

# White Ribbon Campaign

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*Violence against women and girls is a serious matter also from a public health perspective. It is a stain on Europe that women can still suffer violence in its diverse forms simply because of their gender. Male dominated cultures exist that tend to create environments in which violence is tolerated, condoned and enabled. Everyday sexism shall not be trivialised and Europe shall be an example. Support services for women and girls to come forward and rebuild their lives need proper funding and training, especially when women do not trust the very criminal justice system that should welcome and protect them. This statement applies unconditionally to all women living in Europe, including migrants.*