

## Article – Orange the World: NO to violence against women



In his [statement to mark Orange the World](#), Parliament President David Sassoli said that the Covid crisis had worsened gender based violence: “This year the Covid-19 crisis has revealed and intensified this violence, especially domestic violence. Often this happened in a hidden way behind closed doors, with no possibility of escape.”

During a [debate on Wednesday morning](#), Parliament again said violence against women must end. MEPs urged EU countries that have not yet ratified the Istanbul Convention to do so. They also advocate stronger EU action to tackle gender-based violence. Parliament has consistently taken a strong stance on the matter and repeatedly called for EU accession to the Convention.