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Greece
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 1.167 girls aged 15 and younger from countries where female genital mutilation is practised.

One in five of female genital mutilation in Greece mostly originates 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 (5).

Female genital mutilation is a serious form of gender-based violence, involving removal of all or part of the female genital organs on the basis of socially defined or the need to a cultural form of subordination of women and girls and violence against individuals in the practice of genital mutilation.

According to the World Health Organization, female genital mutilation refers to all interventions involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons (1).

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 trends over time? The percentage of girls at risk in the region increased from 14% in 2011 to 42% in 2018. The absolute number of girls at risk has also increased. The total number of young girls from FGM-practising countries living in Greece has slightly decreased from 1 096 to 1 167 over the same time frame.

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