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A ROADMAP TO END FGM



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GOOD PRACTICES AND STORIES OF
CHANGE FROM THE GROUND

End FGM EU 2023 Annual Campaign

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In 2023, the End FGM European Network will explore the questions:

What is the best path to end FGM?

What can grassroots expertise teach us about concrete ways to address the practice?

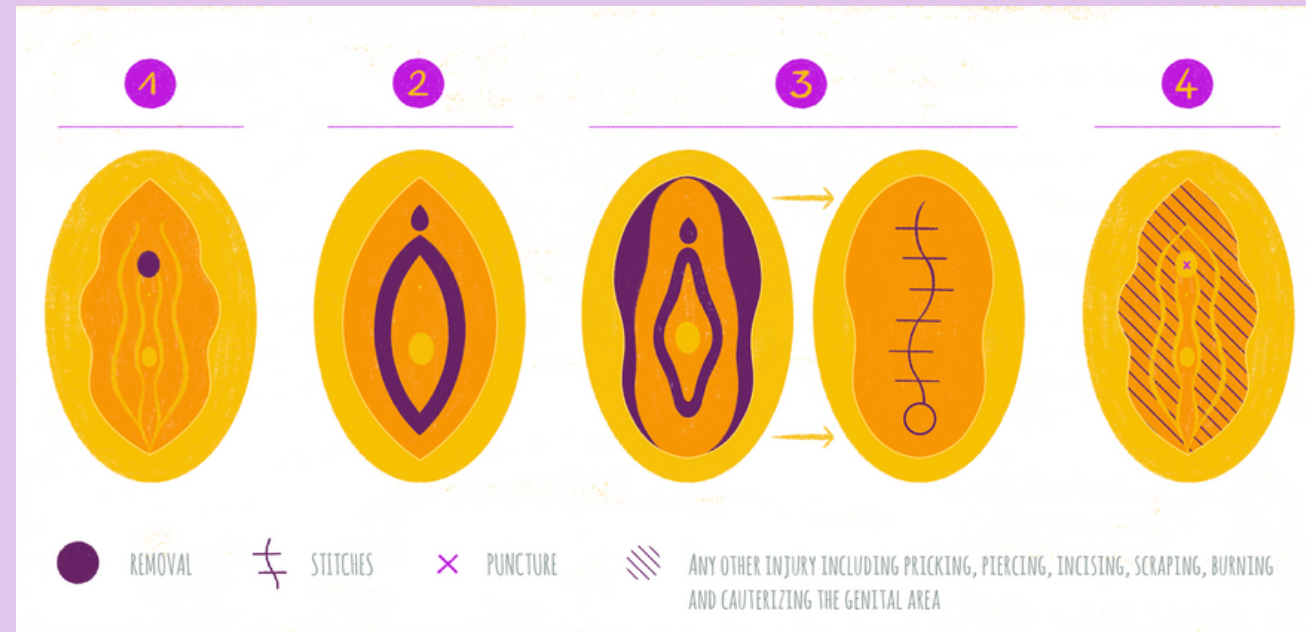
This campaign is based on the Network's mapping of FGM laws and policies in Europe (our [interactive map](#)) as well as individual stories of people who are involved in the movement to end FGM or affected by the practice. Through the sharing of resources and storytelling, the campaign will inform policy actors, key stakeholders (including affected communities) and the general public about concrete ways forward when it comes to eliminating the practice.



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WHAT IS FGM?



Female Genital Mutilation is all procedures involving the **removal of the external female genitalia** or **other injury** to the female genital organs for **non-medical reasons**.

There are **4 types** of FGM.

FGM can cause life-lasting physical and psychological **trauma** and is a violation of Human Rights. It is **not prescribed by any religion**. 200 million girls & women alive today have undergone FGM. At current rates, an additional estimated **68 million girls** face being cut **by 2030**. The consequences of the **Covid-19 pandemic** are yet to be measured, but it is estimated that 2 million more women & girls are at risk of undergoing FGM due to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

WHAT IS THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK?

The End FGM European Network (End FGM EU) is an umbrella network of **36 European organisations based in 16 European countries**. End FGM EU operates as a meeting ground for communities, NGOs, CSOs and EU level stakeholders to engage, interact and cooperate with one another by sharing experiences and exchanging knowledge.

