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## Enough is enough!

### Let's put an end to violence against women!

The signing of the Istanbul Convention by Commissioner Věra Jourová on 13 June 2017 marks an important step towards combating violence against women in the EU. Yet despite this progress, it remains one of the most widespread and damaging manifestations of gender inequality in the EU. In response to this awful reality, the European Commission is focusing this year on actions to combat violence against women. The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is proud to support this initiative with critical research and expertise.

This thematic newsletter highlights some of EIGE's recent work on violence against women, from insights on the emerging trend of cyber violence, to looking at how far EU laws protect victims of trafficking. I hope that EIGE's research can help to build a Europe where women and girls can live a life free from the traumas of violence and abuse.

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## WHAT IS EIGE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

### Tackling violence requires more comparable data

Ending violence against women is a challenge because we don't yet have reliable and comparable data to show decision-makers just how common it is. This also means that prevention measures and victim support services are often underfunded. EIGE is working on a project that aims to help police and justice services across the EU improve their data collection. This will help us to understand the true scale and impact of intimate partner violence.

Read more [here](#)

Find EIGE's latest report on administrative data collection on rape, femicide and intimate partner violence in the EU [here](#)





## Zero tolerance for female genital mutilation

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a horrific reality for many girls, also in the EU. However, we still do not know how many are vulnerable to this form of abuse. To find out, EIGE is working closely with six countries — Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta — to help them estimate the number of girls at risk. The study aims to assist policymakers to tackle and ultimately end this practice. Read EIGE's previous study that estimates the number of girls at risk in Ireland, Portugal and Sweden [here](#)

## The classroom is not a safe haven for young women and girls

Gender-based violence in schools is one of six gender-related challenges in the realm of education. A forthcoming study by EIGE stresses the need for reliable and gender-sensitive data on this phenomenon in all Member States. Discover EIGE's three studies focusing on education [here](#)



## Does the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive protect victims of violence?



Each year, more and more girls and women are being trafficked for sexual exploitation. The EU's anti-trafficking directive sets out measures to protect victims, but just how effective is it? EIGE is going to analyse the directive from the perspective of victims of gender-based violence, e.g. women trafficked for sexual exploitation or forced marriage. Read more [here](#)

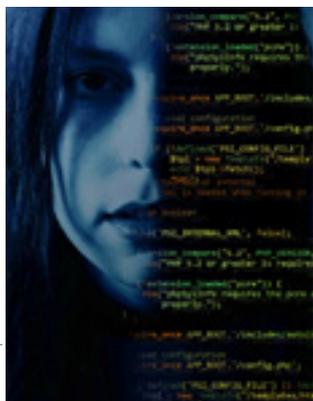
## Gender Equality Index 2017: what is new in the domain of violence?



For the third edition of the Gender Equality Index, EIGE has developed a way to measure the extent of violence against women in each Member State. It uses a scale of 1 to 100 — the higher the score, the more serious the phenomenon of violence against women in the country. Find out more on violence from our current Index [here](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Cyber violence is a growing threat, especially for women and girls



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As more and more people can easily access the internet and social media, cyber violence against women and girls has become an increasing concern. To provide a better understanding of this emerging form of violence, EIGE has published a briefing note on the topic. Read it [here](#)



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### Bridging the gaps in definitions

Measuring violence against women in the EU is not an easy task because there is no commonly agreed approach amongst countries. To make data easier to compare, EIGE has developed definitions and indicators to measure rape, femicide and intimate partner violence. Read the glossary of definitions [here](#)



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### How much do you know about violence against women in your country?

We have prepared a factsheet for each EU country, with key statistics on violence against women and, information about current laws and victim services. They are also available in national languages. Find them [here](#)

### The Victims' Rights Directive from a gender perspective



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In the EU, victims of crime should have the same rights, protection, support and access to justice, regardless of where or who they are. EIGE's analysis of the victims' rights directive looks at which provisions benefit victims of gender-based violence, as well as those that can be counterproductive, or cause unintended effects. Read the analysis [here](#)



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### Gender-based violence: how much does it cost?

In addition to causing significant psychological and emotional damage, violence also takes a large financial toll, both on individuals and on society. EIGE estimates that gender-based violence could cost the EU up to EUR 226 billion a year. Find out how much violence against women could be costing your country [here](#)

## GOOD PRACTICES

An important part of EIGE's work is to help EU countries deal with similar challenges. We do this by finding and sharing successfully proven ways that can help.



### Female genital mutilation

When it comes to female genital mutilation, one of the obstacles is the lack of a common method to collect data on the phenomenon. EIGE has identified a series of good practices on how to use information collected by the police, justice and health services in order to estimate the risk of FGM. Read more [here](#)

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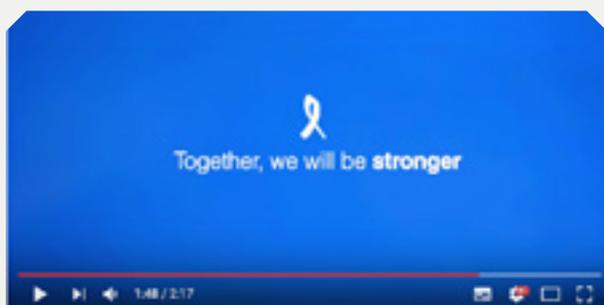


### Administrative data collection

Obtaining a more accurate and comparable picture of violence against women is a major challenge for all Member States. EIGE has chosen 12 good practices that can help national bodies such as the police, justice and health services improve their data collection and ultimately contribute to a more reliable measurement of violence. Find them [here](#)

## WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign runs across the EU and engages men to take a stand on violence against women. We are very happy that a number of top decision-makers have joined the campaign, including the Prime Minister of Luxembourg and the President of the Hellenic Parliament. Find out how to join EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign [here](#)



Join the White Ribbon Campaign and stop violence against women

We have also produced a series of videos for the campaign. These include a short animation, a documentary, interviews with ambassadors and street scenes that show how you can speak out against violence. Watch them [here](#)

## RESOURCES AND CAMPAIGNS

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### Gender Statistics Database

If you are searching for data on violence against women, EIGE's gender statistics database can help. It provides administrative data from the police and justice sectors on rape, sexual assault and intimate partner violence. You can download the data for each country [here](#)

### Glossary and Thesaurus

Did you know that EIGE's Glossary and Thesaurus provides an explanation for many terms related to gender-based violence? For example, intimate partner violence, economic violence and sexual violence. Find more definitions [here](#)



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### Resource and Documentation Centre

If you need materials on gender-based violence, look no further! EIGE's online library contains over 10 000 resources on the topic, including books, articles and policy documents. Search for more areas [here](#)

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