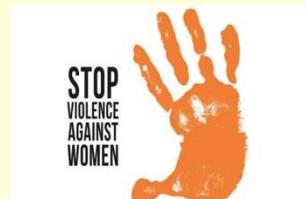




Ensuring that recovery measures reinforce gender equality related bodies and services

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- **The Istanbul Convention is recognised as the most far-reaching international treaty to tackle VAW**
- **GREVIO has published reports on 14 State Parties: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Sweden, Turkey**





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I. General and specialist support services

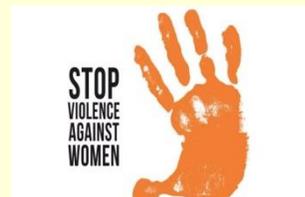
II. Key principles





General support services

- Public welfare services
- Healthcare and social services
- Universal services offered by public authorities
 - Long-term help





Specialist support services

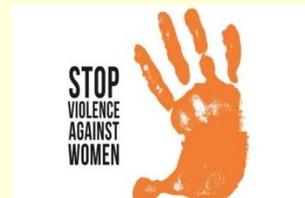
- support and assistance tailored to the needs of victims
 - not open to general public
 - usually offered by NGOs
- geographical distribution: CoE tool “Mapping support services for victims of VAW”
 - rape-crisis centres and/or sexual violence referral centres





Key principles

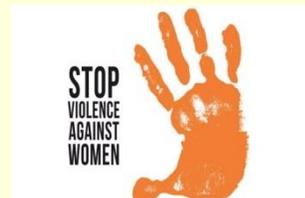
- **Gendered understanding of VAW (e.g. reports on Serbia, Montenegro)**
 - **Integrated approach**
 - **Avoiding revictimization (e.g. report on the Netherlands)**
- **instilling in victims a sense of control of their lives (e.g. report on Turkey, Belgium)**
 - **Services in the same building**





Key principles

- available without discrimination
- heightened awareness towards specific vulnerabilities (e.g. reports on Sweden, Finland, Serbia)
 - access regardless of the victim's willingness to lodge a complaint
 - access for child witnesses to appropriate, age-specific support services





CONCLUSIONS

