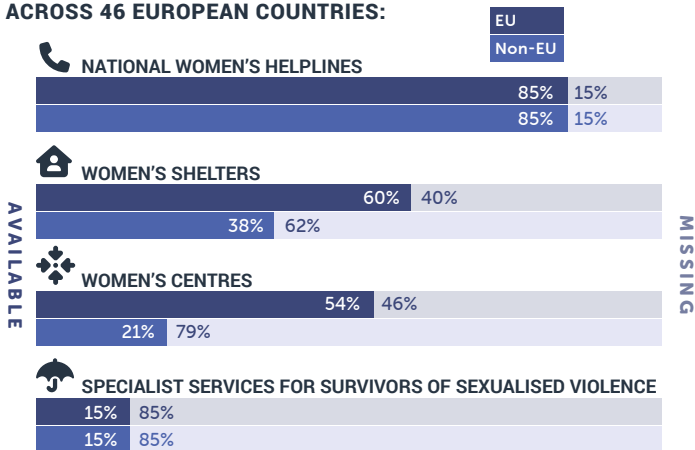


Supporting Women Survivors of Violence Across Europe: The State of Frontline Women's Specialist Services



Europe-wide evidence on the status, value and gaps of Specialist Services

A SNAPSHOT OF SERVICE PROVISION ACROSS 46 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:



The evidence is clear: major gaps remain in specialist support for survivors across Europe.

Know the gaps. Use the data.

WAVE Country Report 2025

The WAVE Country Report provides a data-driven overview of women's specialist services in 46 European countries. It tracks their availability and accessibility, and assesses progress against Istanbul Convention standards.

1. Access to support remains unequal

While most countries have national women's helplines, many still lack sufficient shelters, women's centres and specialist services for survivors of sexualised violence.

2. Women's Specialist Services are still underfunded and unevenly available

Service provision remains below minimum standards in most countries, and many services continue to rely on short-term or unstable funding.

3. New forms of violence require urgent responses

Technology-facilitated violence against women and girls is increasing across Europe, while women's specialist services are developing new tools, protocols and digital safety responses.

4. Data gaps weaken accountability

Data on specialist services and on violence against women are often lacking. Femicide data collection remains inconsistent, with feminist NGOs often leading the work of documenting gender-related killings.



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