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
 - 1,8% of registered calls lead to legal proceedings



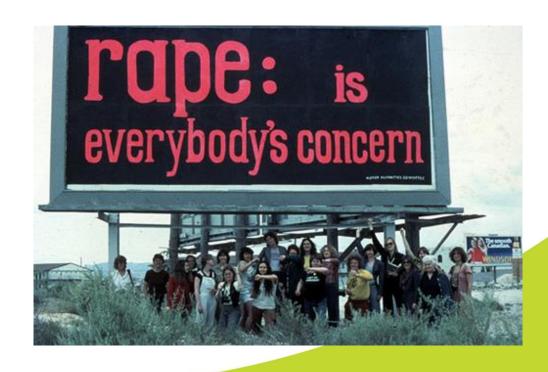
Key
demand:
clear policy
framework

- 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...





EWL recommendations

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

MAKE MY YEAR!

Act now to end violence against women in Europe.





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





Thank you!

More information: www.womenlobby.org

