Cyber violence against women and girls

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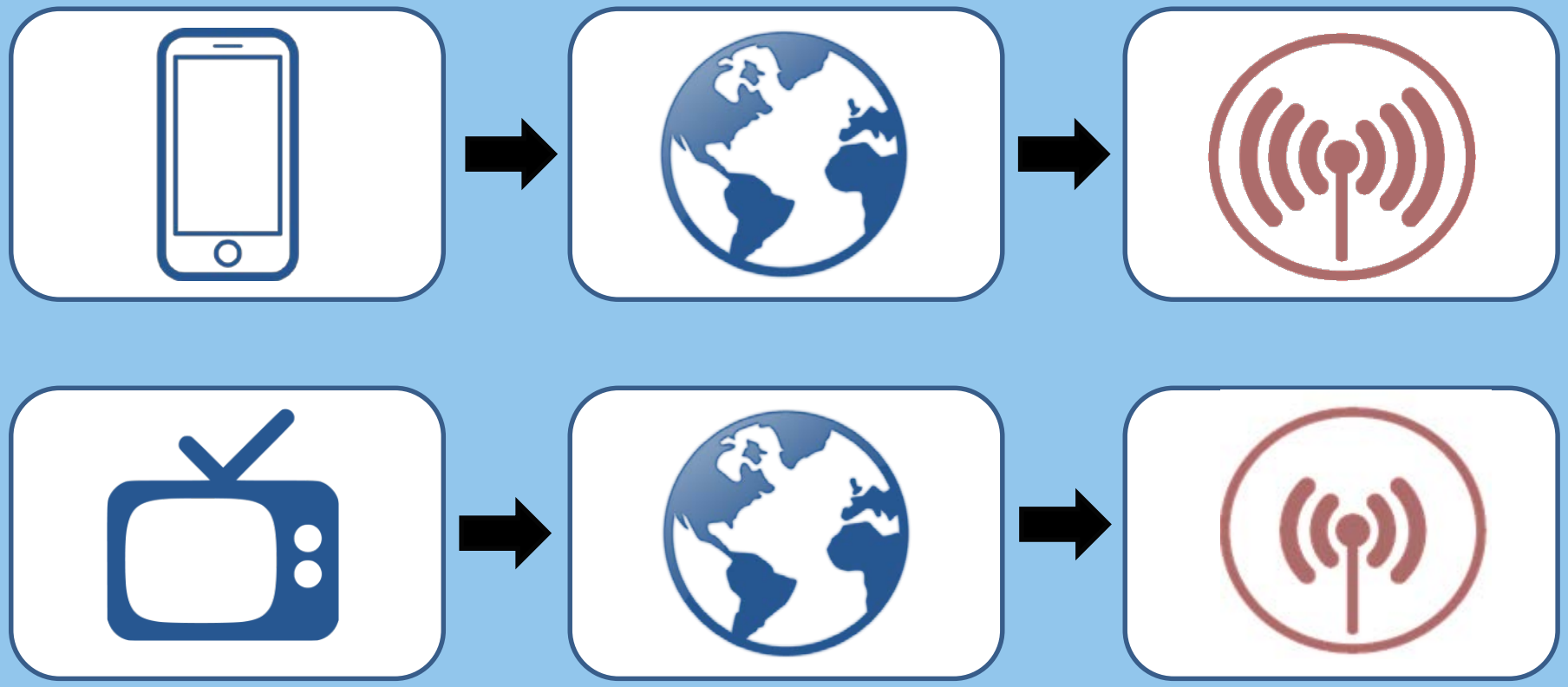
What is 'cyber VAWG'?

