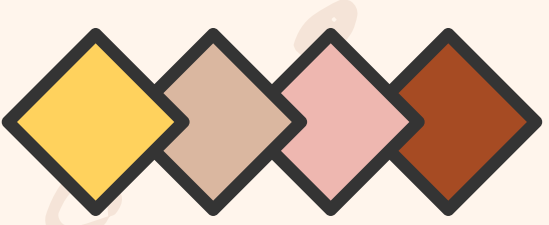


How to Improve Prevention Against Violence Against Women and Girls

European Institute of Women's Health

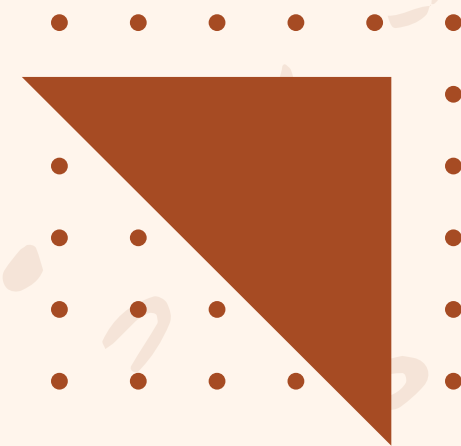
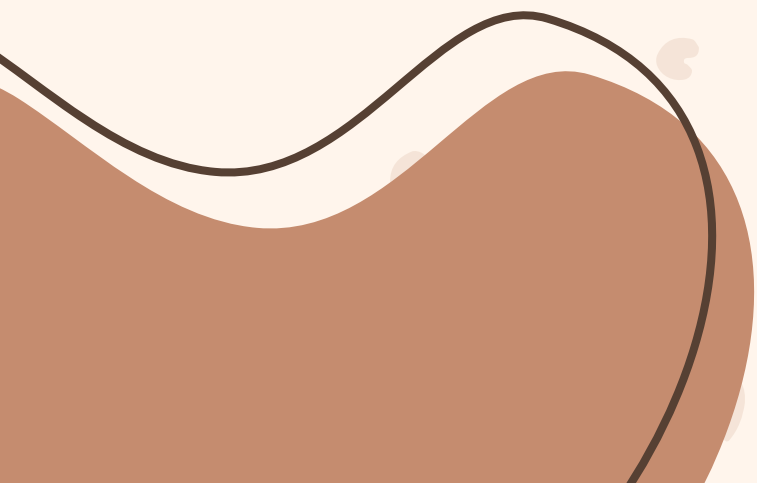


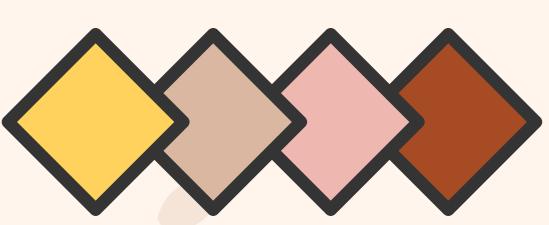


Statistics

1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual violence

1 in 2 women have experienced sexual harassment

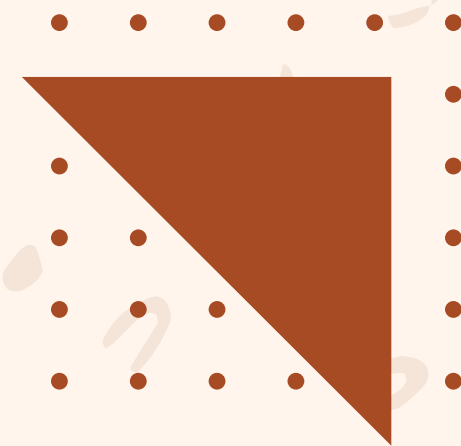


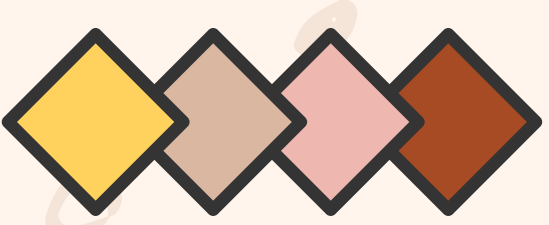


Strategies



- Laws and policy measures
- Education and awareness
- Support services
- Economic empowerment
- Research and data collection





