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# online sexual exploitation

challenges  
and responses  
in europe



# 01 A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN EUROPE

**8:30 AM**  
Public reception and breakfast

**9:00 AM > 9:45 AM**  
Opening speeches

**Céline Piques**, Writer of the High Council for Equality's report on pornocriminality, representative of Osez le Féminisme

**Aurore Bergé**, French Minister Delegate for Gender Equality (video address)

**Christelle Wieder**, Strasbourg Deputy Mayor in charge of women's rights and equality between women and men

**Reem Alsalem**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against girls and women

**9:45 AM > 11:15 AM**  
New technologies, sexual exploitation, and violence against women and men: challenges and responses

New technologies exacerbate prostitution, surrogacy, and online gender-based violence.

Platforms like OnlyFans, where sexual exploitation and human trafficking have been reported (Reuters, 2024), and the growing use of artificial intelligence to humiliate and silence women (+330% in deepfakes between 2019 and 2023, Deeptrace), highlight these issues.

While the European Directive on violence against women (2024) is a step toward regulation, it remains insufficient to fully protect their rights. This panel will explore these challenges and propose concrete solutions.

**Moderator: Alyssa Ahrabare**,  
President of the French Coordination  
for the European Women's Lobby

- **Reem Alsalem**, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Girls and Women
- **Evin Incir**, Swedish MEP, rapporteur for Directive 2024/1385 on combating violence against women
- **Maria João Faustino**, member of the executive committee of the European Women's Lobby
- **Ruth Breslin**, Director of the Institute for Policy Research on Sexual Exploitation
- **Catherine Van de Heyning**, law professor at the University of Antwerp and public prosecutor
- **Questions and Answers**

**11:15 AM > 11:45 AM:** Coffee break

**11:45 AM > 1:15 PM**  
Pornocriminality and pedocriminality: issues of equality, public health, and child protection

**Introduction : Screening of the documentary Be Brave France by Mié Kohiyama**

This panel will shed light on alarming data about the impact of the pornography industry on mental health, violence, and the shaping of relations between women and men.

A study by the High Council for Gender Equality reveals that 90% of scenes in the most-watched pornographic films contain acts of physical or verbal violence, contributing to the normalisation of aggressive behaviours in intimate relationships.

Additionally, the panel will focus on **the legal disputes surrounding access control to pornographic websites, highlighting the limitations of current European regulations in protecting children.**

**Moderator: Aliénor Laurent**,  
President of Osez le Féminisme

- **Céline Piques**, Writer of the High Council for Equality's report on pornocriminality, representative of Osez le Féminisme
- **Hélène Fritzton**, Swedish MEP, Rapporteur of the FEMM Committee opinion on the Directive on child sexual abuse
- **Maria Hernandez-Mora**, PhD in Psychology, Clinical Psychologist, and Psychotherapist
- **Questions and Answers**

# 02 RESPONSES IN LAW AND POLICY, CAMPAIGNING, AND A CALL TO ACTION

🕒 1:15 PM > 3:00 PM

Networking lunch



🕒 3:00 PM > 3:45 PM

Keynote speeches

**Alyssa Ahrabare**, President of the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby

**Delphine O**, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Generation Equality Forum (Beijing+25)

**Alexandra Louis**, Interministerial Delegate for Victim Support

**Roxana Maracineanu**, Representative of MIPROF (Interministerial Mission for the Protection of Women Against Violence and the Fight Against Human Trafficking)

🕒 3:45 PM > 5:15 PM

Addressing Prostitution: The Impact of Different Policy Models in Europe

🗨️ **Introduction** : Testimonial video from **Blessing Okoedion**, survivor of human trafficking and prostitution, founder of *Weavers of Hope*

European Parliament Resolution 2022/2139(INI) on prostitution highlights that this practice constitutes a form of violence against women and girls, urging Member States to adopt measures to reduce demand and strengthen the protection of victims.

This panel will examine the legislative models adopted in Europe to address prostitution, analyzing their social, economic, and human impacts while integrating the growing digital dimension of this phenomenon and its specific effects on migrant women.

👤 **Moderator: Héma Sibi**, Director, CAP Intl

- **Maria Noichl**, German MEP, Rapporteur of the September 2023 European Parliament resolution on prostitution
- **Mariana Branco**, researcher at the Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights
- **Laurence Rossignol**, French Senator
- **Françoise Brié**, Representative of Amicale du Nid, Vice-President of CLEF, and former GREVIO member
- **Adama-Sira Le Blay**, President of the European Network of Migrant Women

• Questions and Answers

🕒 5:15 PM > 5:40 PM: Coffee break



🕒 5:45 PM > 6:45 PM

Current Legal Challenges in France and Europe: Using the Law to End Impunity

🗨️ **Introduction** : Video testimony from a survivor of the pornography industry

In France, ongoing legal cases highlight the key role of the courts in penalising systemic violent practices, including torture, committed by the pornography industry (rape, pimping, human trafficking). The right to control one's own body cannot become a right to consent to its alienation.

This panel will offer a crucial perspective on applying fundamental legal principles, such as human dignity and the right to physical and mental integrity, while advocating for collective action to reform national and European legislation on online sexual exploitation.

👤 **Moderator: Anne-Cécile Mailfert**, founder of the Women's Foundation (*Fondation des Femmes*)

- **Muriel Fabre Magnan**, Professor of Law at Sorbonne University, author of "L'Institution de la liberté"
- **Lorraine Questiaux**, Lawyer specializing in the defense of survivors of pimping and pornocrime
- **Mireia Crespo**, Director, and **Natasha Malviya**, Advocacy Coordinator, Isala field association

• Questions and Answers



🕒 6:45 PM > 7:30 PM

Closing remarks and call to action

Drawing on the day's testimonies, legal analyses, and discussions, this session will issue an urgent call to strengthen legislative frameworks and intensify collaboration between States, European institutions, and civil society to provide better responses to online sexual exploitation.

- **Alyssa Ahrabare**, President of the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby, and **Céline Piques**, Writer of the High Council for Equality's report on pornocriminality, representative of Osez le Féminisme
- **Presentation of the Strasbourg Call**, concrete recommendations co-created by partner organizations, followed by a group photo



## ABOUT THIS EVENT

The transnational nature of cybercrimes requires a coordinated response supported by regional and international cooperation mechanisms.

The increase in lawsuits against the pornography industry, ongoing legal debates on the protection of minors online, the enforcement of Directive 2024/1385 on combating violence against women, and the Digital Services Act, which addresses platform liability, collectively create a favorable context for concrete action to combat all forms of online sexual exploitation.

This conference will bring together parliamentarians, government officials, Members of the European Parliament, experts, lawyers, researchers, and civil society organizations. Together, let us ensure the protection of fundamental rights for all online.



### Graphic Facilitation by Christel Han:

Christel is an illustrator and graphic facilitator. Like an interpreter, she will visually capture and transcribe the discussions from the conference's roundtables in the form of drawings, offering a visual aid to revisit the ideas discussed.