1 in 3 women experience violence in their lifetime

- CYBER STALKING
- CYBER HARASSMENT
- NON-CONSENSUAL PORNOGRAPHY
- LURING / 'RECRUITMENT'

Information and Communication Technologies amplify severity



Differential harms by gender

Moderate severity

High severity

Sources: Pew Research Center 2014; Staude-Muller et. al. 2012

A continuum between online and offline

70% **Of cyber stalking victims have also experienced intimate partner violence***

* Source: EIGE's calculation from FRA Survey Data 2014

Victims of physical and sexual violence since the age of 15- IPV
* Cyber harassment since the age of 15 – IPV

		Cyber harassment	
		No. of physical and sexual IPV within cyber harassment	% physical and sexual IPV within cyber harassment
Physical and sexual IPV since the age of 15	NO	159	23,5%
	YES	518	76,5%
		677	

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Social media facilitates violence

Potential Consequences

Mental health issues

Loss of employment

Loss of social status

Exclusion from cyber-space

A lack of

Data

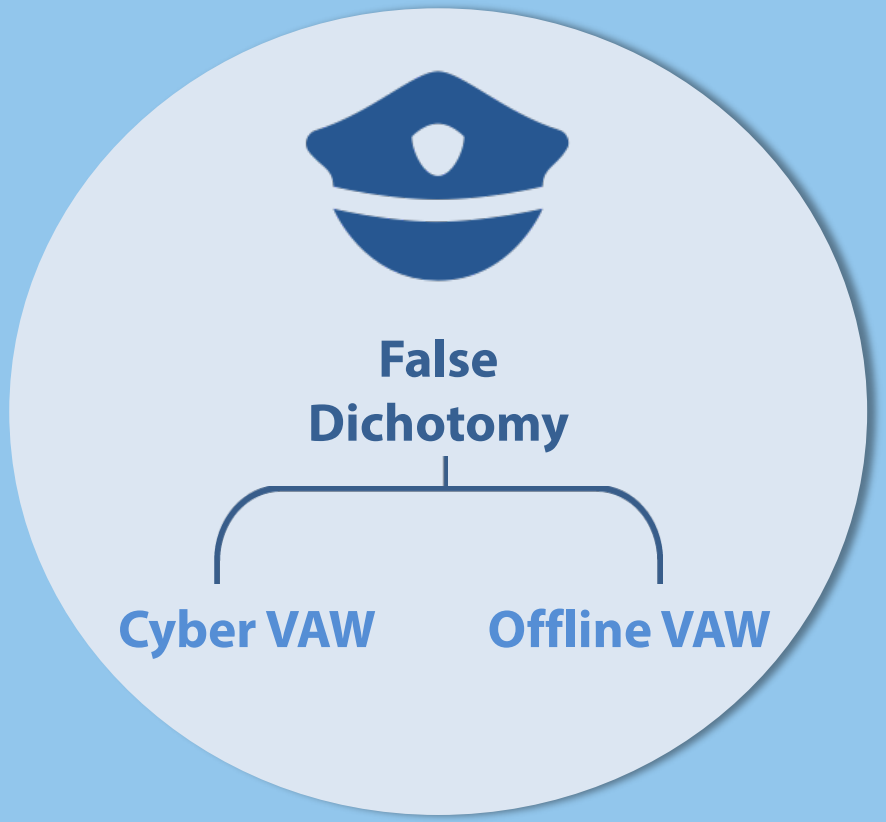
Research

Legislature

Law enforcement responses are inadequate

61%

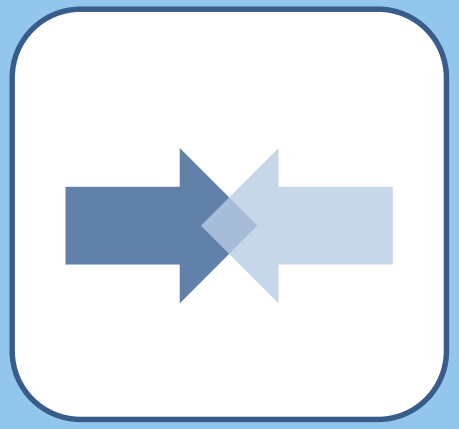
Of reported cases of revenge porn in the U.K. resulted in no further action taken against the perpetrator*



* Source: BBC News

Training is needed for police and justice

Gendered perspective



Links between intimate partner violence and cyber VAW

Voices of victims

The need for policy interventions

A helpline for victims of revenge porn in the U.K. received

*Source: Government Equalities Office U.K.

