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This webpage aims to raise awareness about some of the different consequences of the Covid-19 crisis for women and men in Europe. The information draws on our research findings and gender statistics. It puts forward ideas for policymakers to ensure that the gender perspective is not forgotten when it comes to making important decisions during and after the pandemic.

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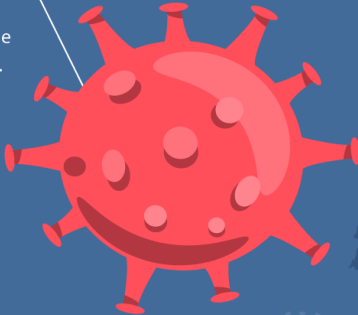
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EIGE's latest findings show that job losses, reduced working hours, work-life balance pressures, spikes in domestic violence, and overwhelmed helpline counsellors are just some of the effects of the coronavirus crisis.


Helplines for victims of violence

Are helplines open during the coronavirus pandemic?

YES.
All EU Member States have kept their helplines open.



Country	Helpline
Austria (AT)	0800 222 555 / 116 006
Belgium (BE)	1712 / 0800 30 030 / 0253 43636
	106 (Flemish) / 107 (French) / 108 (German)
Bulgaria (BG)	0298 176 86
Croatia (HR)	0800 655 222 / 0800 7799 / 116 006
Cyprus (CY)	1440
Czechia (CZ)	116 006
Denmark (DK)	1888 / 116 006
Estonia (EE)	116 006
Finland (FI)	080 005 005 / 116 006
France (FR)	3919 / 0800 05 95 95 / 116 006
Germany (DE)	08000 116 016 / 116 006
Greece (EL)	15900 / 210 521 0645 (Athens only)
Hungary (HU)	06 80 505 101
Italy (IT)	1522
Ireland (IE)	1 800 341 900 / 116 006
Latvia (LV)	673 78539 / 672 22922
	277 22292 / 116 111 / 116 006
Lithuania (LT)	8 800 66 366
Luxembourg (LU)	2060 1060
Malta (MT)	179
Netherlands (NL)	0800 2000 / 116 006
Poland (PL)	800 1200 02 / 888 88 33 88
	600 07 07 17 9 / 22 668 70 00
Portugal (PT)	800 202 148 / 116 006 / 3060 (SMS only)
Romania (RO)	0800 500 333 / 0787 541 854
Slovakia (SK)	0800 212 212
Slovenia (SI)	080 11 55
Spain (ES)	016 / 682 916 136
Sweden (SE)	020 50 50 50 / 116 006



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Home can be a dangerous place for women, if they are stuck in self-isolation together with their abuser. Are helplines open during the coronavirus pandemic? Yes. All EU Member States have kept their helplines open.

Publications





Gender equality and the socio-economic impact of Covid-19

This study provides a detailed picture of the short-term and long-term gender equality challenges faced by the EU as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.



Covid-19 and intimate partner violence against women in the EU

This study offers a preliminary overview of the measures undertaken across the EU to support victims of violence during the Covid-19 outbreak, from March until the end of September 2020.

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