Our work is primarily to **uplift and carry further our members' efforts** at the European level by building bridges with all relevant actors in Europe and globally. Meanwhile, our members are working at the national level to tackle FGM through **diverse approaches**, from research and education to support services and community engagement.

WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN IMPORTANT?

This year, we look at **what works to prevent and respond to FGM.**

We have many policies and laws at the EU and national levels. We also have grassroots initiatives showing results in uprooting the practice at the community level. Yet, they need to be upscaled, spread and implemented for professionals, civil society and most importantly, the communities affected by FGM to reap the benefits of these good practices* across Europe and globally. This campaign aims at raising awareness of the **concrete demands of the anti-FGM movement through individual stories.**

*What do we mean by good practice? Good practices are promising initiatives on FGM related to a specific sector within law, policy, services or data collection.

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN!

- Support us in making this Annual Campaign impactful by helping us get the attention of key actors in the field.

Use your voice to spread the word!

- Create your own content: pictures, videos, posts, blogs, art; and **share it with us!**
- Do you have questions or a contribution relating to the campaign? Reach out to **join the conversation!**

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CAMPAIGN ITINERARY

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INNOVATIONS

FEBRUARY

DEPARTURE: INTRODUCTION & OUR FGM IN EUROPE MAP

Introducing the 2023 Campaign at the 6th of February launch event and presenting our interactive map.



- End FGM EU interactive map on FGM in Europe
- End FGM Good Practices Poster (10 languages)



- 6th February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM

MARCH

1ST STOP: COMMITTING TO A WORLD FREE FROM FGM

Good practices that allow for a diversity of actors across sectors to take official commitments and collaborate to address FGM.



- Interactive map country comparison tool
- Community of Practice on FGM

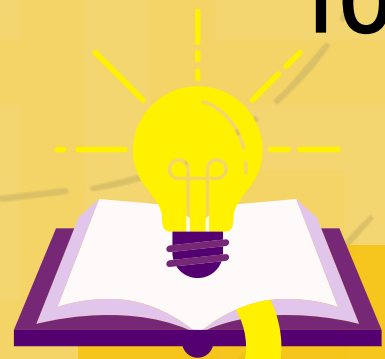


- 8th March: International Women's Day

APRIL - MAY

2ND STOP: PROVIDING SAFER CARE & A SPACE FOR ALL

Good practices with an intersectional and inclusive approach for better prevention and safer care for Survivors of FGM.



- Support Services for FGM Survivors Position Paper
- FGM and Antiracism position paper



- 7 April: World health day
- 21 May: World Day for Cultural Diversity

JUNE

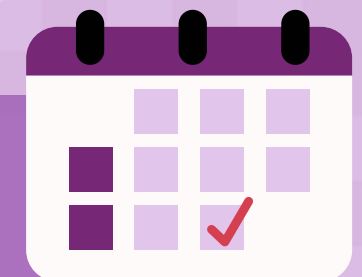
3RD STOP: PROTECTING ALL PEOPLE AT RISK

Good practices to protect children and adults at risk of undergoing the practice, in Europe and beyond, including asylum seekers.



- FGM and Asylum Position Paper
- What can be done to tackle cross-border cutting?

- 4 June: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 16 June : International day of the African Child
- 20 June: World refugee day



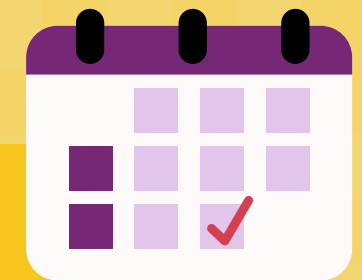
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

4TH STOP: COLLECTING & SHARING INFORMATION

Good practices around data collection and awareness raising, including education and training for professionals.



- Gender ABC Module on FGM and Body Safety
- How to Talk about FGM Guidelines
- Gams Be - Access project videos

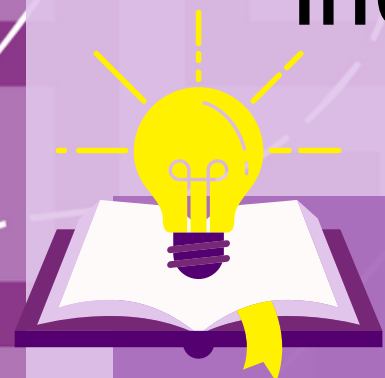


- 12th August: International Youth Day
- 8th September: International Literacy Day

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

LAST STOP: LEADING THE WAY TOGETHER

Good practices promoting the involvement of all key actors, including those directly or indirectly affected by the practice.



