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# THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

## A TOOL TO END FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

European Learning Forum  
5 February 2015



**END FGM**  
EUROPEAN NETWORK

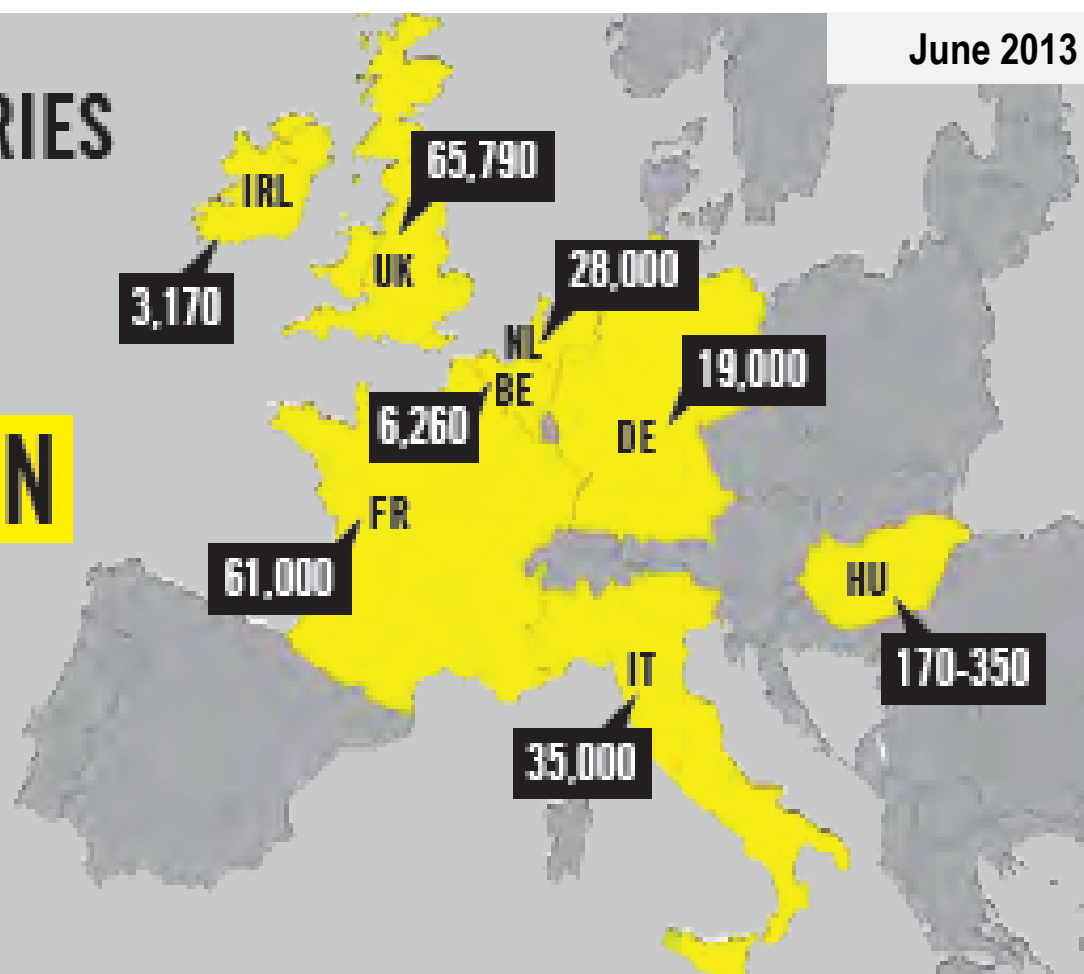
**500,000**

WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING IN EUROPE HAVE UNDERGONE FGM  
(EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)

