capacity building workshops, production and dissemination of information material and development of tools for informal education.

The projects proposed under this 'Together We Empower' programme



Commissioner on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Samantha Pace Gasan

shall incorporate principles and horizontal priorities such as inclusion and equality, civic empowerment and engagement, sustainability, social innovation and collaboration between different NGOs, public entities or private organisations.

This initiative will be beneficial for the public, victims experiencing or

who have experienced domestic violence and gender-based violence as well as non-governmental organisations who work within the field. The awarded projects will be aiding in preventing violence within the Maltese society on domestic violence and gender-based violence guided by the National Strategy on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence (2023-2028) as well as the Istanbul Convention.

The call opened on 28 November and closes on the 28 February 2025 at noon. The guidelines and the application can be found on the www.stopviolence.gov.mt. An information session will be held online on 17 December where more technical details on the programme will be given. If you are interested in joining the information session or require further assistance and support of the application, send an email to funding@stopviolence.gov.mt or you can contact the Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence on 22768303.



Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg



Sponsored article



10.3.4 Online News Portals Campaign

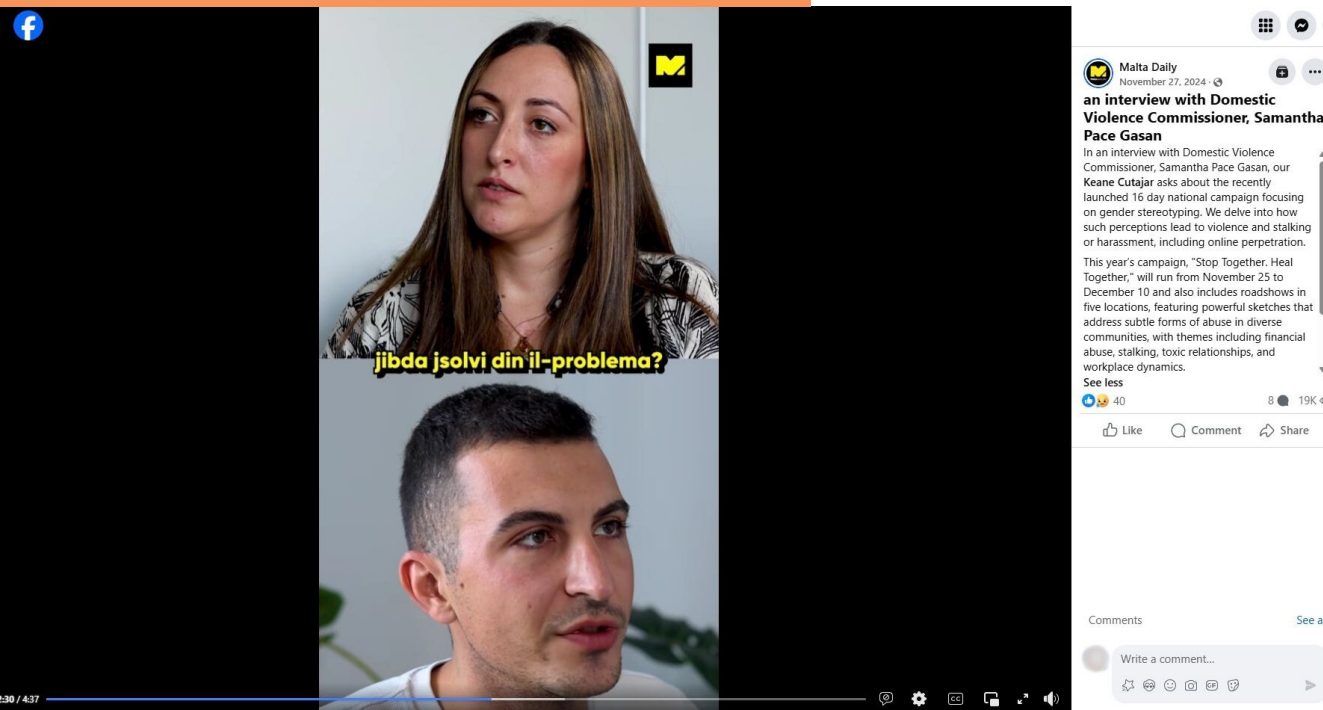
Articles were published in both Maltese and English newspapers and focused on the highlights of the campaign, such as the roadshow events and the launch of the 'Together We Empower' programme. Through the publication of articles, the Commission also provided further information about consent and available services to complement the wider awareness-raising initiatives.

