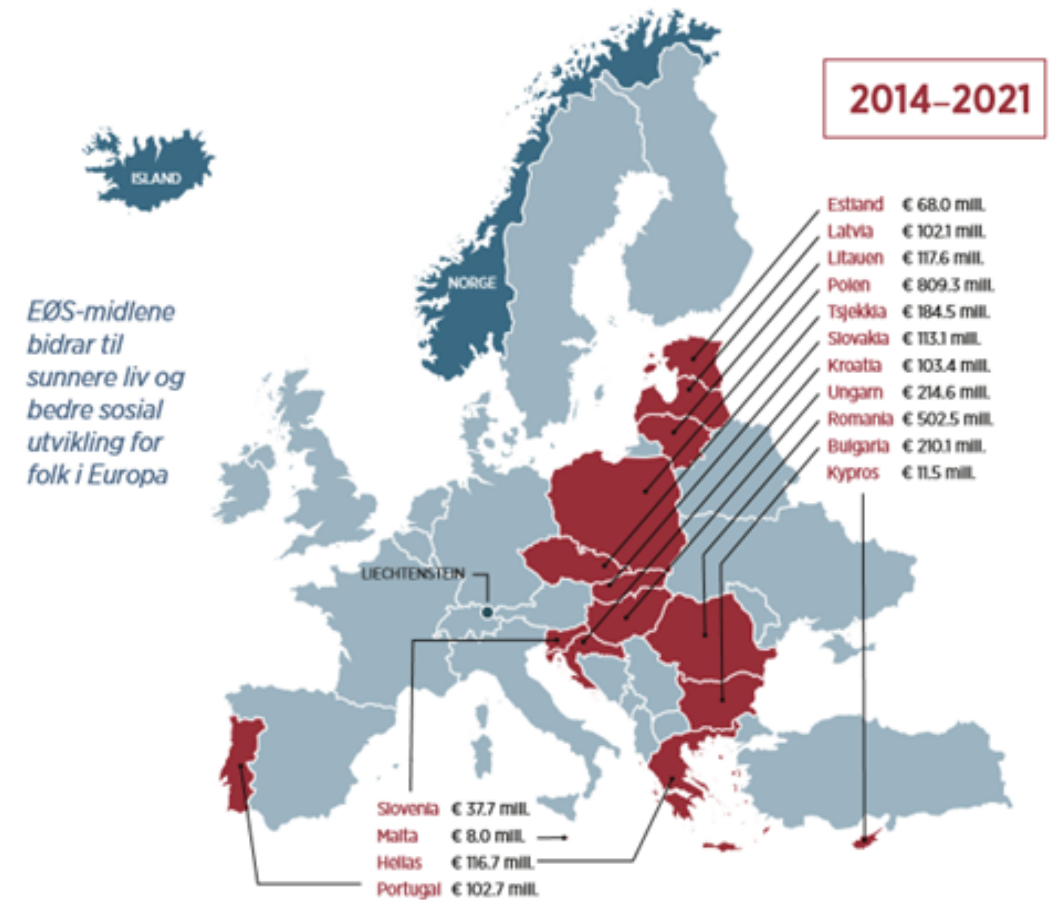


Gender-based Violence and Domestic Violence: An area of cooperation between EU and EEA EFTA states

- The Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) is the cornerstone of relations between Norway and the EU. It brings together the 28 EU member states and the three EEA EFTA states Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein in the internal market governed by the same basic rules.
- Norway provides funding to 16 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe through the EEA and Norway Grants. The aim of the Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities and strengthen bilateral relations.
- Combating domestic and gender-based violence is included as a specific area of support in almost all the 16 beneficiary countries in Central and Southern Europe, measures are supported in several program areas across sectors.



