



“Rape in the European Union”

Briefing meeting and discussion
28 APRIL 2009, 12-14 p.m
Room: PHS 1 C051
European Parliament, Brussels

*This event is an EU-level meeting for parliamentarians, policymakers, legal practitioners and NGOs, to present the findings of the first **in-depth transnational European study** on rape reporting, prosecution and conviction and policy lessons/implications. This will be an occasion to discuss the role and challenges of different actors in Europe and how to strategise to improve responses to this often “forgotten issue”.*

Moderator: Lissy Gröner (tbc)

- 12.00 **Introduction: “Say NO to Violence against Women” EP Declaration**
Eva-Britt Svensson, MEP
- 12.10 **Presentation of the European study on rape**
Liz Kelly, Professor, London Metropolitan University and Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU).
- 12.45 **Open discussion:** implications for better policies
- 13.45 **The role of the EWL Observatory and NGOs in enhancing resources and policies on rape - closing remarks**
Colette De Troy, Director of EPAC VAW

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.
Please note that the meeting will be in English.