



# EU initiatives on violence against women

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# European Commission's commitment

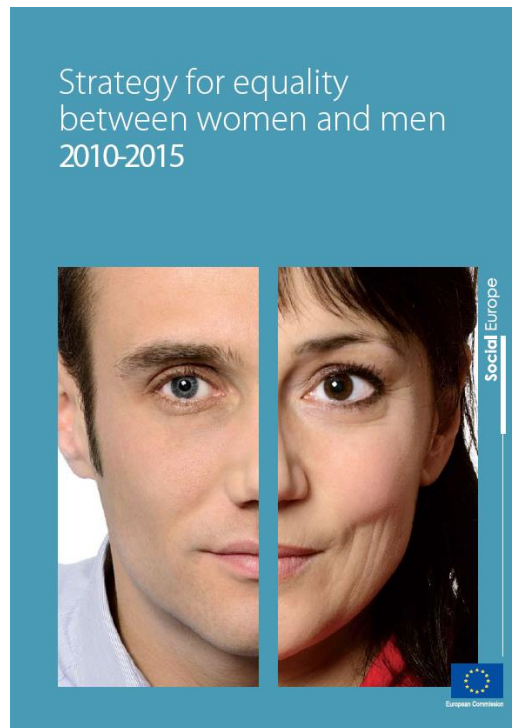
**2009**  
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**Women's  
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**Action Plan  
Implementing  
the Stockholm  
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**Strategy for  
Equality  
between  
Women and  
Men**

# Strategy for Equality between Women and Men 2010-2015

*Adopted on 21 September 2010*





Equal economic independence



Equal pay for equal work and work of equal value



Equality in decision-making



Dignity, integrity and an end to gender-based violence



Gender equality in external actions



Horizontal issues



European  
Commission

## LEGISLATION

- Trafficking
- Child abuse
- Minimum rights for victims
- European Protection Orders

## DATA COLLECTION

- Fundamental Rights Agency
- EIGE
- Eurostat
- Member States

# Main priorities

## ELIMINATING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

- Knowledge
- Prevention
- Protection
- Prosecution

## FUNDING

- DAPHNE III Programme
- PROGRESS Programme
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme
- Justice Programme



# Towards the elimination of female genital mutilation

Commission Communication of 25/11/2013

# FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

A procedure involving partial or total removal of women's or girls' external genitalia or other injury to their genital organs for non-medical reasons

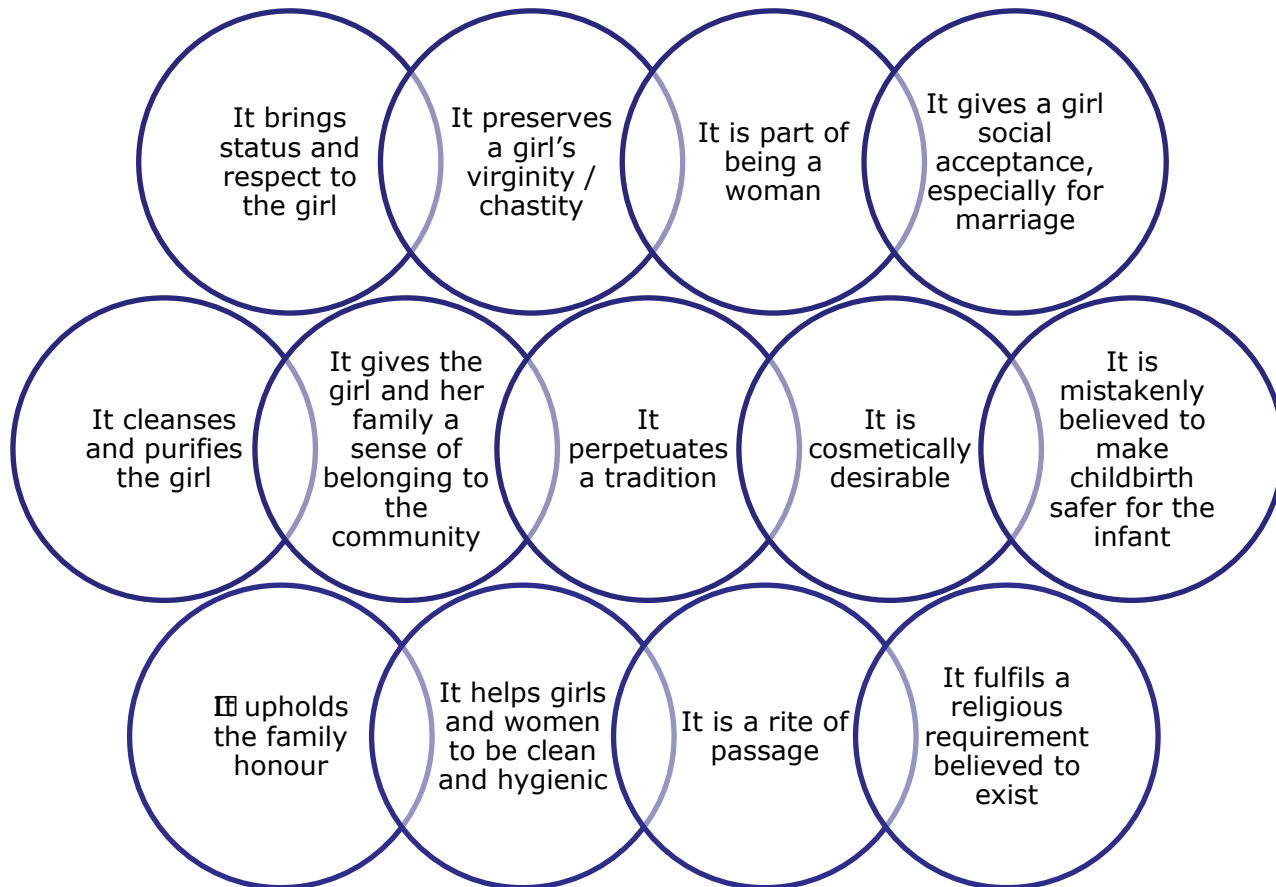
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TYPE 2  
Excision