Laws and Policy Measures

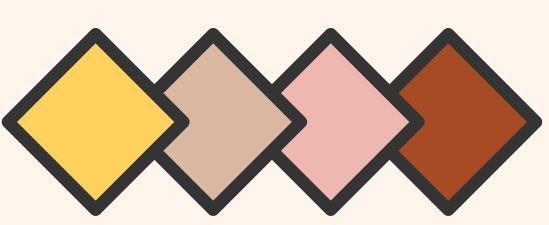


Istanbul Convention

Four Pillars

1. Prevention
2. Protection
3. Prosecution
4. Co-ordinated Policies

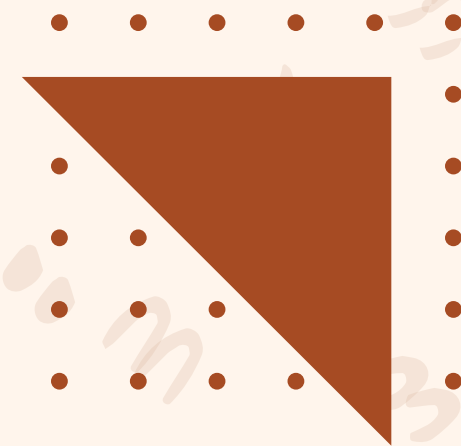


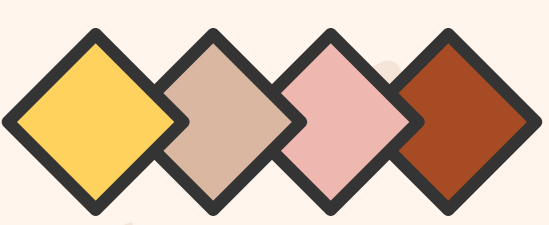


Directive to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

This new law (draft agreed by the Council June 2023) would criminalise the following:

- Female genital mutilation
- Cyber stalking
- Cyber harassment
- Non-consensual sharing of intimate images
- Cyber incitement to hatred or violence

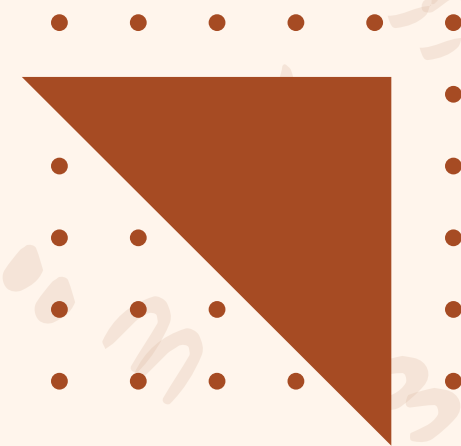


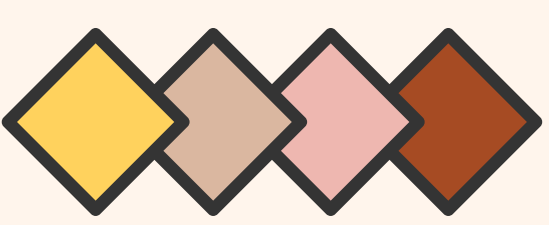


EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020 - 2025

With this ambitious strategy, the EU committed to:

