

ANNEX II: Engagement of the Experts' Forum in Quality Assurance process

PROJECT TITLE

Risk assessment by police of intimate partner violence against women

QUALITY ASSURANCE

This form gives you the overview of the main aspects of, and possibilities to participate in the Quality assurance process of the above-mentioned project by the European Institute for Gender Equality.

Description of the project

Specific objective	The specific objective is to support Member States in meeting requirements of the European Union legal framework and Istanbul Convention regarding the protection of victims of intimate partner violence against women and supporting the strengthening of efforts from Member States specifically Police to accurately estimate the risk of further victimisation and to manage the risk, thus protecting women from further violence.
Policy relevance	<p>According to the EU Commission Strategic Engagement for Gender Equality 2016-2019, protecting and supporting victims is a continued priority at the EU level.</p> <p>Directive 2012/29/EU (Victims' Rights Directive) establishes minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and ensures that persons who have fallen victim of crime are recognized, treated with respect and receive proper protection, support and access to justice.</p> <p>Member States have the discretion to decide the measures to be taken within the national legal framework. However, the Victims' Rights Directive requires particular attention to be paid to victims of gender-based violence and violence in close relationships, and the DG Justice Guidance Document related to the transposition and implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive calls for a holistic response to violence against women (article 7).</p>
Scope	<p>In order to protect victims from further victimization, an adequate and thorough risk assessment is needed.</p> <p>Risk assessment in the context of violence against women is the process of estimating the likelihood of future incidents of violence and/or the severity of such incidences, for example, risk of experiencing severe form of violation of their</p>

	<p>rights, such as attempted or committed femicide, severe injuries requiring emergency medical treatment, death threats, severe and ongoing coercion and control, rape, stalking, deprivation of liberty, forms of slavery or torture, <i>inter alia</i>. In a broader sense, it can be understood as a process of identifying both risk and protective factors for violence present in a given situation. The study will combine desk research and contributions from relevant stakeholders (e.g. from law enforcement, academic and civil society) and from an experts' working group constituted for the particular task of discussing and drafting guidelines on risk assessment and recommendations on risk management. Both the guidelines and recommendations shall have as focus and target group the police, as it is one of the main authorities conducting these procedures across Member States in the EU.</p> <p>The geographical scope includes all 28 EU Member States of the European Union.</p>
Duration of project	10 months from the signature of the contract – 22 May 2018 (potential timing for the signature of the contract)
Main deliverables	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of recent policy, legal and research developments on risk assessment and risk management of intimate partner violence against women 2. Comparative analysis of the practices on risk assessment and risk management of intimate partner violence against women, across Member States 3. List of risk factors for intimate partner violence against women 4. Guidelines on conducting risk assessment of intimate partner violence against women for police 5. Recommendations for police on risk management of intimate partner violence against women 6. Guide on Risk Assessment and Management of Intimate Partner Violence against Women, for Police
Main stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • Ministries of Justice (Member States) • Law enforcement agencies • European Commission • European Parliament • Relevant EU agencies

Quality assurance process (please indicate the steps you would like to contribute to).

Step	Indicative timeframe	Duration	Check
Review of following deliverables <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of recent policy, legal and research developments on risk assessment and risk management of intimate partner violence against women 2. Comparative analysis of the practices on risk assessment and risk management of intimate partner violence against women, across Member States 3. List of risk factors for intimate partner violence against women 4. Guidelines on conducting risk assessment of intimate partner violence against women for police 5. Recommendations for police on risk management of intimate partner violence against women 6. Guide on Risk Assessment and Management of Intimate Partner Violence against Women, for Police 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 weeks after the signature of the contract (end of July) 2. 13 weeks after the signature of the contract (third week of August) 3. 15 weeks after the signature of the contract (beginning of September) 4. 30 weeks after the signature of the contract (3rd week of December) 5. 32 weeks after the signature of the contract (middle of January 2019) 6. 40 weeks after the signature of the contract (middle of March 2019) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 weeks (middle of August) 2. 2 weeks (beginning of September) 3. 2 weeks (3rd week of September) 4. 2 weeks (beginning of January 2019) 5. 2 weeks (end of January 2019) 6. 2 weeks (end of March 2019) 	
Engagement in defining the communication products related to project	March 2019 – May 2019		
Provision of comments on quality of deliverables	July 2018 – March 2019		
Dissemination of the results	Q3-Q4 2019		