**180,000**

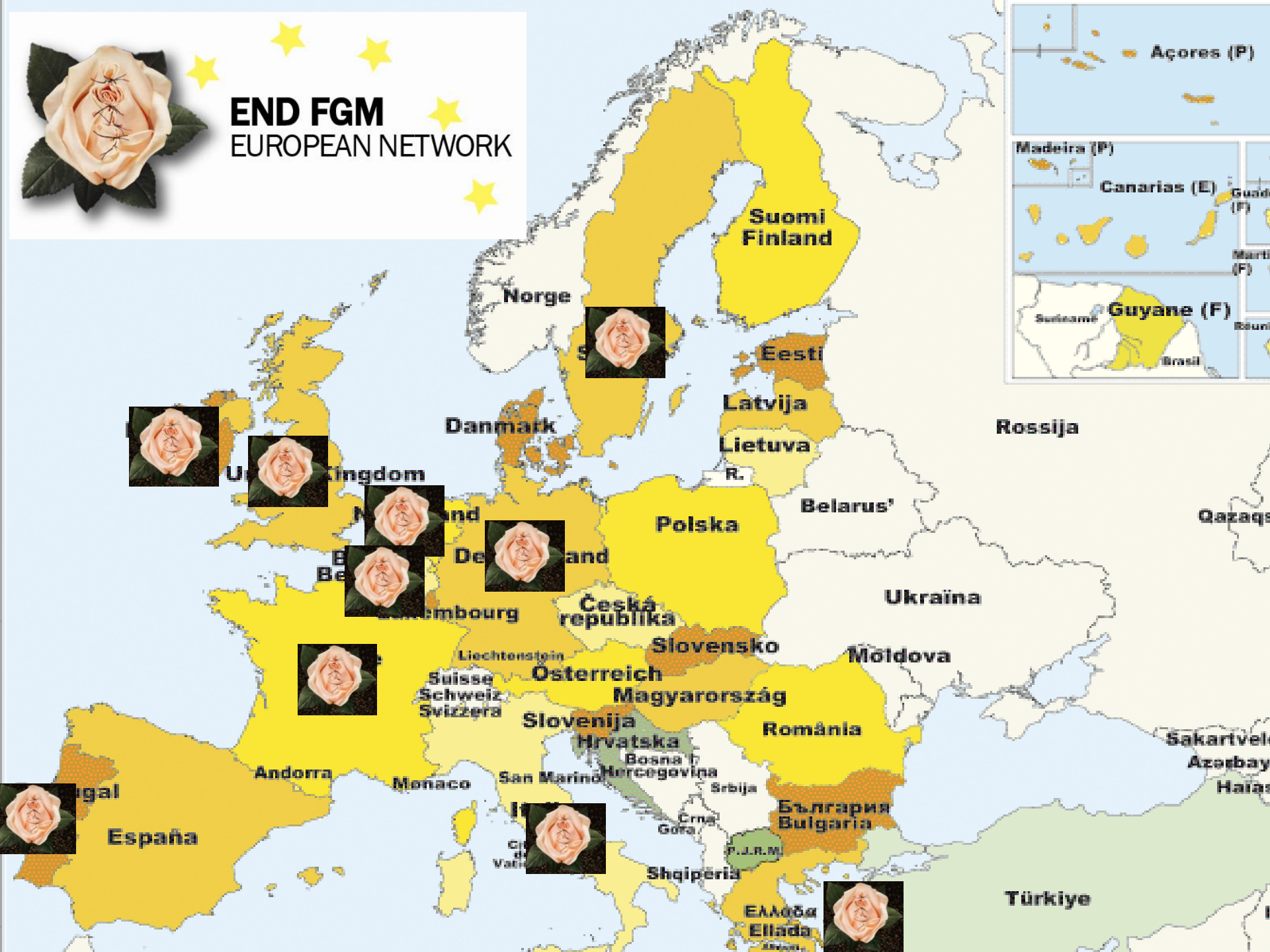
**AT RISK EVERY YEAR**

SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES  
HAVE ESTIMATES OF THE  
**NUMBER OF WOMEN  
AND GIRLS LIVING  
WITH FGM**





# END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK



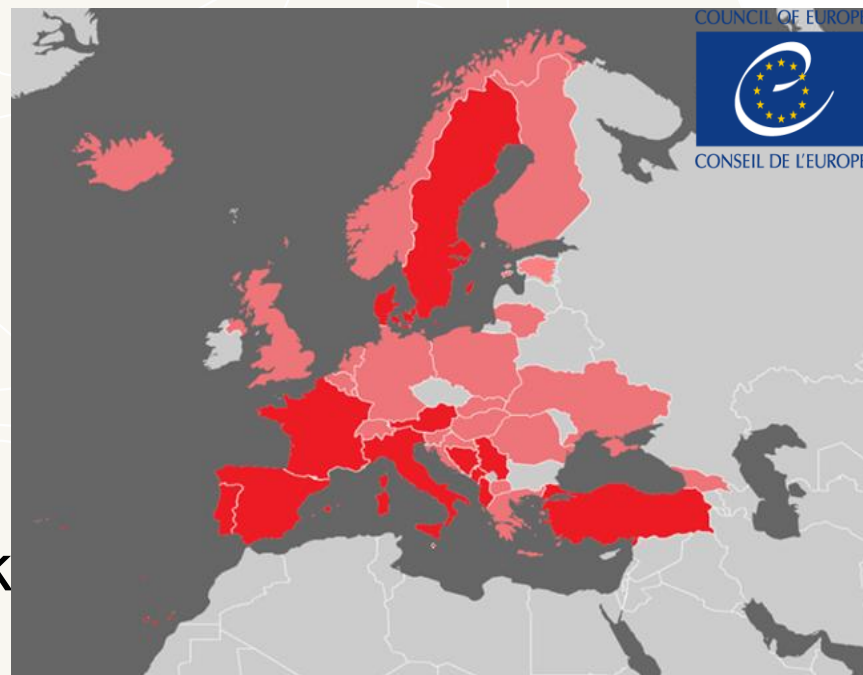
# 15 STATE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

