

# Female genital mutilation: How many girls are at risk in Greece?



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It is estimated that **25% to 42% of girls are at risk** of female genital mutilation (FGM or FGM-C) in Greece, out of a total population of 1 767 girls aged 15-18 originating from countries where female genital mutilation is practised.

Girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Greece mainly originate from Egypt, Ethiopia and Nigeria.

These findings are from the latest research conducted by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on female genital mutilation in the EU (1).

**Female genital mutilation** is a serious form of gender-based violence & a violation of human rights. It is a practice that involves the partial or total removal of the female genitalia for non-medical purposes. It is a violent form of subordination of women and it leads to severe health and psychological consequences for the girls who are subjected to it.

According to the World Health Organization, female genital mutilation refers to all procedures involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical purposes (2).

**About the study and the European Institute for Gender Equality**

The study 'Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union – Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta' was conducted in 2017-2018. It supports the EU institutions and EU Member States in providing more accurate information on female genital mutilation and its risks among girls in the European Union.

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**What are the results, over time?** The percentage of girls at risk in the European Union has increased from 14% in 2011 to 42% in 2018. The absolute number of girls at risk has also increased. The total population of migrant girls from FGM-practising countries living in Greece has slightly increased from 1 086 to 1 767 over the same time frame.

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This factsheet presents the results of the study 'Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union – Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta' for Greece.

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