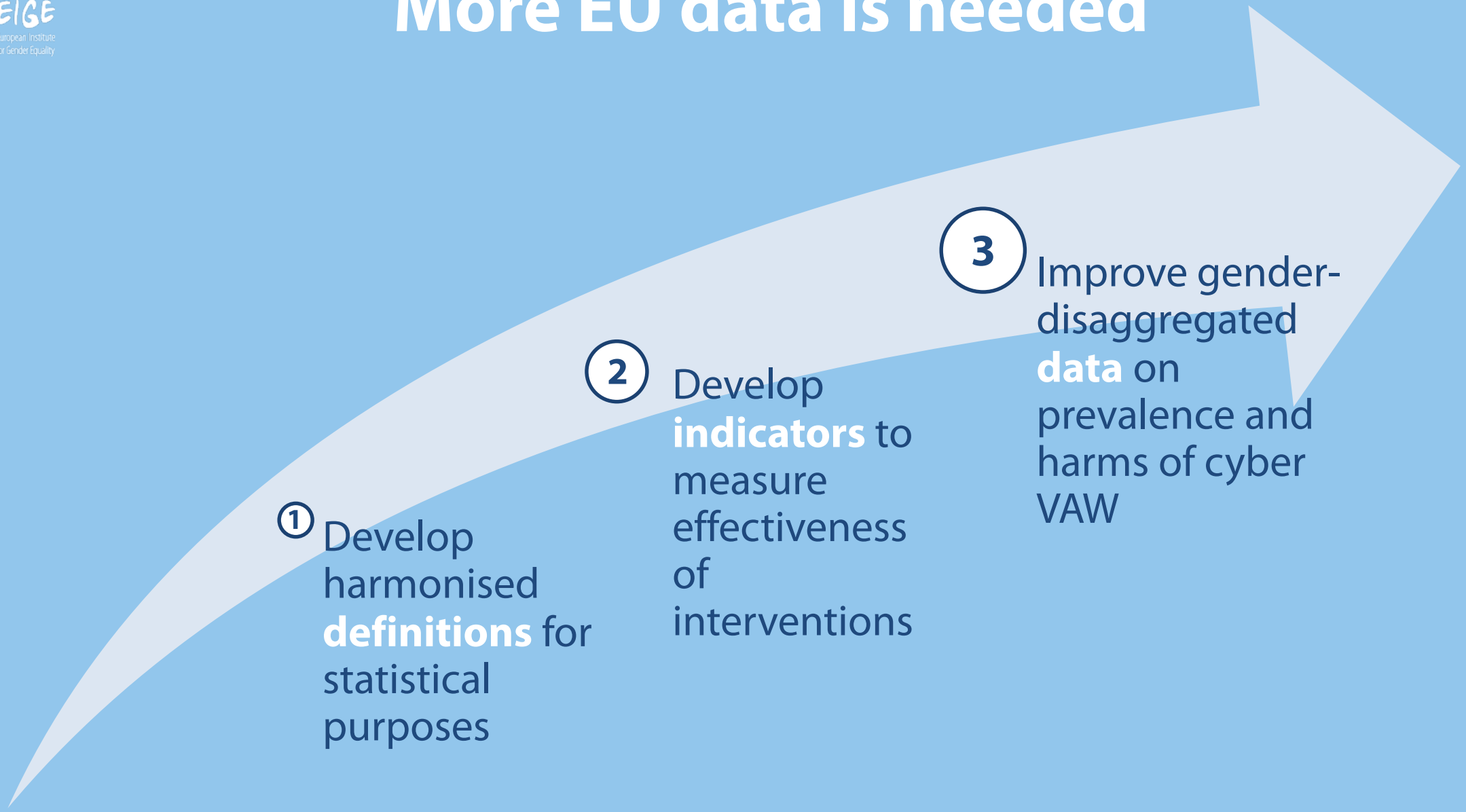
Cyber VAW needs to be addressed at EU level

Cyber VAW is missing from EU definitions of cybercrime

At EU level, it is important to tackle **gendered forms of cybercrime > Trafficking**

The ICT sector must form part of response

More EU data is needed



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