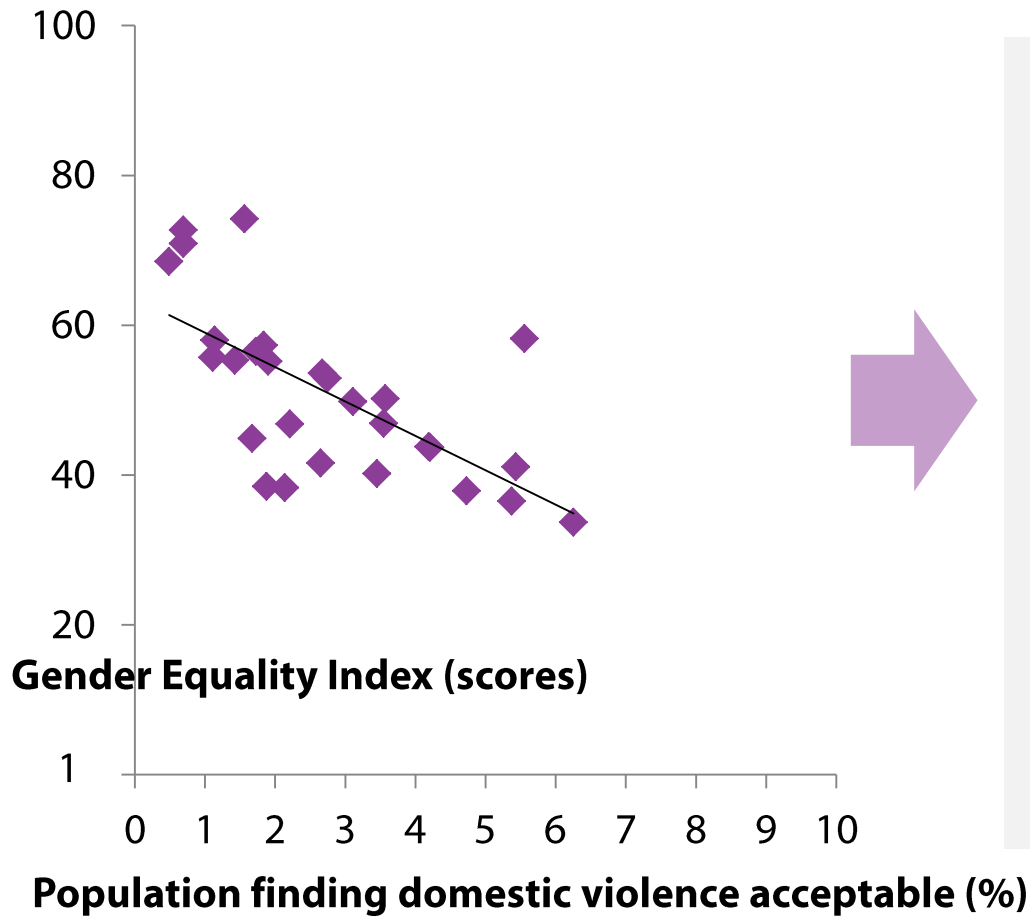


# A European overview of gender-based violence

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# The root causes of gender-based violence

Unequal social relations of power reproducing cultural norms about gender roles and the subordination of women



**Domestic violence is seen as less acceptable where levels of gender equality are higher**

# **Gender equality is the key to the eradication of violence against women**

## Emerging forms of violence

- Harmful practices: female genital mutilation and forced marriage
- Cyber violence: online harassment, cyber stalking, sexist hate speech
- Stalking

# Gender and intersectionality

- Women from vulnerable groups may have limited economic independence, making it harder for them to leave a violent relationship or even report violence
- Violence against certain groups of women is more hidden, e.g. Roma women, migrant women