In addition to print media, the Commission also wrote articles which were published on numerous news portals.

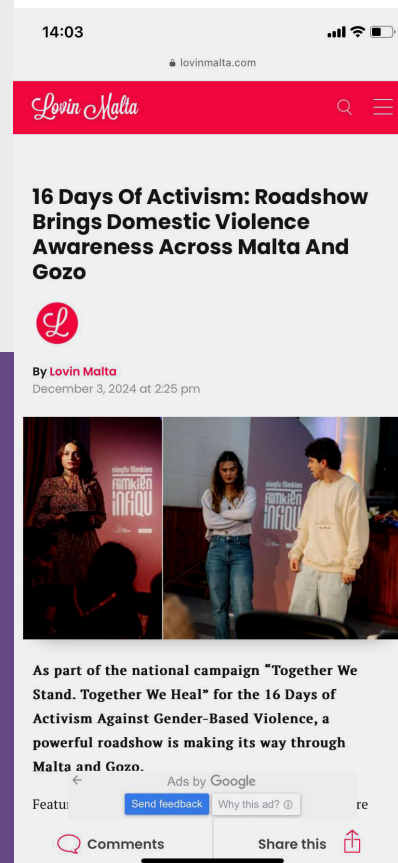
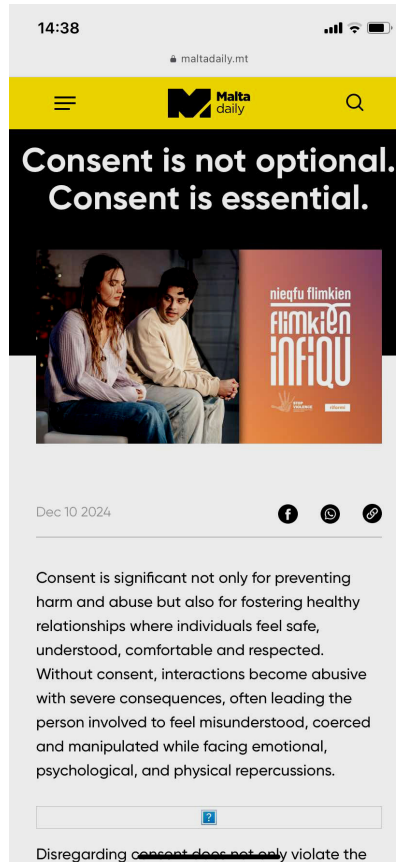
Similarly, the articles dealt with the topic of consent and how to help persons experiencing gender-based violence and domestic violence.