- Community Engagement Position Paper
- Youth Engagement Position Paper

- 11 October: International Day of the Girl Child (EWAG)
- 25 November: International Day Against Violence Against Women



DECEMBER

DESTINATION: DRAWING A ROADMAP TO END FGM

What is the #Road2EndFGM?

What should we prioritise on the path to
eliminate the practice?

What does a world free from FGM look like?



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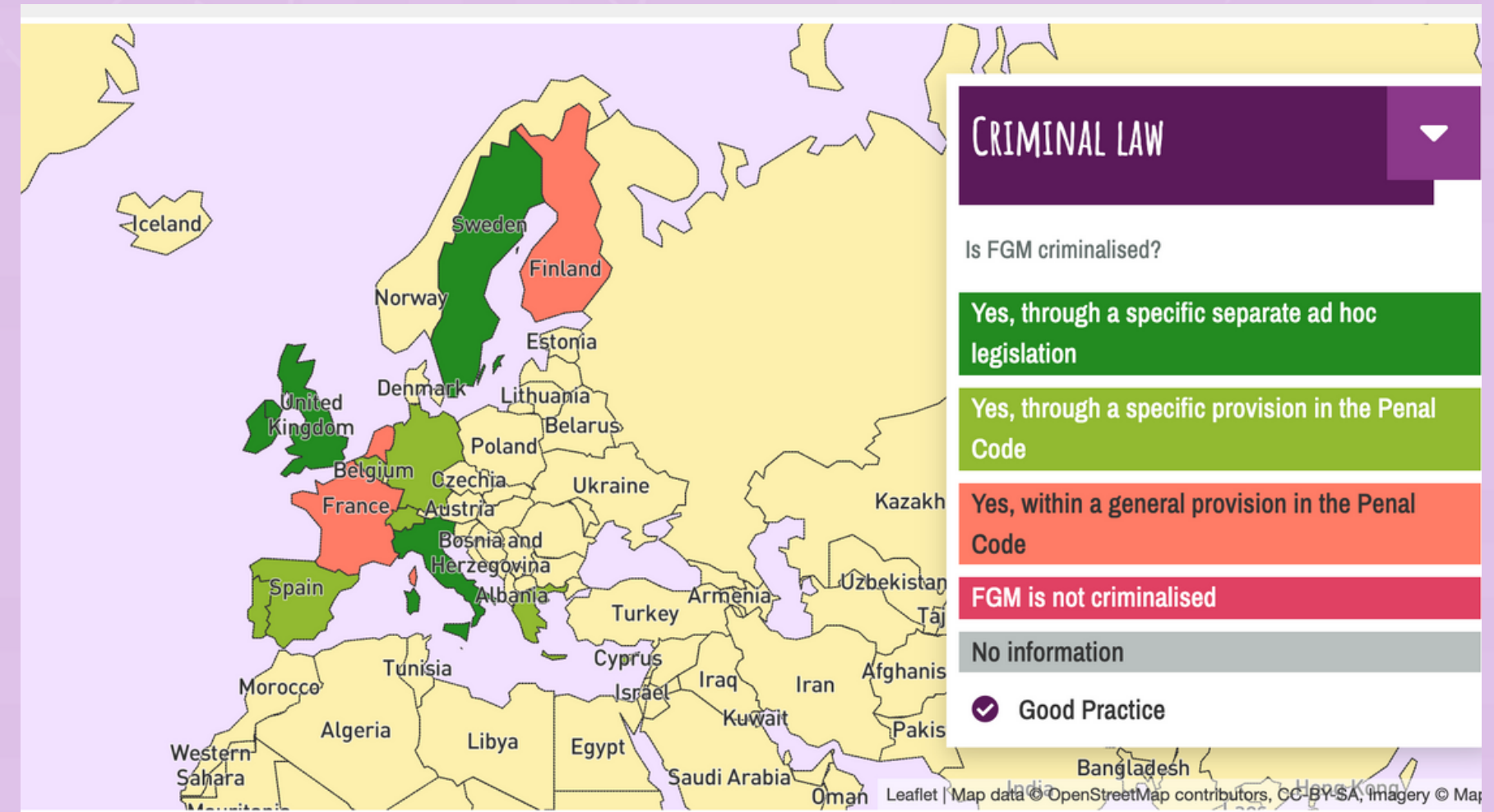
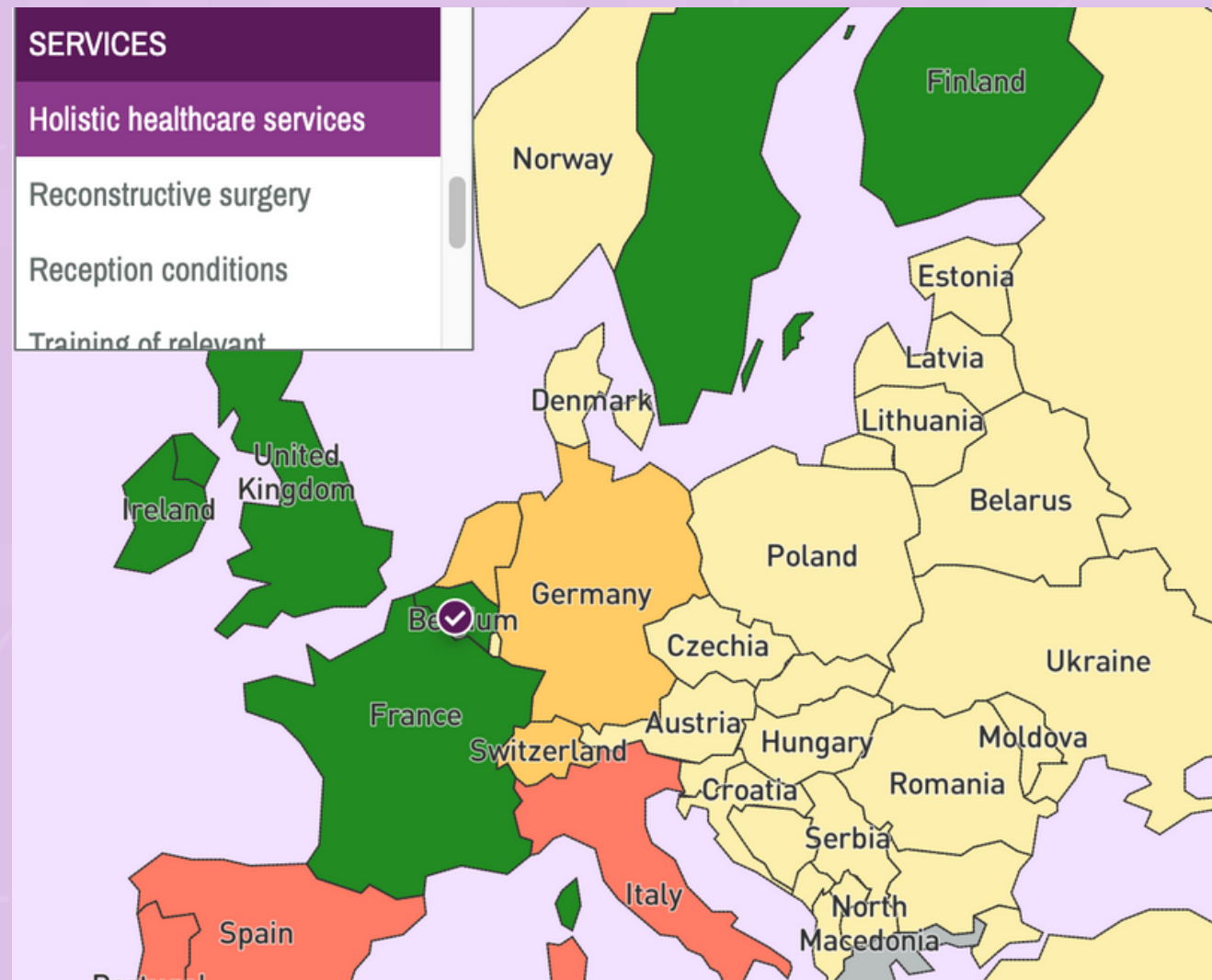
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OUR FGM IN EUROPE INTERACTIVE MAP



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GRASSROOT VOICES

- End FGM EU engages with on-the-ground activists who are tackling FGM within their communities and at European & International levels.
 - Discover the profiles of our Youth Ambassadors
 - Discover the profiles of our Senior Ambassadors
- End FGM EU is also networking with grassroots activists through our understanding community voices project.
 - Discover the community voices profiles and requests



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