

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area D: Violence against Women



Policy Context

According to the UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW), Violence against Women (VAW) is understood as any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women. All forms of violence against women seriously violate and impede or nullify the enjoyment by women of their human rights, most specifically the fundamental rights to life, security, freedom, dignity and physical and emotional integrity, and cause hardship for specialist practitioners.

The Council of the European Union has adopted three sets of Council conclusions

- In 2010, the Council emphasized the need to strengthen data collection on the prevalence of violence against women and girls.
- In 2012, the Council called Member States to ensure that support services for victims of violence are in adequate supply and apply a gender equality perspective and called upon/praised the Commission to consider additional legal instruments, and to develop a European strategy on combating gender-based violence.
- In 2014, the Council called Member States to tackle the issue of under-reporting, improving access to services and setting up appropriate and sustainable funding for combating gender-based violence and female genital mutilation.

Directive on common minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crimes (Directive 2012/29/EU)

- Recognizes violence against women as gender-based violence, and emphasizes the need for specialist services for vulnerable groups of victims, such as women victims of sexual violence.

Directive on the European protection order in the area of administrative, civil and criminal law

- Ensures that existing and protection orders issued in one EU Member State can be recognized across the EU. Women who have suffered domestic violence are protected from their perpetrators if they travel or move anywhere in the EU.

Regulation 606/2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters. The European Commission

- Has funded numerous European projects aiming at eliminating violence against women within the Zagreb II and the RESOLVE program and will continue through the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, supplemented by funds under the Justice programme.
- Dignity, integrity and access to gender-based violence is a priority area of the Commission's strategy for equality between women and men for 2010-15.
- In 2013, the Commission announced the policy communication and consulting female genital mutilation (FGM) and a series of actions, and the call for concrete measures in the Member States.

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- D.A. Take necessary measures to prevent and eliminate violence against women.
- D.2. Study the causes and consequences of violence against women and the different forms of gender-based violence.
- D.3. Develop training for women and other victims of violence and specialist practitioners on building.

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