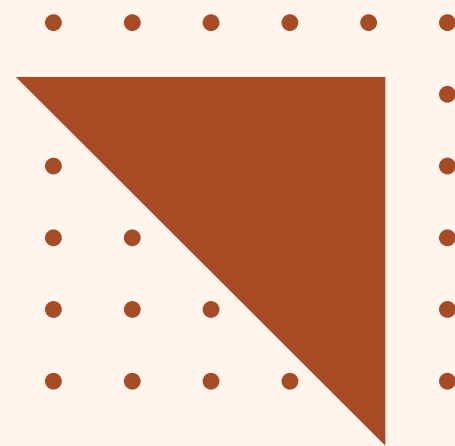
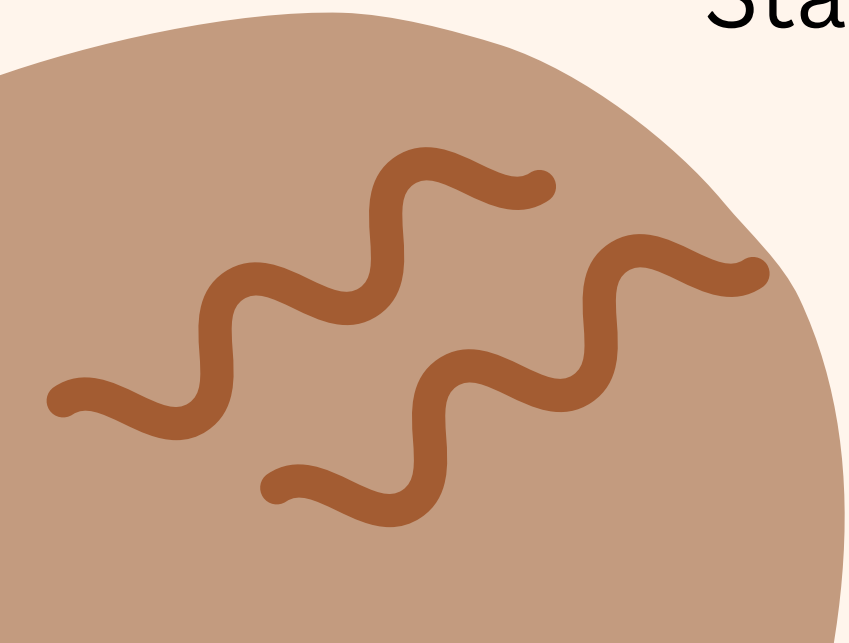
- Prevent and combat gender-based violence
- Support and protect victims
- Hold perpetrators accountable

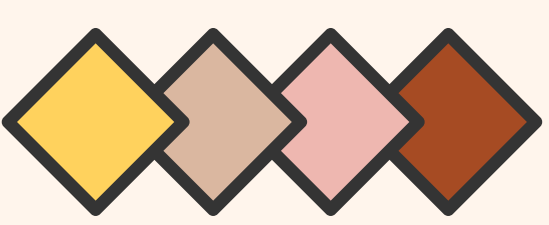




A Comprehensive Approach to Mental Health

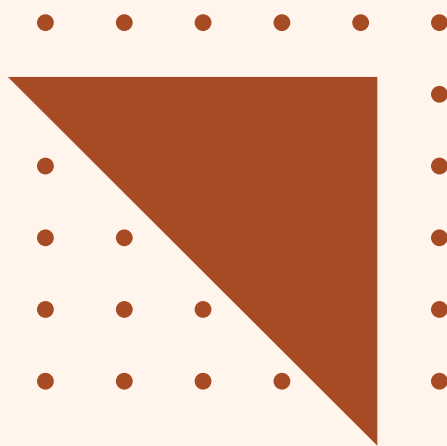
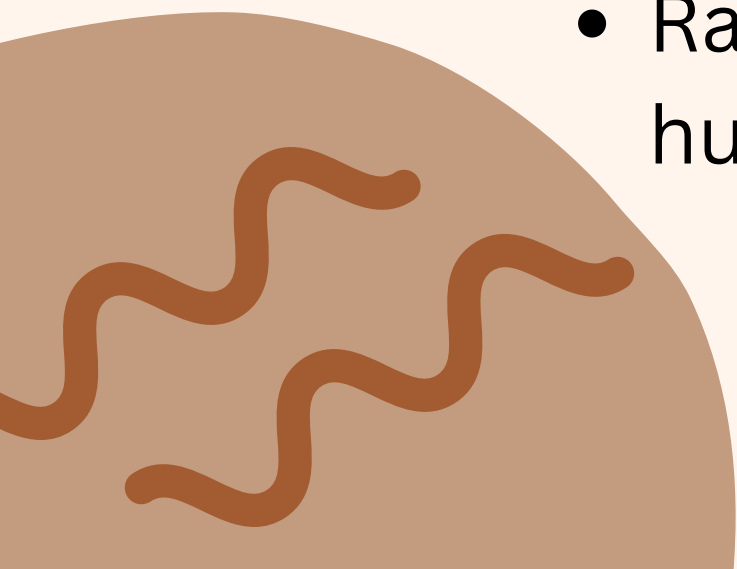
On 7 June 2023 the European Commission released its plan for a comprehensive approach to mental health in Europe. The plan includes 20 flagship initiatives and EU funding (€1.23 billion) to support Member States in "putting people and their mental health first"