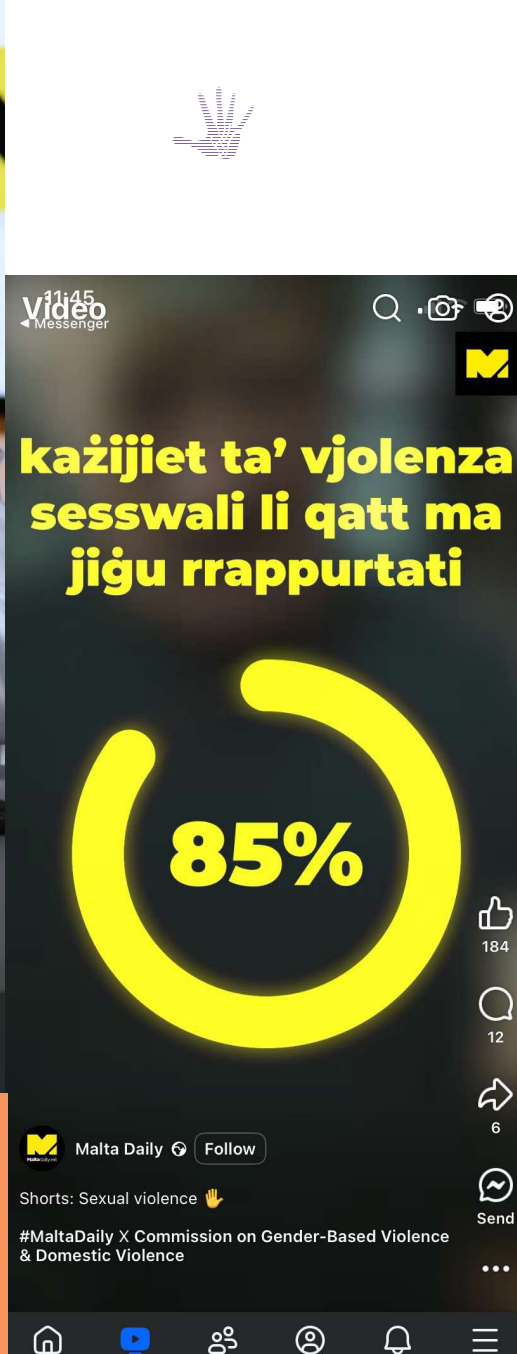
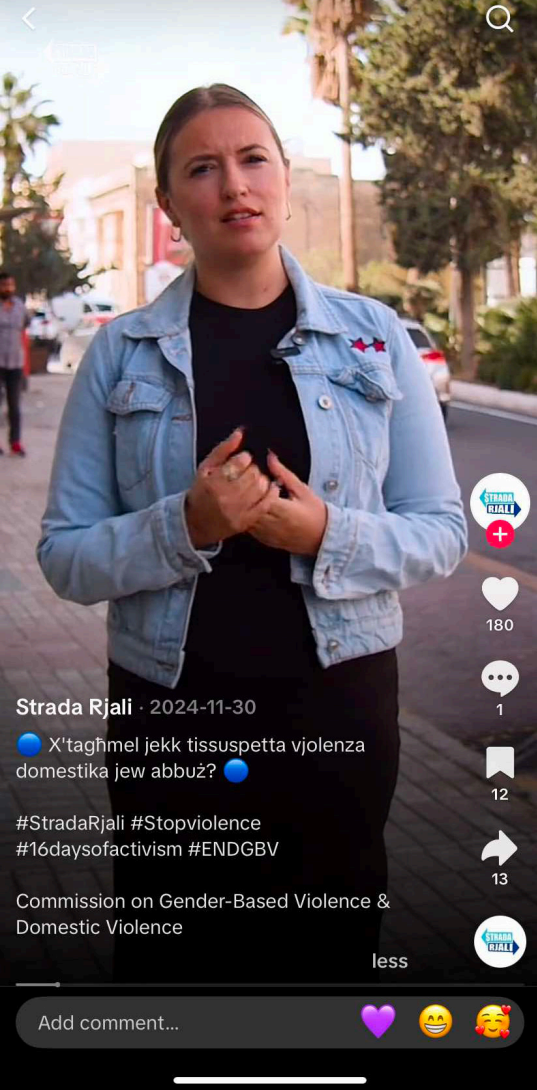
Moreover, several online banners were displayed on the different portals for one month following the 16 Days of Activism campaign's launch.

Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan on Malta Daily



To achieve greater public outreach, the Commission also collaborated with Malta Daily, Malta Today and Stradarjali to promote short reels on their Facebook and TikTok platforms featuring interviews with Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan about the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign, public vox pops, and informational reels encouraging collective activism to prevent and combat gender-based violence and domestic violence.





Vox pop by Stradarjali on supporting victims of gender-based violence (top left)

Reel on gender stereotypes by Malta Daily (above)

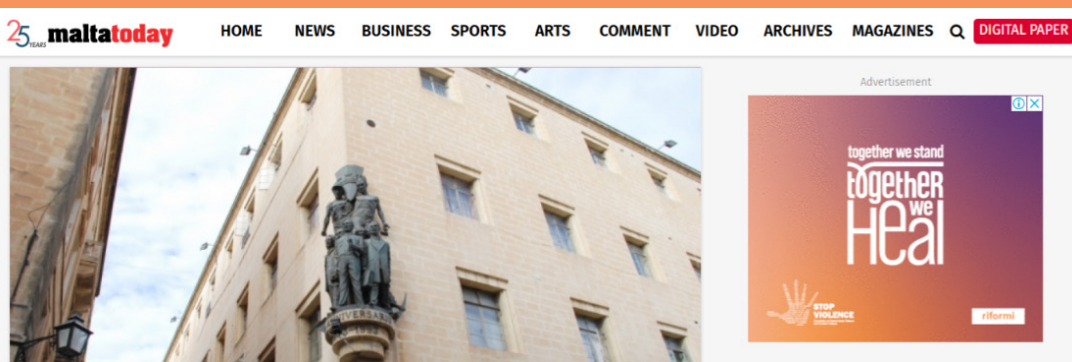
Malta Daily

Shorts: Sexual violence

#MaltaDaily X Commission on Gender-Based Violence & Domestic Violence

Reel on sexual violence by Malta Daily (above)

Online banner on Malta Today (left)



Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan on Malta Today (right)





10.3.5 Promotional Campaign in Public Spaces

As part of its awareness-raising efforts during the 16 Days of Activism, the Commission embarked on a promotional campaign in public spaces which comprised the display of a series of adverts on buses and bus shelters across Malta and Gozo. Moreover, short clips in English and Maltese were shown at prominent bus terminals.



