

Council of Europe co-operation on gender equality and violence against women

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MAKING EUROPEAN
STANDARDS ON GENDER
EQUALITY A REALITY
FOR ALL WOMEN

” Achieving gender equality

” Ending violence against
women and domestic
violence



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Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle



What do we do?



Where do we work?

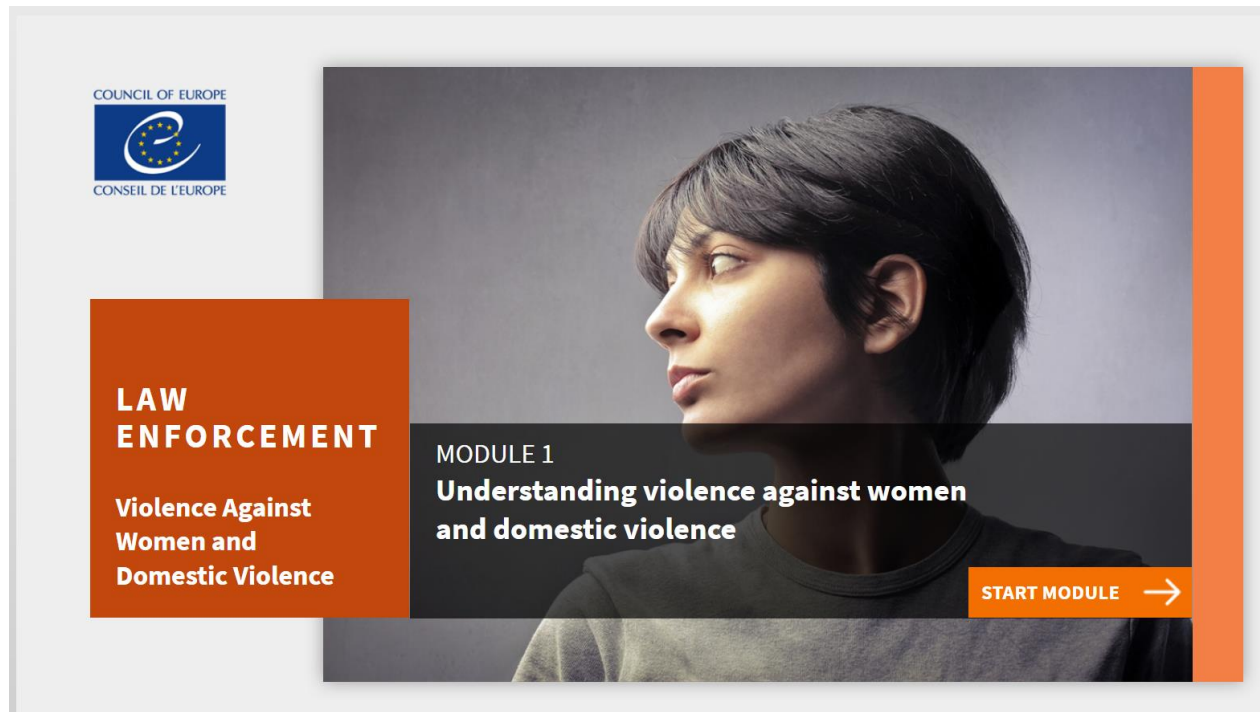
- **European Union:** Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic (Norway Grants).
- **Eastern Partnership countries:** Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
- **Russian Federation** (started September 2021)
- **Western Balkans:** Kosovo* (phase III July 2021)
- **Turkey WAJ** started October 2021
- **Targeted support upon demand:** Latvia
- Co-operation with **WAVE-Network** and **UN Women**

HELP courses VAW and WAJ

VAW: 20 languages available, Latvian recently completed

WAJ: 5 languages

New modules for law enforcement available in December 2021



The image shows a digital interface for a course. At the top left is the Council of Europe logo. The main background features a profile of a woman with dark hair. Overlaid on this are several text elements: a large orange box on the left with the text 'LAW ENFORCEMENT' and 'Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence'; a dark grey box in the center with 'MODULE 1' and 'Understanding violence against women and domestic violence'; and a small orange button at the bottom right with the text 'START MODULE' and a right-pointing arrow.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence

MODULE 1
Understanding violence against women and domestic violence

START MODULE →

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Elements complicating communication with a victim of violence against women or domestic violence

Physical trauma

Psychological trauma

Feelings of shame and guilt



VICTIM

Personal, sometimes intimate and/or degrading facts

Link with the Abuser's (spouse, ex-spouse, neighbour, friend...)

Abuser's strategy (psychological control)

Furthermore, the victim's stressed state may not allow her to understand all the information, so you should use **short and easy-to-understand words**.

It is necessary to **reassure the victim**, to be present for her as much as possible.



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The following minimum steps should be followed by the officer when receiving a call regarding violence:



Step 1

Establish a priority, whether or not there is clear evidence that lives are in danger, a police patrol should intervene.

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First contact with victims

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WHY ARE THERE SPECIALISED POLICE TEAMS IN PORTUGAL FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

POLICE

Portuguese Police

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READ TRANSCRIPT

Key concepts at the police station

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Question 2 of 6

What elements complicate communication with the victim in cases of violence against women and domestic violence ?

- Link with the perpetrator
- Aggressor's control strategy
- Psychological or physical trauma
- It is about intimate or degrading things
- All of the above and others

SUBMIT

☰ ? Knowledge Check

✓ **CORRECT**

All of the elements mentioned and others, complicate or disrupt communication with the victim. This is why law enforcement need to be patient, empathetic and focused on protecting the human rights of victims and applying a victim-centred approach.

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Cooperation with UN Women and WAVE Network



Co-operation and the GES

- Co-operation activities and projects are contributing to the delivery of the GES
- When funding is available, technical assistance on demand is possible for member states.
- Share of resources and tools (translations, adaptations) can assist member states in delivering on GES and other commitments
- Funding through voluntary contributions

Thank you!

- Capacity building and co-operation projects
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