- ✓ Opening for signature : 11 May 2011
- ✓ Entry into force: 1 August 2014

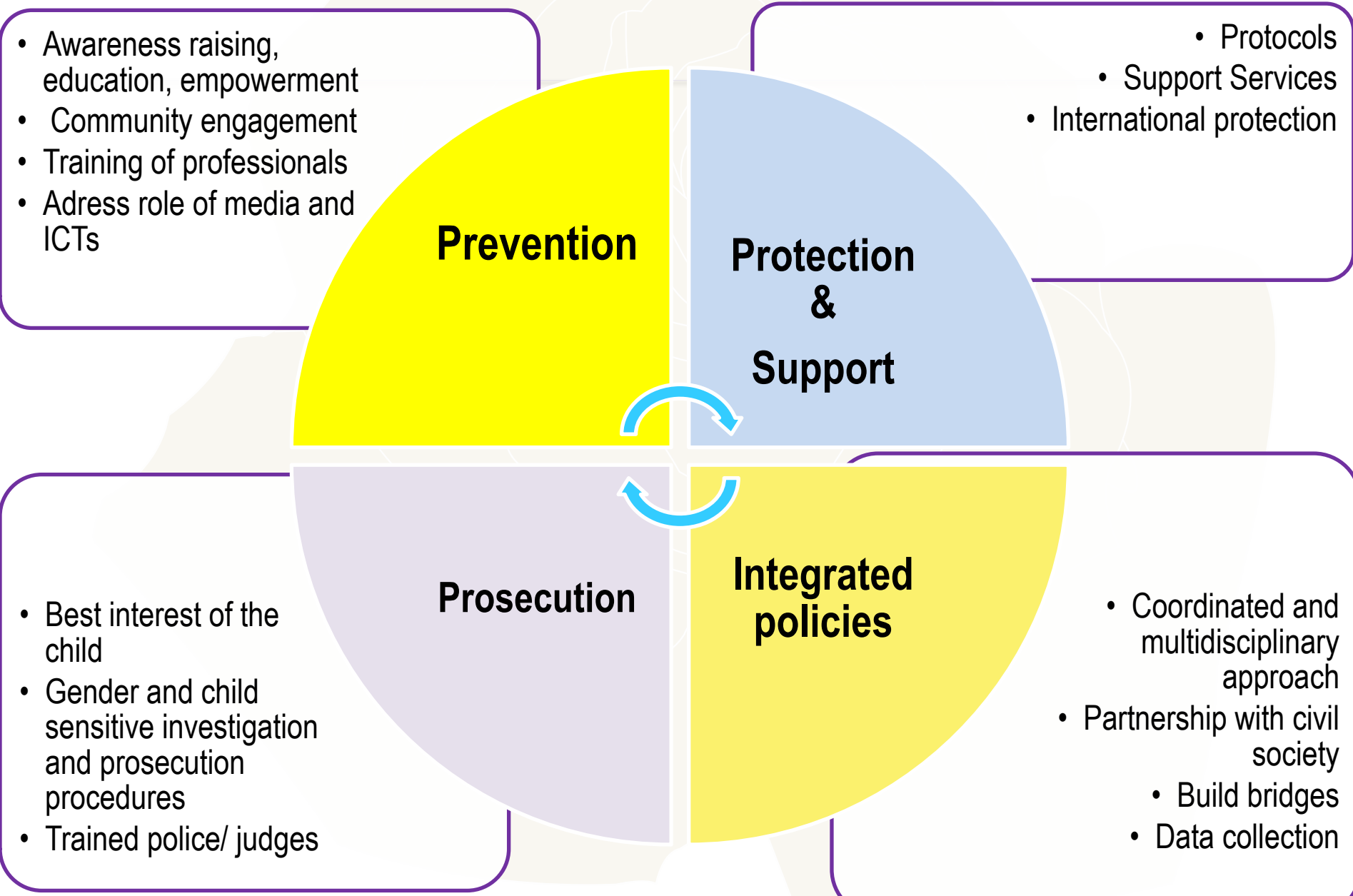
## **State Parties:**

Albania, Andorra, Austria,  
Bosnia Herzegovina, Denmark,  
Spain, France, Italy,  
Malta, Monaco,  
Montenegro, Portugal,  
Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey

