

# EIGE is mapping the current situation and trends of female genital mutilation

**Female genital mutilation** (FGM) continues to be one of the most brutal and at the same time most tabooed forms of gender based violence. On 10 May 2012 [experts from the EU Member States met in Vilnius](#) to discuss the findings of the first phase of EIGE's project on mapping the current situation and trends of female genital mutilation in the EU 27 and Croatia.

The [project](#) was launched by EIGE on the request of EU Commissioner Viviane Reding. It will result, among others, in the first map of information and data, legal and policy framework, actors, tools and methods in the area of FGM in the EU 27 and Croatia. Experts participating in the meeting highlighted that the results of the projects will support policy makers in their efforts to develop strategies for effective elimination of female genital mutilation in Europe.

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