Messages on public buses and adverts at bus terminals



together we stand
together we Heal

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP, REACH OUT

179 Helpline 24/7

116 006 Helpline for Victims of Crime 24/7

No one has to face this alone.
Together, we can stop the cycle.

STOP VIOLENCE

riformi

FUELED BY **enemed**

BUS-157





Roll-up banner
in Gozo

10.3.6 Awareness-raising Campaign in Gozo

To target the Gozitan population, the Commission collaborated with the Ministry for Gozo and Planning to spread awareness about the initiatives and activities of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign to prevent and combat gender-based violence and domestic violence.

The Ministry for Gozo and Planning promoted the 16 Days of Activism campaign by installing roll-up banners in prominent spaces and disseminating orange ribbon pins during events and exhibitions at Swejjaq tal-Milied, San Lawrenz, Villa Rundle Christmas Market and Banca Giuratale, Victoria.

The Ministry for Gozo and Planning also disseminated posters of the campaign at their offices and reception areas together with posters promoting the roadshow event which took place at Cittadella.



The facade of Banca Giuratale lit in orange (above)

The ribbon pins and posters were also disseminated to all local councils in Gozo and in various areas such as, the Social Security offices, Office of the Notary to Government, Trade Office, Social Housing Office, Industrial and Employee Relations office, Health Inspectorate Office, Rural Gozo Directorate, Sports Complex, Ta' Xħajma Racecourse, Licensing and Testing, Care of Elderly, Veterinary Section, Experimental Farm, Farmers Owner Protection Act, Lab Section, Biċċerija, Santa Marta, Villa Rundle, and Dawwara.

Furthermore, the facades of the Ministry for Gozo and Planning, Xewkija Windmill, and Banca Giuratale were lit in orange representing the colour of standing against gender-based violence during the 16 Days of Activism.



The facade of the Ministry for Gozo and Planning lit in orange (left)



Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan on The SHE Word podcast (left)

Ms Trudy Kerr, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan, Ms Beatrice Njoya & Dr Georgina Portelli on The SHE Word podcast (below)

10.3.7 The SHE Word

On 5 December, The SHE Word podcast premiered a special episode on YouTube with a dedicated discussion on gender-based violence and domestic violence. In this episode, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan, together with Miss Malta 2024, Beatrice Njoya, and Dr Georgina Portelli, shared their perspectives on the reality of gender-based violence in Malta and the societal changes required to prevent violence.

The conversation also delved in the process of leaving abusive relationships, emphasising the significant roles of active bystanders and the existing support services which assist victims and survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence.





10.4 Participation in the Media

As part of the 'Together we Stand. Together we Heal.' campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls, the Commission amplified the aims of the campaign by media presence through television and radio interviews along with articles covering various themes related to gender-based violence and the campaign.

10.4.1 Television and Radio

Throughout the campaign, Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan was invited on different television and radio programmes to discuss the role of the Commission, the complexities of gender-based violence and to promote the campaign's initiatives and activities.

Table 6
Television and radio appearances throughout the campaign.

Interview	Date	Media
Interview of Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan with host Antonella Galea	21 November	Campus FM
Interview of Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan	21 November	Malta Daily
Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan in Mid-Morning Show with host Tonio Bonello – LIVE	25 November	Radju Malta
Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan on Niskata	25 November	TVM
Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan in the Morning Show with host Christine Delicata	26 November	RTK103
Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan in afternoon live show	26 November	F Living
Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan in the Morning Show with host Christine Delicata	3 December	RTK103
Interview of Commissioner Samantha Pace Gasan with host of Kalamita	3 December	Kalamita

10.4.2 News Articles

As a component of the campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Violence Against Women and Girls, the Commission penned and published numerous articles in newspapers and news portals to raise awareness about the importance of consent in healthy relationships, supporting victims of gender-based violence, and domestic violence while promoting the campaign's initiatives and activities. Several articles were also published during the festive season to highlight the increased risks of violence during Christmas.

