Intimate Partner Violence and Witness Intervention: What are the deciding factors?
Methodology

Desk research
- Role of witnesses
- Factors
- Environments

Qualitative research
- Interviews with professionals
- Interviews with witnesses
- Focus groups
Main results of the desk research

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Factors that act as enablers

- Securing cooperation and consent of the victim
- Understanding intimate partner violence and knowing how to support victims
- Ability to report and give evidence anonymously
- Professional obligation
Factors that act as both enablers and barriers

- Involvement of dependent children
- Severity or type of violence
- Fear of escalation of violence
Factors that act as barriers

- Fear of repercussions
- Negative perceptions of police and judicial sectors
- Fear of escalation of violence
- Misperception of intimate partner as a private matter
Recommendations for the EU and Member States

1. Raise awareness on intimate partner violence in all its forms
2. Encourage witnesses to act even when they are unsure about the situation, and provide advice on possible courses of action
3. Provide guidance on the obligation of professionals to report
4. Ensure sensitive handling of reports by authorities and strengthen protection for witnesses
Let’s talk

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