

Biographical data of Ms Judit WIRTH
Hungarian candidate to the CEDAW Committee

Name and first name: WIRTH Judit

Date and place of birth: 1 June 1963, Budapest

Working languages: Hungarian – mother tongue, English – excellent, French – basic

Current position/function:

2008- Founding Member of the Association of Hungarian Women Judges, a member organization of the International Association of Women Judges;

2003- Founding member and Advisor to the Board of the Hungarian Women’s Lobby, umbrella organization for women’s NGOs in Hungary

2002- Member of the Global Advisory Council of Vital Voices Global Partnership, Washington

1999- Board member of the National Association of Crime Prevention Professionals, Hungary;

1998- Project manager, policy analyst and coordinator of women’s rights programs, training courses and advocacy campaigns, organizer of conferences at NANE Women’s Rights Association, Hungary;

Main professional activities:

2010- Coordinator, “PTSD in child victims of violence” project, NANE Women’s Right Association;

2010- Trainer and speaker at the European Roma Rights Center seminar for researchers on interviewing victims of trafficking;

2000- Trainer, women’s human rights, minority rights, gender equality, non-discrimination, gender-based violence, trafficking in human beings, refugee-rights, women’s empowerment courses;

2010- Expert advisor, drafting of a Model National Legislative and Service Provision Program on the Prevention and Combating Trafficking in, and Sexual Exploitation of, Women and Children, MONA Hungarian Women’s Foundation;

2009- Gender expert for the ERRC Synthesis Report commissioned by the European Commission on “Activities to improve the impact of policies, programmes and projects aimed at the social inclusion and non-discrimination of Roma in the EU”

2008- Coordinator, Advocacy project, NANE Women’s Rights Association;

1998- Helpline-volunteer

1997- Analyst in the fields of legislation, legal practice and services for victims of different forms of gender-based violence

Educational background:

1997 MA in English literature and linguistics at ELTE University, Budapest, Faculty of Arts

1998-2004 Legal studies at ELTE University, Faculty of Law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Participation in the drafting of the National Action Plan for Equality between Women and Men in Hungary (2009);
- Member and working group leader of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour expert group for the Hungarian implementation of the Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence (2007-2008);
- Member of the Hungarian National Council on Equality between Women and Men under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (2007-2008);
- Policy analyst of European Union equal opportunities programs, drafting recommendations for the European Women's Lobby (2007);
- Member of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour expert advisory group tasked with setting up the National Intervention Center against Domestic Violence (2003-2004);
- Participation in the drafting of four law proposals on combatting violence against women, two of which became bills (2003, 2005, 2006, 2009).
- Speaker and trainer at the regional seminars on gender mainstreaming in human rights work (Amnesty International, 2005), on gender sensitivity in refugee settings (UNHCR, 2005), on gender discrimination (ILO, 2004) and on trafficking in human beings (IOM, 2004).
- Invited panelist on the responsibility of the judiciary in preventing and fighting violence against women (Budapest, Hungary, 2009), domestic violence legal reforms in Hungary in comparison to other CEE countries (Sofia, Bulgaria 2008), the CEDAW as a legal instrument (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 2007).
- Analyst in the field of financing for gender equality, the EU Roadmap for equality between women and men, gender pay-gap, equal political participation (2007)

List of most recent publications in the field:

- “Domestic violence – dynamics, needs of women and diversity”. In: *Improving multi-professional and health care training in Europe — building on good practice in violence prevention, Module 2*. 2009. Training manual. University of Osnabrück, Germany (co-author with Beatrice Biggio and Sabine Bohne, English)
- System Failure: Abused women trapped in the legal system*. (Ed.) 2009. Budapest: NANE-PATENT
- Mainstreaming Gender and Age Awareness in Refugee Settings: A Manual for Trainers*. 2005. Budapest: Menedék Egyesület. (English, Leading advisor and co-author)
- “Sexual Harassment in the Workplace”. In: *Handbook for Managers and Office Administrators*. 2004. Budapest: Raabe Kiadó. (Hungarian)
- NGO Alternative Reports on the Situation of Women in Hungary* submitted to the UN CEDAW Committee. 2002 (co-author with Géza Juhász, English) and 2007 (co-editor with Enikő Pap, and author of chapter on violence, English).

Awards:

- Holder of three Ministerial awards,
- Holder of the Knight Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for work against violence against women and for the equal opportunities of women.