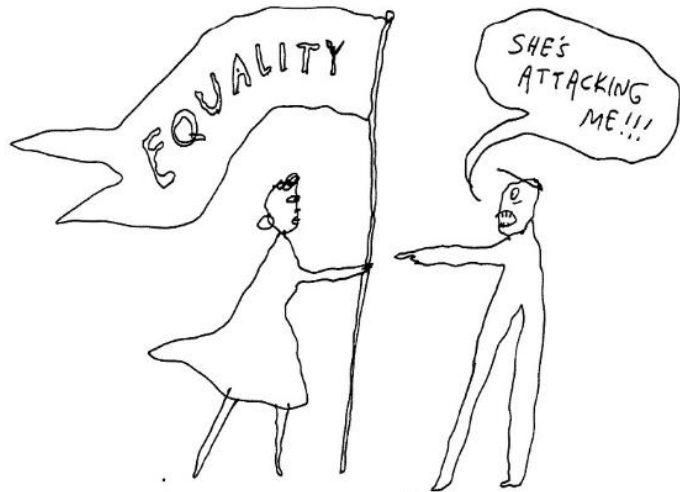


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UPDATES ON THE COOPERATION WORK ON GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY 2018-2023

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:

ENSURE THE EQUAL ACCESS OF WOMEN TO JUSTICE

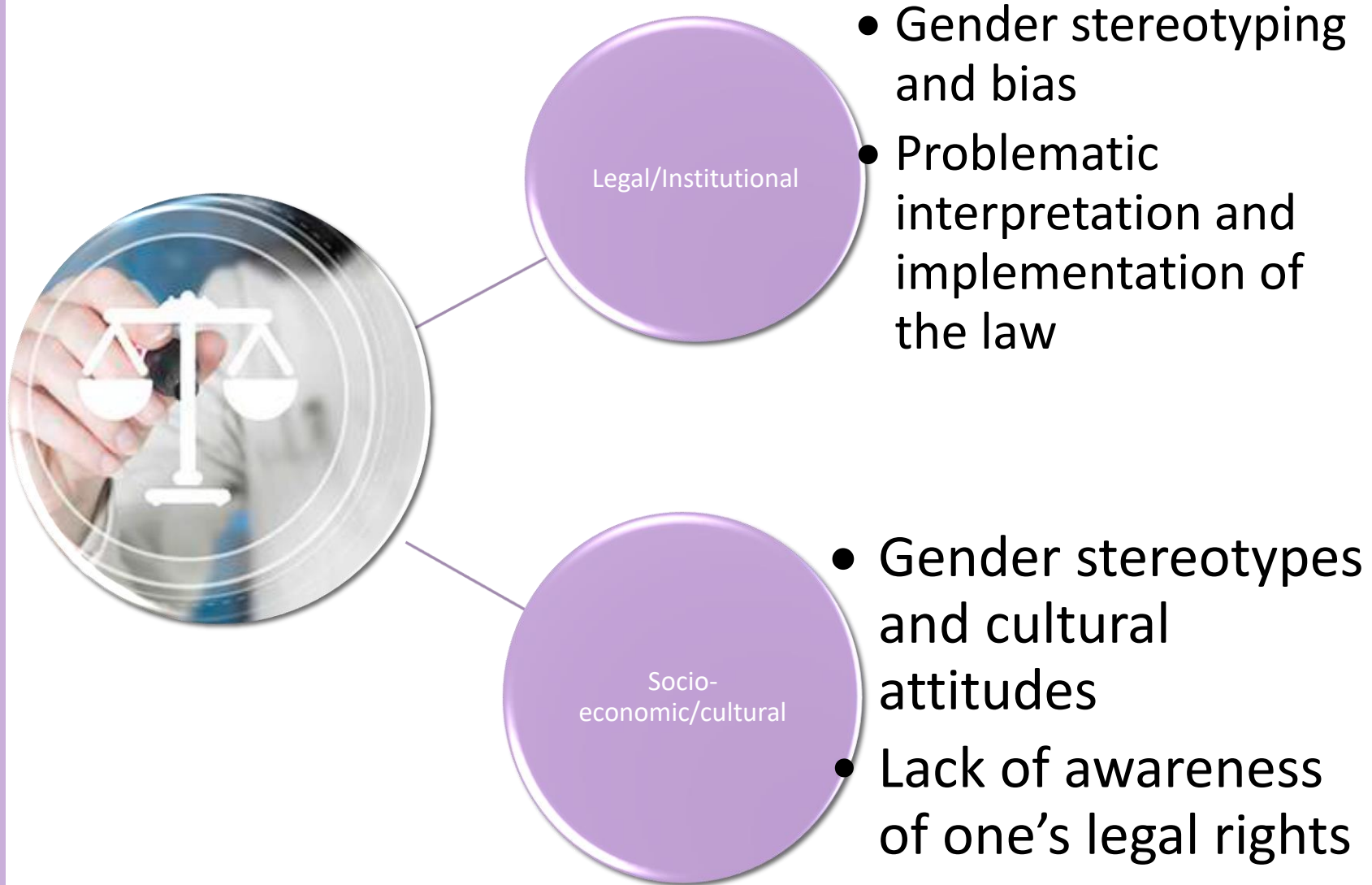


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Council of Europe approach and added value

Barriers to women's access to justice



Current state of affairs



Main results: Capacity building of professionals



Women's Access to Justice

Partnership for Good Governance

HELP
Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

Introduction

Start >

- Strengthen competences on women's access to justice and VAW/DV topics
- Enhance skills and knowledge for legal aid lawyers on how to better respond to the justice needs of women, victims of violence



Main results: Women's legal empowerment

- Increase women's awareness about their rights and how to access to remedies, especially among women victims of violence

Future plans

HF II TK: training programme and handbook on **strategic litigation** to defend and promote women's human rights

HF II TK: a **research study** on barriers to women's access to justice and legal aid in Turkey

PGG II EaP: a **research study** on impact of Covid-19 on Women's Access to Justice

Research Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice

-Questionnaire-



- A Europe wide research with :
 - in-depth case studies from EaP countries
 - Up-to-date data from all 46 Council of Europe member States

- Focused on challenges/trends and good practices

- Covers the period between March 2019-present

- Questionnaire
 - a useful tool for harmonised data collection
 - Covers THREE main areas:
 - Pandemic related issues
 - Justice sector impact
 - Gender based violence

Research Impact of Covid 19 on Women's Access to Justice

-timeline-



17 November: launch during the GEC 22 plenary meeting.



August/September: finalisation of report



24 June: deadline for receiving answers from Member States



16 May: If approved, questionnaire will go out



12 May: GEC will consider the questionnaire

Making gender equality standards a reality in Europe!

Thank you!