# How expensive is gender-based violence against women?

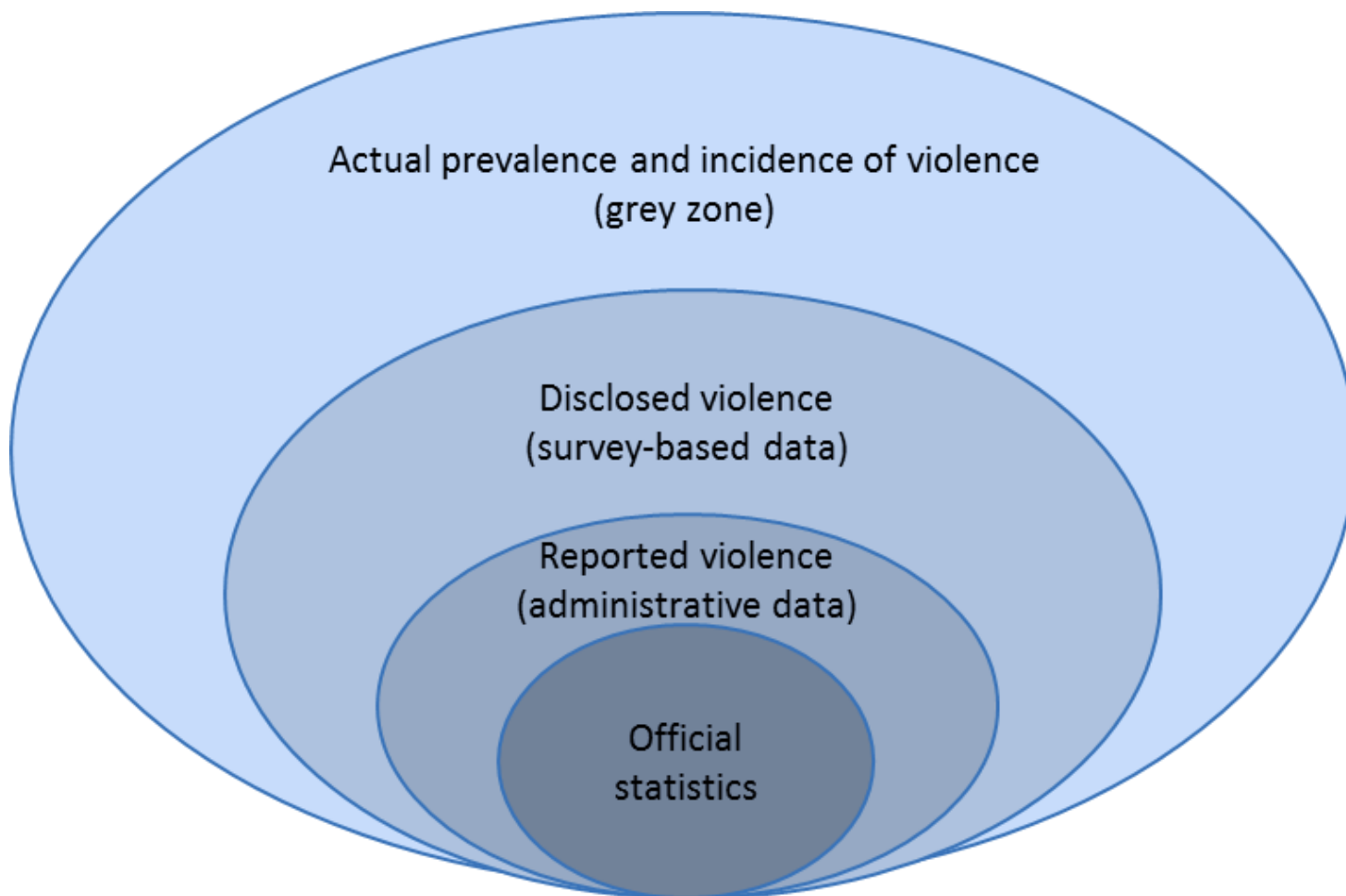
- VERY!
- A huge cost to society
- Estimated at 226 billion euros (EU)
- Preventive measures cost substantially less

