

National mechanisms to eradicate gender-based violence



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Efforts to tackle gender-based violence



Ratification process of
Istanbul Convention



Increased
data collection

National Action Plans

- Aim: prevent gender-based violence
- Clear EU consensus to adopt and implement NAPs
- Not all NAPs focus only on violence against women



National laws

- Most severe forms of gender-based violence criminalised in all Member States
- Domestic violence criminalised in most Member States
- Few cases of domestic violence prosecuted

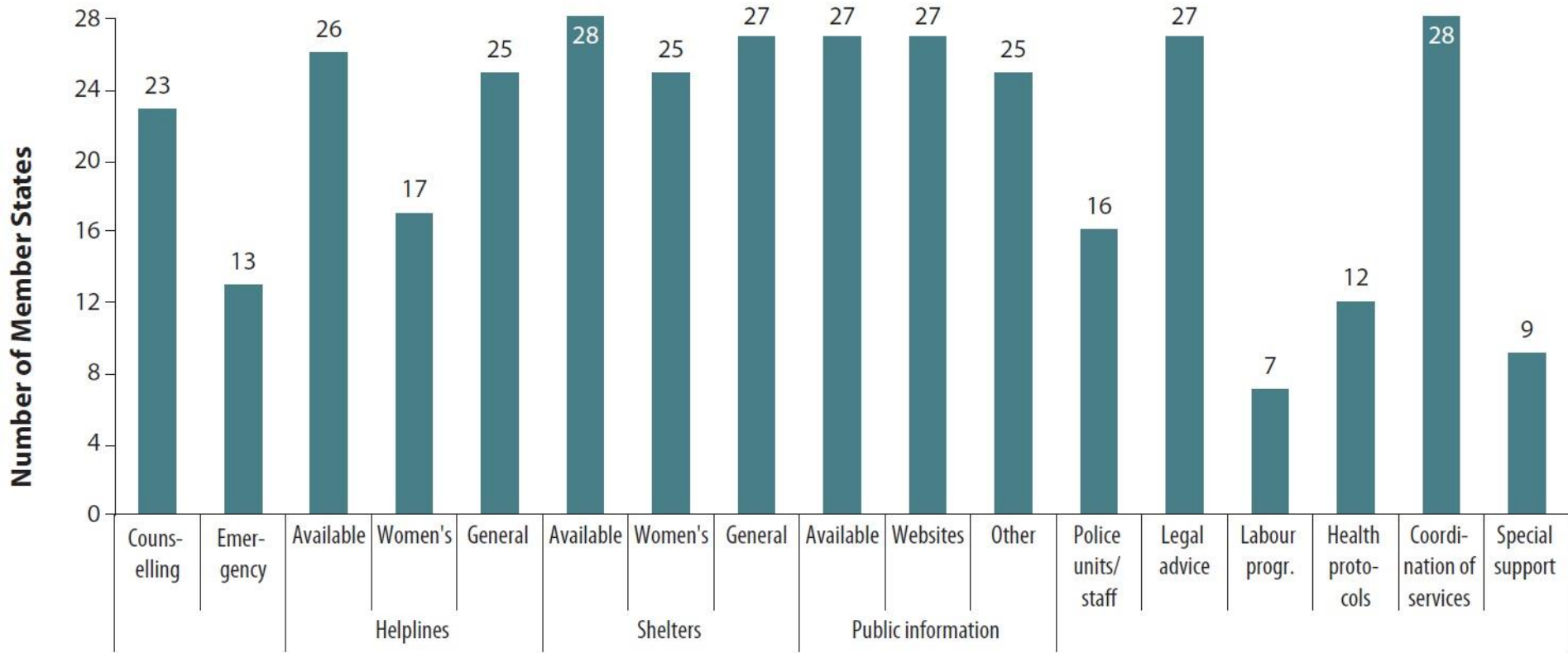
Definitions

- No official legal definition of gender-based violence
- Mostly gender-neutral legislation
- Definitions for the types of violence vary across Member States

Specialised support

- Protection measures exist in all Member States
- Helplines exist in all Member States (hours of operation vary)
- Shelters exist in most Member States and areas
- Funding insufficient

Figure 7 Specialised services for women victims of violence in the EU-28, by type of service, 2012



Source: EIGE, Violence against Women — Victim Support, 2012. Data were collected in March–April 2012.

Other measures

- Training for professionals more widely available
- Prevention activities more widely institutionalised
- Programmes for perpetrators gaining more recognition
- Increased cooperation of state actors with NGOs

Developments

- Victims' Directive and Directive on European Protection Order adopted
- Ratification of Istanbul Convention underway
- Funding for specialised services insufficient, unsystematic
→ assessment of availability and potential increase needed

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