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# Time to step up the EU's response to gender-based violence!

## Live Webinar on the 10th anniversary of the Istanbul Convention

**The future of gender equality in Europe is at a turning point.**
**Live webinar May 26th, 16.00-17.00**

The Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, also known as the Istanbul Convention, celebrates its tenth anniversary this May. The convention is the most far-reaching international legal instrument to protect women, girls and gender-diverse persons from violence.

Turkey’s baffling decision to pull out of the international accord is a hugely concerning development which cannot be taken lightly. Defending the Istanbul Convention and identifying more ways to promote gender equality is more important now than ever, as COVID-19 lockdown measures have led to an increase in cases of gender-based violence.

Join us for a discussion with Turkish feminists, members of European Parliament and international human rights experts to learn what can be done to fight the backlash on gender equality in Europe.

- Alice Bah Kuhnke is Vice-president of the Greens/EFA group, Coordinator of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.
- Cianán Russell is Senior Policy Officer at ILGA-Europe
- Aslıhan Tekin, EU Representative of European Women's Lobby Coordination for Turkey
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Moderator: Özgecan Kara is the Secretary General of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

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