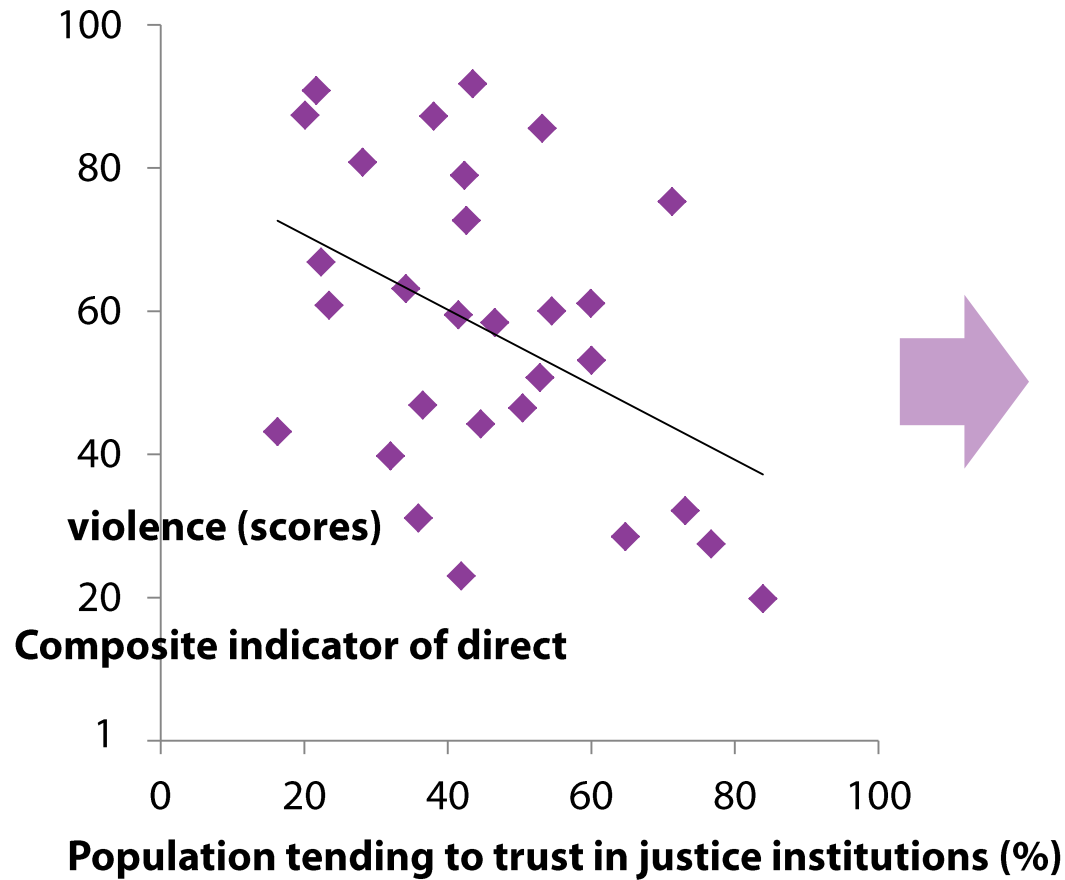
# What is the legal framework in the EU?

- ✓ Victims' Rights Directive
- ✓ European Protection Order
- ✓ Istanbul Convention
- ✓ Most Member States have criminalised most forms of violence against women



# Measuring violence





Where people tend to have more trust in justice institutions, levels of disclosed violence are

Different legal definitions across the EU  
make it difficult to compare data and  
capture a full picture of the extent of  
violence

