



EUCPN
EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK

1. Project title

Action Plan for Combating Violence against Women

2. Main theme

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

- To prepare and implement an Action Plan for Combating Violence against Women
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4. Project submitter (Member State), project leader(s) and project partner(s)

- Finland.
- Ministry of Justice (project leader), Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare, National Police Board of Finland, Finnish National Agency for Education, the National Council of Women of Finland (project partners).
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5. Links to the project's website or online reports/publications (preferably in English)

<https://oikeusministerio.fi/naisiin-kohdistuvan-vakivallan-torjuntaohjelma>

6. Short summary of the project (**max. 100 words**)

In January 2020, the Ministry of Justice Finland appointed an intersectoral working group to prepare an Action Plan for Combating Violence against Women. The plan was published in October 2020. The implementation period of the Action Plan extends from autumn 2020 until spring 2023.

The cross-cutting theme of the Action Plan is the prevention of violence. Of specific forms of violence, the Action Plan covers honour-related violence and digital violence. In addition, emphasis is placed on the work to be carried out with perpetrators of violence and on the competence development of authorities responsible for criminal investigation, criminal procedure and criminal sanctions.

7. Project description

One of the objectives laid down in the current Government Programme is to draw up an action plan for combating violence against women. In January 2020, the Ministry of Justice appointed an intersectoral working group to prepare such an action plan. The plan was published in October 2020. The implementation period of the Action Plan extends from autumn 2020 until spring 2023. The working group will monitor the implementation of the Action Plan and prepare a report on it in early 2023. An external assessment of the implementation of the Action Plan will also be carried out.

In the preparation of the Action Plan for Combating Violence against Women, the working group took into consideration, among other things, the recommendations given to Finland by GREVIO, which monitors the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, the existing preventive and other action plans and strategies, as well as other projects related to the theme that are being prepared under the Government Programme.

Civil society organisations (including women's organisations) were engaged in the preparation of the Action Plan by inviting them to workshops that were organised in the early stages of the work. The purpose of the workshops was to discuss and come up with ideas concerning the measures that were to be included in the Action Plan.

Civil society actors (including women's organisations) participate in the implementation of certain measures in the Action Plan, together with the authorities. Furthermore, some of the measures are implemented entirely by organisations. In these cases, the Ministry of Justice has channeled funding into the work carried out by the organisations.

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8. Project objectives

See project description.

9. Project outcome

See project description.

10. Start and end project, timescales and key milestone dates

See project description.

11. Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...))

The implementation of the Action Plan is funded from the state budget.

12. Evaluation

See project description.

13. Contact details project

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