



Invitation

Female genital mutilation How many girls are at risk in Malta?

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and the Maltese Ministry for European Affairs and Equality are pleased to invite you to the launch of the study on estimating the numbers of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Cyprus, Belgium, Greece, France, Italy and Malta. The event will take place on **4 February 2019** at the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality at Auberge d'Aragon, Independence Square, Valletta.

We will present our latest research that estimates the number of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Malta and the other selected Member States. We will explain the factors that motivate and discourage the practice from happening in the European Union and will provide our recommendations to strengthen policies and incentives to better protect girls at risk.

The presentation of the results will be accompanied by a roundtable discussion on the situation and the challenges of female genital mutilation in Malta, followed by a networking lunch.

The event will be conducted in English.

Please register through this [link](#) by 25 January 2019. Upon registration, our service provider will confirm your registration and provide you with all practical details.

We hope you will be able to attend the launch and find out more about the situation of female genital mutilation in Malta.

Yours sincerely,

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Helena Dalli, Minister for European Affairs and Equality, Malta

PROGRAMME

09:45 – 10:15 Registration and welcome coffee

10:15 – 11:15 Roundtable: Risk of female genital mutilation in Malta: scale and challenges

- *Welcome address by Simone Azzopardi, Commissioner for gender-based violence and domestic violence*
- *Estimating the number of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Malta*
Jurgita Peciuriene, European Institute for Gender Equality
- *Combating female genital mutilation in Malta*
Simone Azzopardi, Commissioner for Gender-based Violence and Domestic Violence
- *Situation of female genital mutilation in Malta and European cooperation*
Rebecca Muscat, Women's Rights Foundation

Moderated by Bernadette Gemmell, European Institute for Gender Equality

11:15 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 13:15 Networking lunch