

Map of domestic violence policy framework

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Investigation of frontline responders' policy framework

- Cross-national, cross-sectoral policy mapping
- 8 partner countries
- 3 sectors (medical, social, LEA): FLR centered approach
- International national organisational policies / NAP
- Types of maturity: Prevention/identification intervention prosecution aftermath
- Types of gaps: between countries / sectors / policy vs. practices
- Published Report D1.1 (CO), subsequent publications.

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• Stimulus presentation / high-level observations



Spotlight: Differences & Gaps

- Major international policies / NAP
 - Differences in definitions (VAW; Sit. Coupl. Vio./Coerc. Contr.)
 - Types of violence
 - Between sectors (legal mandate)
- Ratification of Istanbul Convention (signed, but not ratified HU, UK)
 - Does not correlate to "maturity" of country's response
 - Specificity of measures (policies, and organisational)
 - Little sector-specific awareness among practitioners
- Gendered definitions in public/governmental documents in acc. with IC (not FI)



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- Domestic Violence/Abuse in the criminal code
 - Indicator vs. Summary crime (statistics)
 - PT, HU, SCT
- Translation in national/organisational provisions
 - Specificity of roles and departments (on local level): nominally vs. fully integrated
 - Availability of specialised services (rural/urban & sectoral)
 - Cooperation of services (exclusion of entry points, such as medical sector from coordinated response)
 - Recognition of high risk victims as distinct class rather than impacting court decisions
 - Gendered dimension
- Gaps: lacking evaluation, lack of recognition of certain phenomena (ICT, European Multicultural Dimension), prevailing challenges of information exchange









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