Table 7
Articles published throughout the campaign.

Article	Date	Newspaper/News portal
Siltiet Teatrali f'Diversi Lokalitajiet Dwar il-Vjolenza Abbaži tal-Ġeneru.	27 November	Gwida
Plays on gender-based and domestic violence to be staged during roadshow.	1 December	The Sunday Times
'Together we Empower': A programme for voluntary organisations.	1 December	The Malta Independent on Sunday
'Nieqfu Flimkien. Flimkien Infiqu.': Kampanja ta' għarfien dwar il-vjolenza abbaži tal-ġeneru u l-vjolenza domestika.	1 December	Il-Mument
Kif nista' ngħin lil min għaddej mill-vjolenza abbaži tal-ġeneru u l-vjolenza domestika?	2 December	Illum
16 Days of Activism: Roadshow Brings Domestic Violence Awareness Across Malta and Gozo.	3 December	Lovin Malta
X'tista' tagħmel jekk xi hadd li tħobb għaddej minn vjolenza domestika?	3 December	Stradarjali
Consent: A conversation, not an assumption.	8 December	Malta Today
Il-Kunsens: Mingħajru tkun qed twettaq abbuż.	8 December	Il-Mument
Consent is not optional. Consent is essential.	10 December	Malta Daily
'Nieqfu Flimkien. Flimkien Infiqu.' – Mument Sinifikanti mill-Kampanja Kontra l-Vjolenza Abbaži tal-Ġeneru.	23 December	Gwida
Kontra l-vjolenza abbaži tal-ġeneru anke fi żmien il-Milied.	24 December	Stradarjali
Ġħaliex in-nisa ma jtilqux mid-dar għalkemm ikunu abbużati?	31 December	Stradarjali



Kontra l-vjolenza abbażi tal-ġeneru anke fi żmien il-Milied

Semur Tuesday, 24 December 2024 10:44



Article on Stradarjali, 26 December 2024 (above)

Article on The Sunday Times, 1 December 2024 (below)

Plays on gender-based and domestic violence to be staged during roadshow

These short plays are written by André Mangion and directed by Joseph Galea

Entertainment Domestic Violence Theatre

1 December 2024 | Press Release | 0

2 min read



Tixtieq tkun taf aktar dwar il-vjolenza domestika?

Inti jew xi hadd qrib tieghek esperenzajt u l-vjolenza domestika?

Inghaqd magħna għal serata u diskussjoni dwar il-vjolenza domestika u l-vjolenza abbażi tal-ġeneru.

Wara l-attakk ta' Juan Torres Motta.

Finkien nistgħu nwaqfu l-vjolenza.

27 ta' Novembru 2024 | 19:00 - 20:30
Palazzo Kara, Kabin tal-Banda, L'Isle Adam, Triq San Pawl, Għabur

28 ta' Novembru 2024 | 19:00 - 20:30
Sala Primarja San Pawl il-Baħar, Kulleġġi Maria Regina, Triq l-Iskola, San Pawl il-Baħar

4 ta' Dicembru 2024 | 19:00 - 20:30
Sala tal-Parruċċa, Triq Manoel De Vilhena, Għara

7 ta' Dicembru 2024 | 19:00 - 20:30
Sala tal-Akkorati, Kinnall Lokali Figura, Triq Hongreusch, Għajra

11

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Table 8
The Commission's financial overview for year 2024.

The table below indicates the Commission's expenses in 2024 from Vote 6038, Vote 5246 and other line items

Capital Expenditure

Communication	€11,289.31
Office furniture and equipment	€827.97
Total amount	€12,117.28

Corporate Running Costs

Rent and maintenance fees	€76,604.41
Salaries, allowances and social security contributions	€193,006.70
Honoraria	€38,561.40
Local transport	€631.11
Travel abroad	€7,865.51
Annual subscriptions	€200.00
General expenses	€41,127.91
Recruitment expenses	€2,156.69
Total amount	€360,153.73

Awareness Raising Expenses

Education and training	€4,543.05
Awareness-raising activities and promotional material	€31,920.17
Total amount	€36,463.22
16 Days of Activism Awareness-raising Campaign	€240,748.70
Total annual expenditure for 2024	€649,482.93

*NB. This financial overview is an estimate of the Commission's expenses and does not reflect the exact amount.

