



Istanbul Convention Ratification

Country facts on violence against women in the Euromed

Countries that have ratified the Convention

Countries that have signed but NOT ratified the Convention

Countries that have NOT signed NOR ratified the Convention

Although some EU countries have ratified, the EU, as an international body, has NOT ratified the Convention

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Norway
25% of women has experienced physical violence from a partner in their lifetime
Cases of reported domestic violence increased by 500 % from 2005 to 2011.
The majority of cases is estimated to go unrecorded.

European Union
Half the women in Europe has experienced one or more forms of sexual harassment
One third of women aged 15 or above has experienced physical and/or sexual violence

Switzerland
39% of women have experienced an act of physical or sexual violence at least once, in their adult life
Domestic violence is estimated to cost the government around 382 million euros per year

Tunisia
The adoption of a comprehensive law on violence against women is being delayed by parliamentary forces opposed to it
72% of nurses consider women responsible for the violence they suffer

Morocco
600-800 illegal abortions are performed every day
63% of women experienced violence in the 12 month preceding the last 2009 survey

Algeria
According to official statistics, 100-200 women die because of domestic violence each year
A law on violence against women adopted in March 2015 has a problematic clause, whereby the perpetrator can escape prosecution if pardoned by his victim

Libya
Two female activists – Salwa Bugaighis and Intissar al-Hasaari - were killed by armed men in June 2014 and February 2015 respectively
The Libyan penal code allows a rapist to escape prosecution if he marries his victim

Egypt
99% of women have experienced some form of sexual harassment or violence
Although illegal since 2008, 91% of women aged 15-49 have undergone Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Turkey
300 women were killed in domestic violence or so-called "honour crimes" in 2014
Men can receive reduced sentences for such killings if the woman provoked them or "impugned their dignity"

Syria
74% of the deaths of girls in Syria in 2014 were caused by explosive weapons used in populated areas
The detention of women and the imminent threat of sexual violence and rape associated with it, is very detrimental to Syrian society and increases the refugee flow

Lebanon
Despite the adoption of a new law on domestic violence in 2014, marital rape isn't criminalised.
On average, one woman is killed by her husband every month

Jordan
Women who are threatened with honor crime by their family are imprisoned in so-called "protective custody"
Due to the absence of an explicit definition of violence in the Domestic Violence Law, domestic violence remains non-criminalised

Israel/Palestine
253 women were killed in "operation protective edge", the war on Gaza in the summer of 2014
Claims of protection of "family honor" is a mitigating circumstance in the penal code for killing women