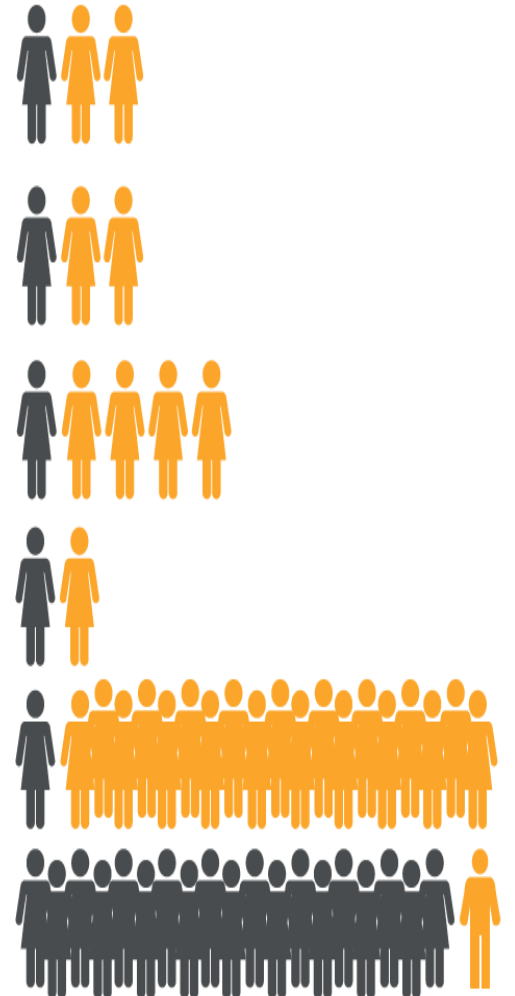
Common Challenge: Insufficient protection

Violence against women constitutes a serious human right violation according to global human right standards like those set in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Convention), the Beijing Platform for Action (BPA), the UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW) and the UNSCR 1325.

Despite that governments recognize their responsibility, the due diligence, to eliminate all forms of violence against women, *the violence is endemic throughout Europe*. Women and girls are not getting sufficient protection against these forms of violence.

Violence against women is more common in Europe than you may think

- 1 in 3 women has experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or both
- 1 in 3 has experienced psychologically abusive behaviour by an intimate partner
- 1 in 5 has experienced stalking
- More than 1 in 2 have experienced sexual harassment
- 1 in 20 has been raped
- 95 % of victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in the EU are women



Iceland
Liechtenstein Norway
Norway grants grants

SYNERGY

- Network against Gender-based and Domestic Violence

Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Iceland, Greece, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic...

In cooperation with Council of Europe....



EEA/Norway Grants SYNERGY Network 2018-2021

We will make a greater impact on the protection of women and girls in Europe.

We will strengthened bi- and multilateral relations between EU member states and the three EEA EFTA states.

We will contribute to sustainable program implementation.

Outcomes

Captured synergies across countries, sectors, programs and projects financed by the EEA/Norway Grants.

Increased capacity and commitment among stakeholders in beneficiary and donor countries on how to adopt and implement **Integrated Policies** that enables a holistic response to violence against women, including measures to **Prevent** the violence, to **Protect** victims and to **Prosecute** perpetrators.

Outputs

8 Network meetings held

4-6 Good Practice Guidance's for National Policy-Making produced

4-6 Cultural performances/measures to change attitudes

8 Newsletters

(1 application EEA And Norway Grants fund for Regional Cooperation)



Common Platform: The standards set by the Istanbul Convention

the 4 Ps

- Integrated **P**olicies
- to **P**revent violence against women and domestic violence,
- to **P**rotect victims, and
- to **P**rosecute perpetrators



High-level Conference under the Romanian Presidency to the EU Council 4th of June 2019



The 7 Cs of the Istanbul Convention

1. Centred around victim rights (Art. 7)
2. Comprehensive (Art. 7)
3. Coordinated (Art. 7)
4. Capital allocation (Art. 8)
5. Civil Society involvement (Art. 9)
6. Coordinating body/bodies (Art 10)
7. Collection of data and research (Art. 11)



Many and new
passengers
on the
Istanbul-train

“We also need to talk openly about against women violence against women. If one in five women have already suffered physical or sexual violence in the European Union and 55 percent of women have been sexually harassed, this is clearly not a women’s issue. I will propose to add violence on the list of EU crimes defined in the treaty. And the EU should join the Istanbul Convention.”

Ursula von der Leyen

*President-elect of the
European Commission*

