



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK

RÉSEAU EURO-MÉDITERRANÉEN DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

الشبكة الأوروبية - المتوسطية لحقوق الإنسان

**GENDER EQUALITY IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION:  
FROM PLAN OF ACTION TO ACTION?**

Comissão para a Cidadania e Igualdade de Género  
Presidência do Conselho de Ministros



**SHADOW REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE ISTANBUL PLAN OF ACTION**

UNIÃO EUROPEIA  
Fundo Social Europeu

**October 2009**

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>I.</b>	<b>Acknowledgements</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Executive Summary</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Methodological Framework and Objectives</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>Introduction and Background</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Region – Main Findings</b>	<b>30</b>
	A. Commitment to International Conventions, Especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	30
	B. The Rights of Women in National Legislation	34
	C. Public Participation of Women in Civil and Political Life	42
	D. Violence against Women, Including Migrant and Refugee Women	49
	<b>Annex 1</b>	<b>58</b>
	Table on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	
	<b>Annex 2</b>	<b>64</b>
	Ministerial Conclusions on "Strengthening the Role of Women in Society" (2006)	

UNIAO EUROPEIA  
Fundo Social Europeu