

Violence against Women in Europe: a Call for Action!

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Lithuania: domestic violence

- ✓ 20% of women are victims of domestic violence
- ✓ 1,8% of registered calls lead to legal proceedings



**Key
demand:
clear policy
framework**

- ✓ Definition of VAW
- ✓ End impunity
- ✓ Protection
- ✓ Services: shelters...
- ✓ Information/prevention



Comprehensive strategies against violence against women: The 6 Ps approach

Policy

Service Provision

Protection

Prosecution

Prevention

Partnership



Why must the EU act?

- ✓ Violence against women is pervasive
- ✓ Women are not equally protected in the EU
- ✓ Impact of the crisis and austerity measures
- ✓ Impact on equality between women and men
- ✓ We cannot afford not to act...



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EWL recommendations

- ✓ A continued **EU Strategy on Equality between Women and Men in 2015**, including a concrete EU action on violence against women



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MAKE MY YEAR!

**Act now to
end violence
against women
in Europe.**



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What are we asking for?

- ✓ An **overarching strategy** to end all forms of VAW, based on internationally agreed definitions
- ✓ An **EU directive** against VAW, including specific measures related to the 6 Ps: Prevention, Prosecution, Protection, service Provision, Partnership
- ✓ A **European Year** to End VAW = awareness raising
- ✓ **Increased support and funding** for women's shelters and groups working to end VAW, and EU programmes



What are we asking for?

- ✓ The ratification of the Istanbul Convention as a political sign of the EU's leading role to end violence against women



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Thank you!

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