# How is rape legally defined in the EU?

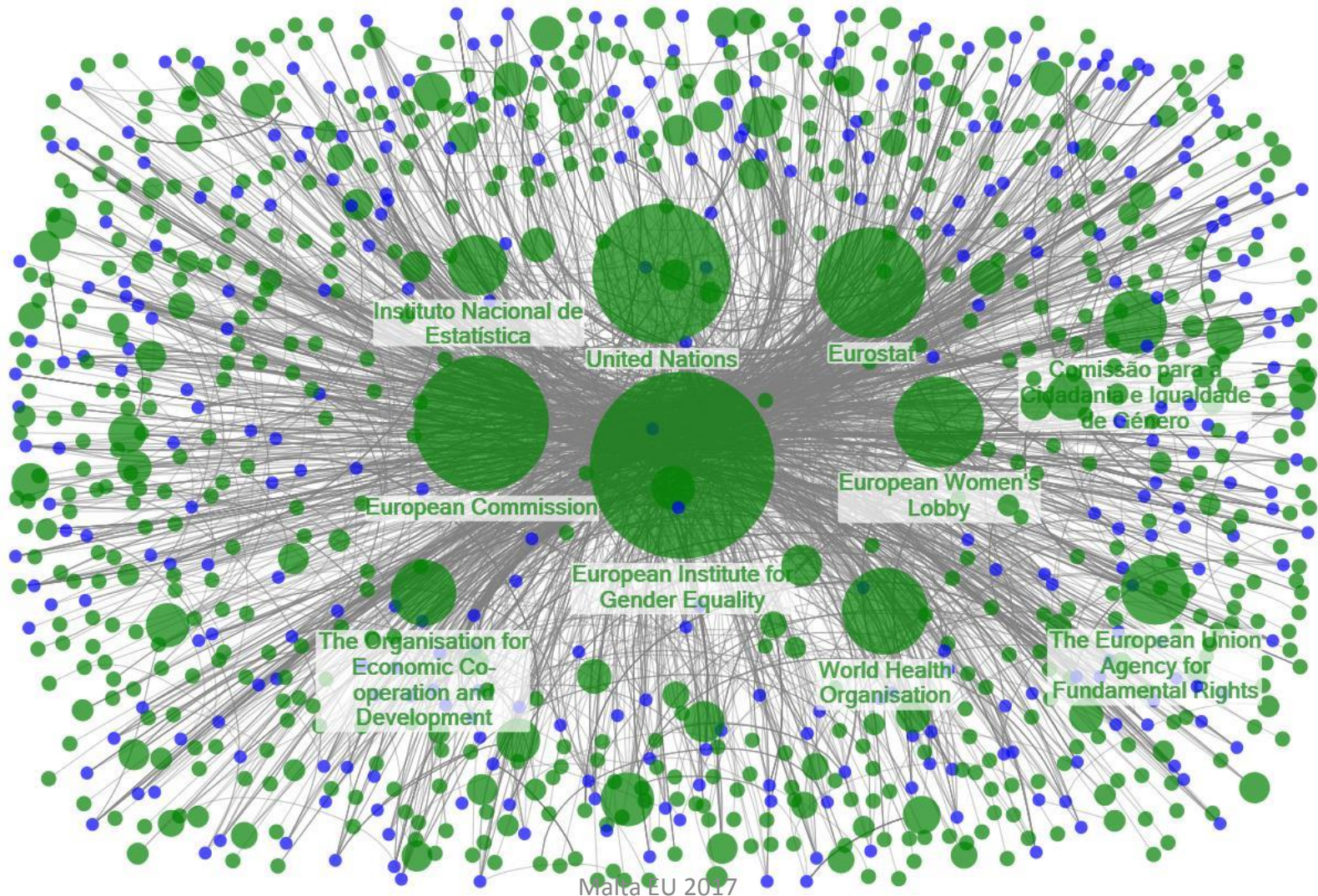


- It is different in every country
- No means no:** Only 10 countries include lack of consent on its own as a condition for rape

# EIGE's role



# Number 1 source of information on gender equality in the EU



**Without gender equality  
there will be no end to  
violence against women**