

Domestic and gender-based violence

Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

Norway grants

€28.5
million in
funding

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



Domestic and gender-based violence is a violation of fundamental rights with respect to dignity, equality and justice. Through the EEA and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support programmes that counter gender-based violence in eight Beneficiary States.

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Programmes will be implemented through:



Beneficiary States



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Open calls for proposals



Pre-defined projects

Why focus on domestic and gender-based violence?

An estimated one in three women in the EU have experienced physical violence since the age of 15. Some 3.7 million women have experienced sexual violence. Gender-based violence represents a major obstacle to the achievement of full equality between men and women. The effects of violence on a victim's health, both physical and psychological, can be severe. Despite efforts to counter such violence, it remains an extensive and widely under-reported human rights abuse, with young women and girls being particularly vulnerable.

What is supported?

Our support in the area of domestic and gender-based violence covers initiatives such as:

- Development of legislation, policies and strategies, including the development of effective protective measures
- Advocacy, awareness raising, and capacity building activities
- Development of effective and integrated response systems that bring together police, justice, health and civil society
- Training of professionals in close contact with victims and/or offenders
- Specialised support services for victims of gender-based violence and affected children, creating – when possible – partnerships between different levels of government and civil society
- Supporting shelters

Where we work

	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Czech Republic	-	5.0	5.0
Estonia	0.5	0.4	0.9
Latvia	1.8		1.8
Lithuania		3.1	3.1
Poland		6.2	6.2
Portugal	1.2	-	1.2
Romania	-	2.8	2.8
Slovakia	-	7.5	7.5

Amounts are in million € and for the period 2014-2021. The figures are subject to change until all relevant programme agreements are signed in all countries. Active Citizens Fund, health, home affairs, justice and education programmes may also include elements to combat domestic and gender-based violence.

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Cooperation

The Council of Europe's [Istanbul Convention](#) and prevalence data from the [EU Agency for Fundamental Rights](#) on the scale and nature of violence against women in Europe are important baselines in our work. [The Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security](#) established a synergy network between donor entities, the [Council of Europe](#) and the Beneficiary States. To support partnerships and bilateral cooperation, the programmes have in addition the following Donor Programme Partners: [The Norwegian National Police Directorate](#), [the Norwegian Courts Administration](#) and [the Norwegian Directorate of Health](#). Project partnerships include [the Icelandic Government Agency for Child Protection](#), and NGOs specialised in fighting domestic and gender-based violence.

Country	Programme*	Programme partners
Estonia	Local development and poverty reduction	Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norwegian Directorate of Health, Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Latvia	Home affairs	Council of Europe
Lithuania	Justice	Council of Europe, Norwegian Courts Administration, Norwegian Directorate for Correctional Service, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norwegian National Police Directorate
Poland	Justice	Norwegian Courts Administration, Norwegian Directorate for Correctional Service, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security
Portugal	Work-life balance and gender equality	Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud
Romania	Justice	Council of Europe, Norwegian Courts Administration, Norwegian Directorate for Correctional Service, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security
Slovakia	Domestic and gender-based violence	Council of Europe, Norwegian Directorate of Health

* Gender equality and gender-based violence is an area of support in the Active Citizens Funds in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Home affairs and justice programmes in Bulgaria also include projects addressing domestic and gender-based violence.



Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, a total of **€25 million** was allocated to programmes combating domestic and gender-based violence. Initiatives to tackle violence against women were also supported under the NGO programmes which were set up in all Beneficiary States. Seven NGO programmes highlighted gender-based violence as a specific area of support.

NGOs play a vital role both as service providers and watchdogs in this area.

15 750

victims of domestic and gender-based violence have benefited from support

21

new support centres for victims have been established

85

support centres for victims have been supported



About the EEA and Norway Grants

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide funding to:

- Reducing disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations

Areas of support

- Innovation, research, education and competitiveness
- Social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction
- Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy
- Culture, civil society, good governance and fundamental rights and freedoms
- Justice and home affairs

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