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 nine Beneficiary States.

The programme will be implemented through:

- **9 Beneficiary States**
- **EEA and Norway Grants**
- **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

**EEA Grants | Norway Grants | Total**

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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 and education programmes may also include elements to combat domestic and gender-based violence.
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

* EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland (3%), Liechtenstein (1%) and Norway (96%) **Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway

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

Country | Programme* | Programme partners
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Bulgaria | Justice | Council of Europe, Norwegian Correctional Service, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security
| Home affairs | Council of Europe, Norwegian Directorate of Immigration, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norwegian National Police Directorate
Czech Republic | Human rights, Roma inclusion, domestic and gender-based violence | Council of Europe, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
| 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 of 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.

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