Development of European Gender Based Violence survey

Work Session on Gender Statistics
29 November – 1 December
Violence against women
Data needs

• "Istanbul Convention": signed by all Member States, ratified by half of them, signed by European Union

• Four-fold approach to combatting gender-based violence by European Commission

• Repeated calls of Council and European Parliament

EU wide GBV survey within European Statistical System (ESS)
Background study

- Literature review
- Review of national experiences: data collection and publishing
- Review of international initiatives:
  - Prevalence surveys: IVAWS, FRA survey
  - Other international projects on the topic: CAHRV
  - UN work on the topic: guidelines
  - Developed indicators: BPfA, UN SDG, UNECE gender equality indicators, UN indicators on VAW, EIGE
National survey/module

Regular data collection

Yearly

Repeated
Variations in national surveys

- Target population: sex, age limits, specific groups
- Topics included and type of violence
- Questions: screening vs general
- Less than half countries: NSI included
Why EU-wide survey?
EU-wide survey
EU survey on GBV within ESS

• Stand-alone survey
• The possibility to cover the total population 18+ will be tested and costs evaluated
• Face-to-face interview will be recommended
• A questionnaire accompanied with the methodological guidelines will be developed
Scope of EU survey

• **Topics covered:**
  - Non-partner physical/sexual violence
  - Current/former partner psychological/physical/sexual violence
  - Sexual harassment at work
  - Stalking
  - Physical and sexual violence experienced in childhood

• **Reference period:**
  - Lifetime: since 15 years old
  - Monitoring: during last year and last 5 years
Way forward

• Testing at national level: 2017 - 2018
• Final questionnaire and guidelines in 2019
• Implementation at national level in 2019/2020/2021
• Voluntary, but financing planned
Working documents are publically available in CIRCABC:

The working documents for the TF meetings:

• 1st meeting in February 2017:
  https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/c38aaca0-0ed6-434e-9714-edc73613bebd

• 2nd meeting in June 2017:
  https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5adafaea-f120-4ff4-8f9a-1b6ca81476f4

Documents for pretesting, including questionnaire:
https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/7cdd3f0e-613f-4708-b6ac-93840d1abf92

Thank you!