Violence against Women in Europe: a Call for Action!

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- 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...
EWL recommendations

✓ A continued **EU Strategy on Equality between Women and Men in 2015**, including a concrete EU action on violence against women
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
The ratification of the Istanbul Convention as a political sign of the EU’s leading role to end violence against women
Thank you!

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