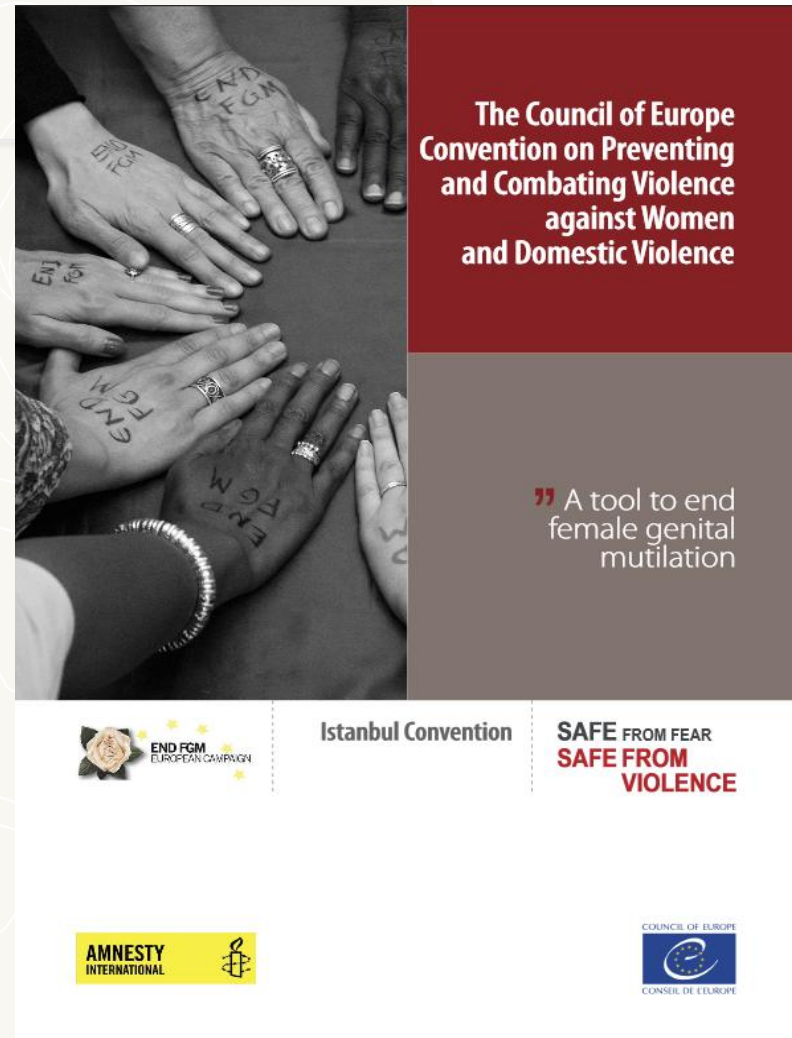
## **22 signatories**



# MAIN PILLARS : 4 Ps



# NEW GUIDE ON HOW TO USE THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AS A TOOL TO END FGM



LINK :

<http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/convention-violence/brochures/IstanbulConventionFGM%20Guide%20EN.pdf>

# MONITORING MECHANISM

Two pillars:

➤ **GREVIO:**

Independent group of 10 experts

➤ **Committee of the Parties:**

Representatives of all state parties

(government representatives)



# COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY EVALUATION PROCEDURE

GREVIO QUESTIONNAIRE



REPORT BY THE STATE  
PARTY



EXAMINATION OF ALL  
FINDINGS BY GREVIO (STATE  
REPORT AND COUNTRY  
VISIT IF APPLICABLE)



GREVIO  
EVALUATION  
REPORT



COMMENTS BY THE STATE  
PARTY  
TRANSMISSION OF GREVIO  
REPORT TO NATIONAL  
PARLIAMENT



RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES





# Challenge and Way forward

## ➤ Implementation

## ➤ Sustainability of engagement

- Political will
- European/National/local  
action plans
- Funding

**MOBILISATION needs to continue !**



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# **Annexes**

# Existing mobilisation & commitments

## Civil society organisations

- **END FGM** (European Campaign => European Network)
- Girls Generation

## International

- **UN General Assembly resolution (2012)**
- CEDAW/CRC General Comment (2014)
- Sustainable development goals
- Girls Summit (2014)

## Europe

- **EU Action Plan** = EC Communication (2013) + EP Resolution (2014) + Council Conclusions on FGM (2014)
- **EU directives** on victim's rights and on asylum
- Council of Europe, **Istanbul Convention**

# FGM in Europe



# EU Commitments

Stockholm  
Programme

EC gender equality  
strategy

*Specifically on FGM*

European Parliament  
resolutions

**Commission's  
Action Plan**

Council conclusions

Strategic framework  
and Action Plan on  
Human Rights and  
Democracy

Gender Action  
Plan  
in Development

# EU steps towards the elimination of FGM



# The way forward...

