



PRESS RELEASE

Workshop in Tochni on gender inequality and gender-based violence

On the 21st of December the NGO Aequitas completed a workshop held in Tochni between the 15th-21st of December on gender inequality and gender-based violence, which was funded by the Council of Europe's European Youth Foundation. The purpose of this workshop was to raise awareness and sensitize the participants about gender inequality and gender-based violence, but also to provide a theoretical introduction to human rights and the role that young people can play in addressing such problems.

Within the framework of the workshop, the participants worked with activities from the Council of Europe's human rights education manuals, created action plans for their organizations and attended presentations / speeches by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, SPAVO and the Association of Recognized Refugees in Cyprus. Among the others, some statistics impressed the participants. According to the presentation of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, based on a research of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union, **39%** of Cypriot women have been subjected to psychological violence by their partner and **22%** have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse from their partner. The size of the problem was confirmed by SPAVO which, among others, presented an animation showing domestic violence from the perspective of the child of the family.

Aequitas has produced a manual (in Greek and English) on gender inequality and gender-based violence in Cyprus, which is available online on the organization's website and on its facebook page. This publication provides an overview of the theoretical and legal framework for gender-based violence on a national, European and international context. In addition, it presents three case studies on relevant cases in Cyprus (female genital mutilation, domestic violence and sexual harassment), which includes national statistics and actions by the state. Finally, it includes a list of bodies and organizations which work with issues of gender-based violence and domestic violence and / or which can provide help.

AEQUITAS is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization that promotes human rights education, intercultural education and citizenship education in Cyprus.

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