



The European Union's commitment to end female genital mutilation

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Strategy on the equality between women and men 2010-2015



Equal economic independence



Equal pay for equal work and work of equal value



Equality in decision-making



Dignity, integrity and an end to gender-based violence



Gender equality in external actions



Horizontal issues



MAIN ISSUES

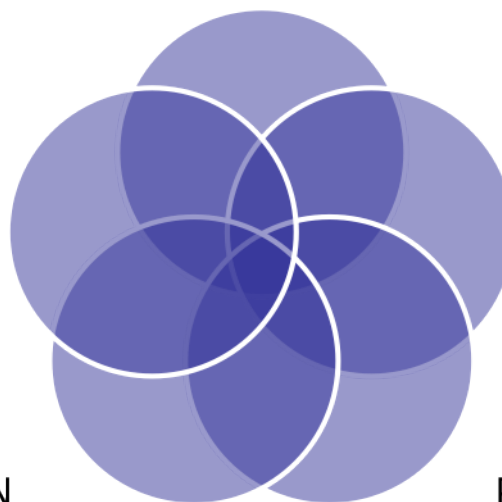
KNOWLEDGE

EXTERNAL
ACTIONS

PREVENTION

PROTECTION

PROSECUTION



KNOWLEDGE

CHALLENGES

- 125 million victims worldwide
- 500 000 victims in the EU
- How many girls at risk?
- Circumstances of FGM?



MEASURES

- Indicators of risk
- Surveys on prevalence and attitudes

PREVENTION - PROMOTING SOCIAL CHANGE

CHALLENGES

- A deep-rooted social norm
- Social control of women's sexuality
- Belief that it is beneficial for the girl

MEASURES

- Grassroots activities
- Targeted awareness-raising



PREVENTION

- MULTIDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION

CHALLENGES

- Girls need protection
- Survivors of FGM need support
- Professionals need knowledge



MEASURES

- Training for professionals
- Strengthen child protection systems



PROSECUTION

FACTS

- A crime in all Member States
- Provisions of extra-territoriality
- Prosecutions are rare



MEASURES

- Analyse criminal laws and court cases related to FGM
- Training for legal practitioners
- Enforce the rights of crime victims



PROTECTION

FACTS

- International protection
- Gender sensitive asylum procedures
- Gender sensitive reception conditions

MEASURES

- Transposition and implementation of EU legislation
- Gender sensitive training tools and country of origin information



ELIMINATION OF FGM GLOBALLY

MEASURES

- Dialogue with relevant partner countries
- Training for staff working in EU-delegations
- Work closely with the African Union and African group





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IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, EVALUATION

MEASURES

- Monitoring by an ad hoc group of the Commission's inter-service group on gender equality
- Consultation of NGOs and experts active in this field





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