

## **ELSA Greece - IFP Input Paper**

**Topic:** Law & Gender Equality

### **Description of the topic**

During the past years, there has been a growing awareness on gender (in)equality issues. The chronic claims of individuals in the LGBTQI+ community, as well as more recent movements such as #metoo, have created a great dialogue around their legal protection, making this issue more relevant than ever. Nevertheless, discrimination against LGBTQI+ people and women still persists and takes various forms such as verbal abuse and physical violence. At the same time, there are several differences in the approach of states regarding both the rights of women and the LGBTQI+ community, differences that are observed in several areas of law.

Issues such as equal pay, access to education and especially research, representation and domestic violence are some examples of topics that could revolve around equality between women and men, while family and marital status, access to healthcare and gender recognition are examples of topics related to the LGBTQI+ community legal status.

Identifying the most important challenges to achieving gender equality, getting familiar with different models of legal protection and expanding knowledge on gender identity leave a lot of room for academic research and can be the focus of the network's academic interest for the next two to three years.

### **Why ELSA would benefit from choosing this topic**

As mentioned before, the divergent legal status among the member states of the network is an opportunity for comparative approaches and collaboration between Local/National groups in the context of IFP. Moreover, an IFP under this theme, can set the academic background for many other projects of the network such as the AHRC and Advocacy.

### **What kind of events can be organised/traineeships may be found**

Any kind of event could be organised under the suggested topic, especially those that could be organised with the collaboration of more than one Local/National groups. This could include but not limit to:

- **AA:** Bilateral/Multilateral LRGs.

- **SnC:** ELSA Law Schools/ ELSA Webinars Academy (with workshops where international participants can share their country's legal status), Study Visits.
- **Professional Development:** ELSA Traineeships in Organizations Advocating for the Rights of Women and the LGBTQI + Community.

**What kind of impact we can have with this topic**

The topic could allow the network's members to know beyond the legal framework of their country and compare it to others, allowing them to clarify concepts related to gender equality and realise the changes that need to be made in order to achieve it.