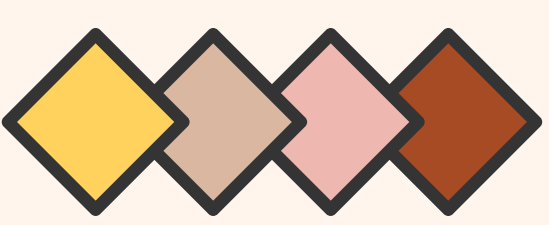




The European Commission plans efforts to:

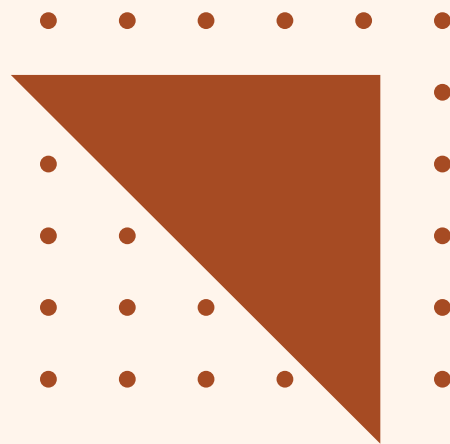
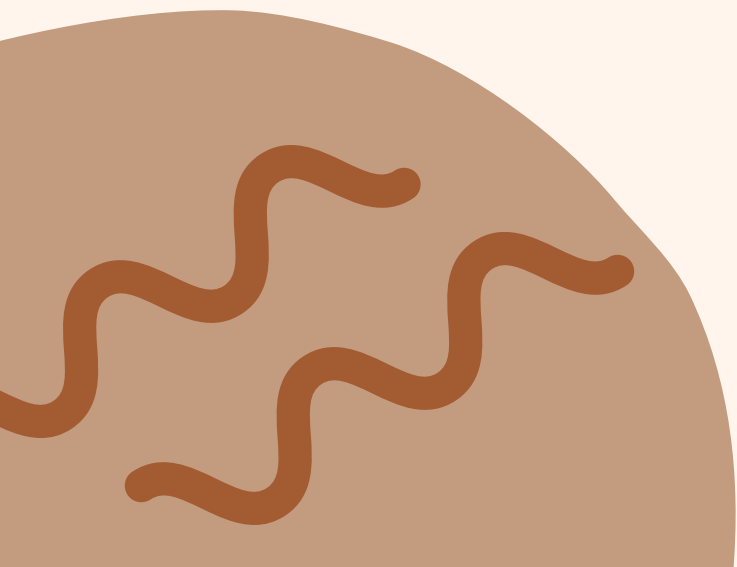
- Promote good mental health through prevention and early detection.
- Invest in training and capacity building that reinforces mental health across policies and improves access to treatment and care.
- Ensure good mental health at work by raising awareness and improving prevention.
- Protect children and the young during their most vulnerable and formative years.
- Address vulnerable groups by providing targeted support to those most in need, such as older people, people in difficult economic or social situations and migrant/refugee populations.
- Raising awareness and providing quality mental health support in humanitarian emergencies.






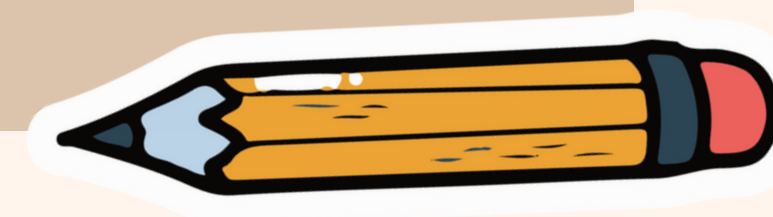
The initiative of the European Commission recognises the importance of addressing inequalities and discrimination through intersectionality and tailored support, particularly for people in vulnerable situations:

children and young people, women, older people, migrants, LGBTQ+, people experiencing homelessness, Roma communities, people in rural areas.



