



# B.E.F.O.R.E.

**BEST PRACTICES TO EMPOWER  
WOMEN AGAINST  
FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION,  
OPERATING FOR RIGHTS AND  
LEGAL EFFICACY**



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# BEFORE

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## OBJECTIVES

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Contributing to an increased efficacy of the legal and policy framework to prevent and combat FGM in Belgium, France and Italy.

Building on existing best practices at EU level;

Awareness-raising activities and campaigns;

Promoting the revision and implementation of policies, legislative and financial measures and procedures to assess prevalence, prevent and combat FGM at the national level;

Increasing the capacity of key professionals and CSOs to:

- provide support and protection to victims and potential victims of FGM;
- provide treatment to female perpetrators;
- sensitise migrant communities at risk.

In the 27 EU countries,  
500,000 women have  
undergone FGM  
&  
180,000 women and  
girls are at risk

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Multidisciplinary, multi-stakeholder and integrated approach

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Collection of existing best practices from different countries for a more effective legal and policy framework to prevent and combat FGM

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Focus on prevalence, prevention, prosecution and protection, crucial aspects in preventing and combating FGM

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## WHAT WE DID

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Advocacy at the national and international level



Engagement for gender-sensitive policies



Photographic exhibition UN CUT



Information sessions for youth and women



Broad-based stakeholder consultations



Comprehensive policy recommendations



Cartoon on FGM



Research



Holistic counseling and support



Trainings for key professionals (health, law, immigration)



## 19 information sessions

to mainstream prevention and protection against FGM. Targets included women, girls, men and boys of different generations, countries and communities.

## 9 trainings to key professionals

targeting medical staff (i.e. pediatricians, gynecologists, obstetricians, etc.), legal professionals, members of refugee commissions, women's shelters and associations of migrant women. The focus was on FGM related issues and to increase the effectiveness of referral systems.

## 4 photographic exhibitions

to raise awareness of civil society and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), institutional representatives, media and private bodies and donors.

## 3 national advocacy events

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# Increased awareness of relevant stakeholders at the national and EU level

The project will have a long-term impact in preventing and combating FGM, both through advocacy towards relevant institutions and through direct support to victims and/or women and girls at risk. Support by the well established partners' network at institutional and civil society level, as well as at the national and European level, will stimulate further action and synergies in the field beyond the end of the project.

## Policy Recommendations

Elaborated on the basis of a comparative study produced in the context of the project. They also include the conclusions of three thematic roundtables held in Brussels, Rome and Paris alongside a consultation of stakeholders held at the European Parliament.

These recommendations address:

- prevalence
- prevention
- protection
- prosecution
- EU institutions and Member States



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