

ISTANBUL CONVENTION ACCESSION JUNE 2023

ON THE 1ST OF JUNE 2023,

The EU acceded to the **Istanbul Convention**. It marks a crucial step towards the elimination of gender-based violence (GBV) and FGM. We look forward to seeing the same decision adopted by the Member States who have not ratified the IC yet.

The Istanbul Convention is a comprehensive and powerful legal instrument to prevent and combat **violence against women (VAW) & GBV**. It addresses GBV through measures aimed at preventing violence, protecting and supporting its victims, and prosecuting the perpetrators.

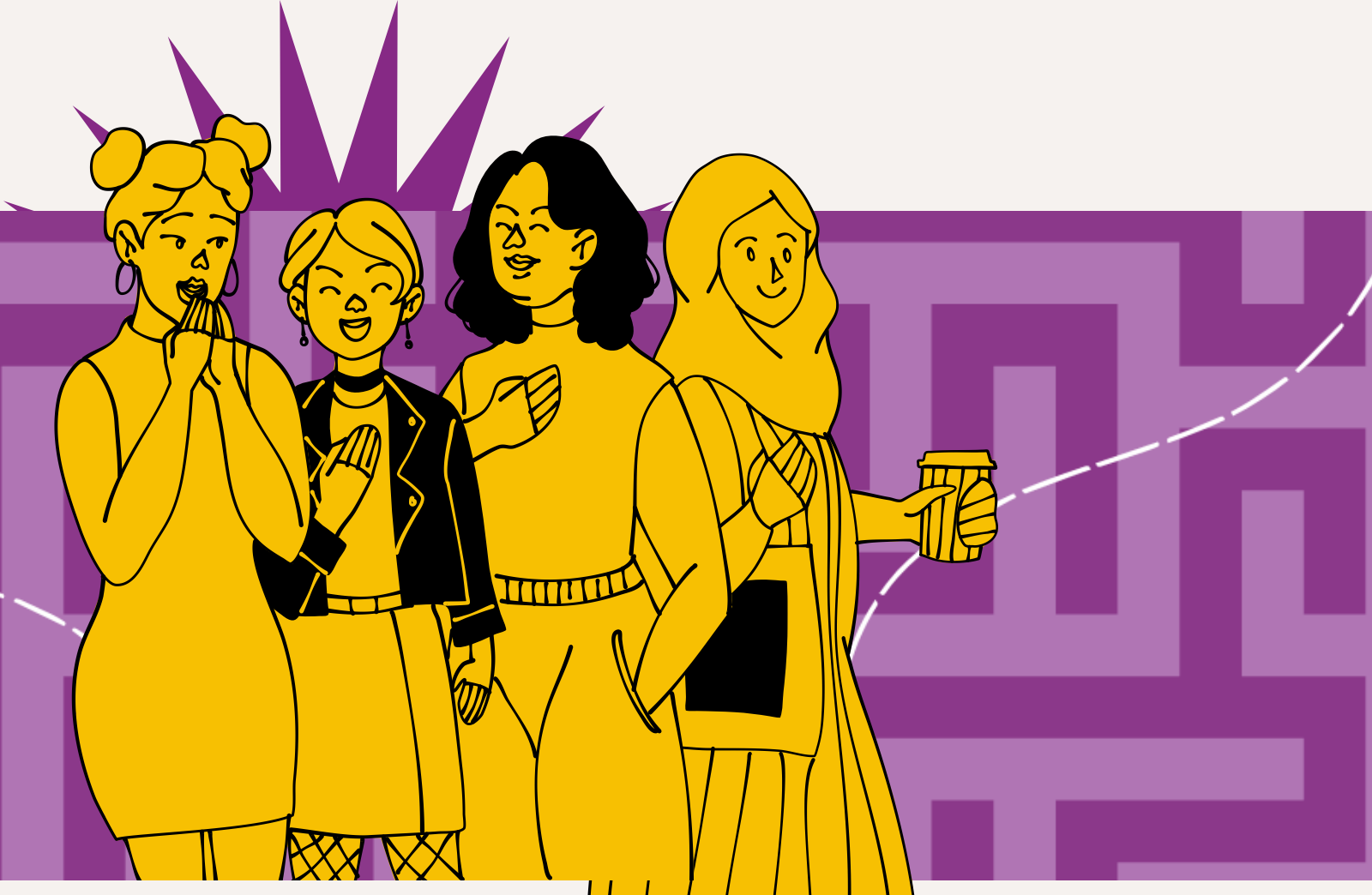
The Convention **recognises that violence against women is a violation of their human rights**. While the EU cannot accede the full Convention, it accedes with regard to institutions and public administration of the EU, and in matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal cases, asylum and non-refoulement.



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WHAT IS NEXT?

While the Istanbul Convention is a significant step, here are other initiatives taken by the EU that we want implemented:

- *Proposal for a EU Directive against VAW*
- *Recommendation on Harmful Practices*

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