Education and Awareness

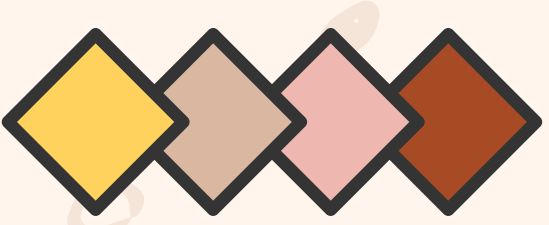
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- Comprehensive sexuality education
 - Education on gender equality
 - Education on violence against women, prevention methods and support strategies - from school to workplace
 - Campaigns raising awareness of the issue
 - Engaging men
 - Dignity, respect and empathy
 - Critical thinking about media portrayals of gender roles



Support Services

- Hotlines and helplines
- Shelters and safe spaces
- Access to healthcare, counselling and legal aid



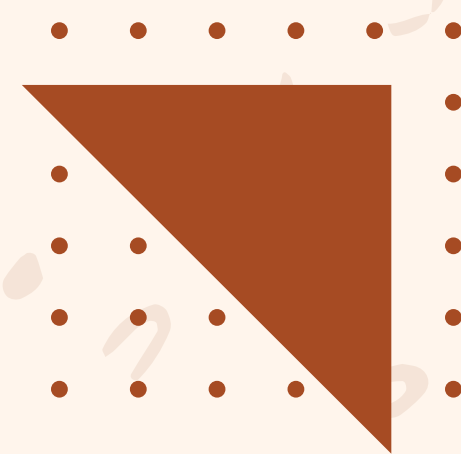


Economic Empowerment

Equal pay and equal opportunities

Stable, secure jobs

Domestic violence leave on full pay



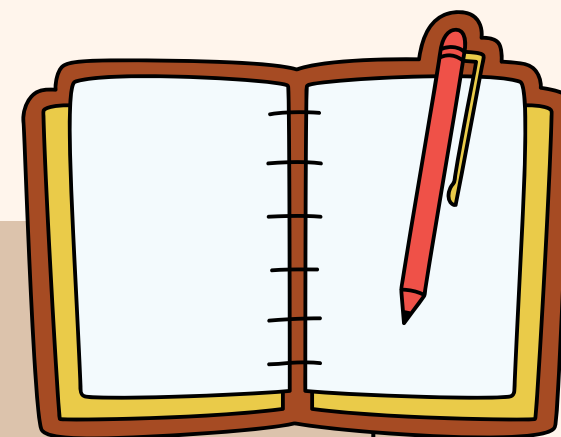


Research and Data Collection



- Evidence-based policies and targeted interventions.
- Disaggregated data.
- The EU provides funding on projects addressing violence against women with the Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values programme.

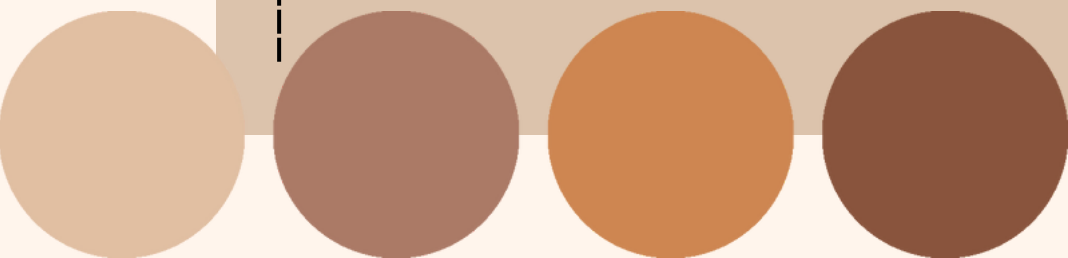
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In 2022 the European Psychiatric Association and the European Institute of Women's Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding, formalising their cooperation on the topic of gender and mental health.

These organisations jointly held a webinar 'The Interplay of Gender and Mental Health: A Global Health Issue' on the 12th of Sept 2023.

[You can watch it back here.](#)



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