

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

Protection measures for witnesses who report

Obligation to report by professionals

Environments where reporting occurs most often: friends and family, neighbourhoods and workplace

Need for more data!

Measures focused on the reporting process

Measures focused on raising awareness and changing behaviour





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

Raise awareness on intimate partner violence in all its forms

Encourage witnesses to act even when they are unsure about the situation, and provide advice on possible courses of action

Provide guidance on the obligation of professionals to report

Ensure sensitive handling of reports by authorities and strengthen protection for witnesses





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