CiF vice-president Susana Labrador, along with social welfare councillor Vanessa Parellada and numerous representatives from local groups and associations, gathered today to hear Pilar Costa and Rosa Cursach speak about the crusade to stamp out domestic abuse. At 11.00am in the administration's plenary hall, the minister of the president's office of the Govern balear and the chair of the Institut Balear de la Dona gave a talk centred on what's being called the “pact against gender violence”.

Under code word *ReAcció*, the initiative launched by the Palma government and IB-Dona aims to galvanise people around concrete steps to denounce, prevent and eradicate violence against women.

According to the CiF vice-president, the Council will sign on to the ReAcció manifesto and pact at next Friday December 17's plenary gathering. She also highlighted a forthcoming plan for equality and a new framework for taking aim at gender violence locally. The social welfare councillor called the “social covenant” a way to meet the urgent need for active local involvement around the issue.

Visit www.reaccionem.com to read the manifesto and sign on to the conditions. Individuals can take part by pledging to participate in any one of a number of suggested actions. Groups and associations can propose their own ideas for contributing to the social pact.