TYPE 3  
Infibulation

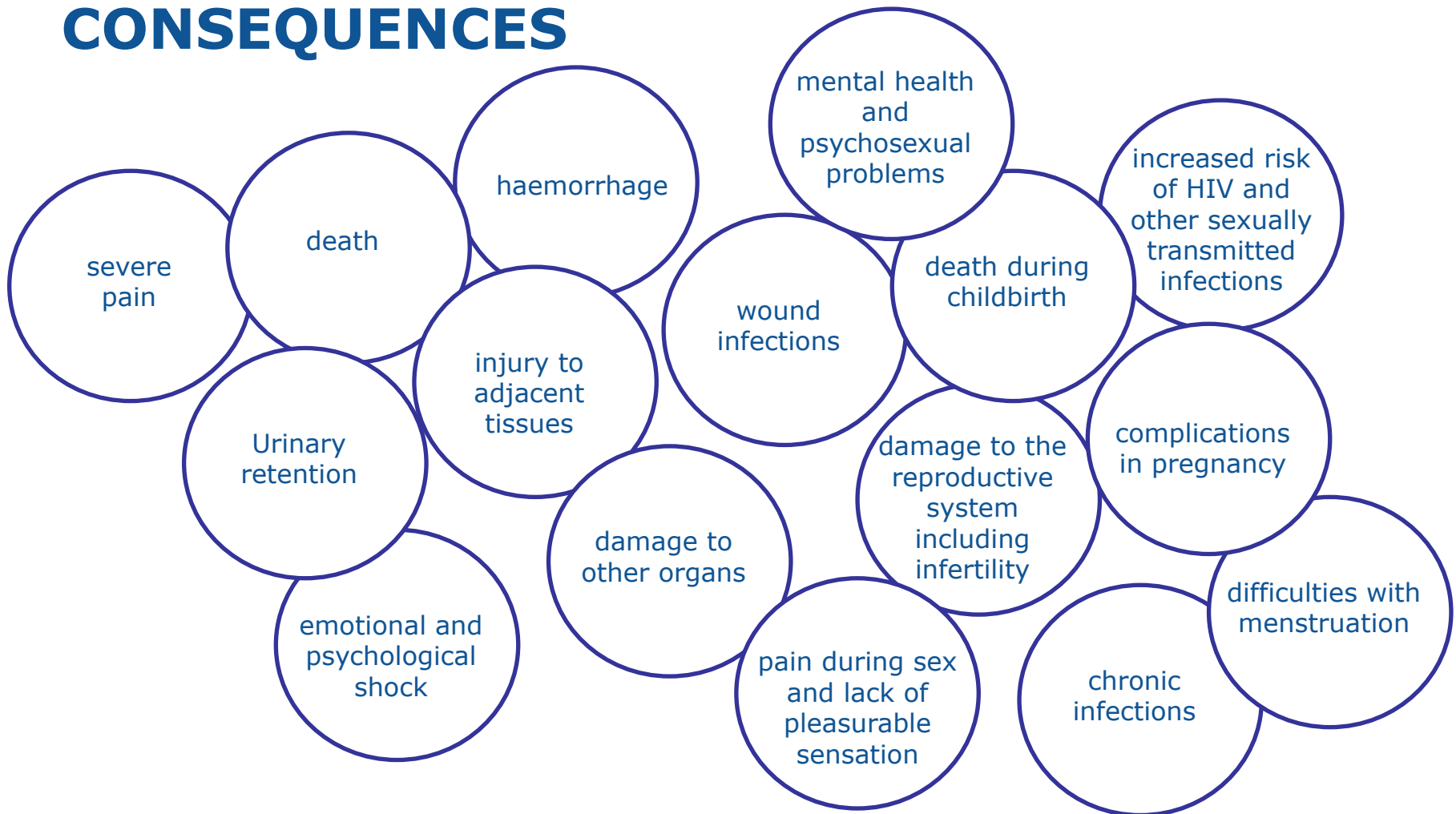
TYPE 4  
All other  
harmful  
procedures

## WHY ?





# CONSEQUENCES



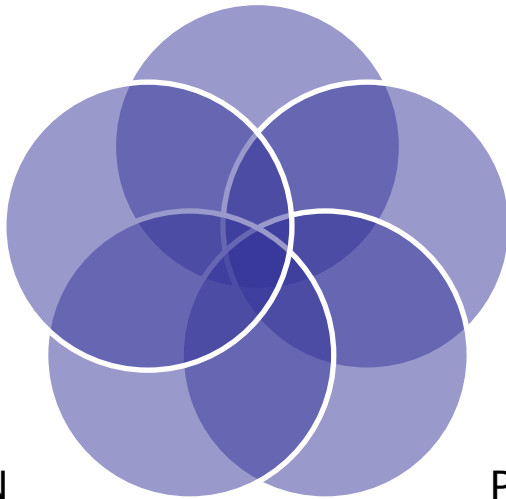
# FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION



# MAIN ISSUES

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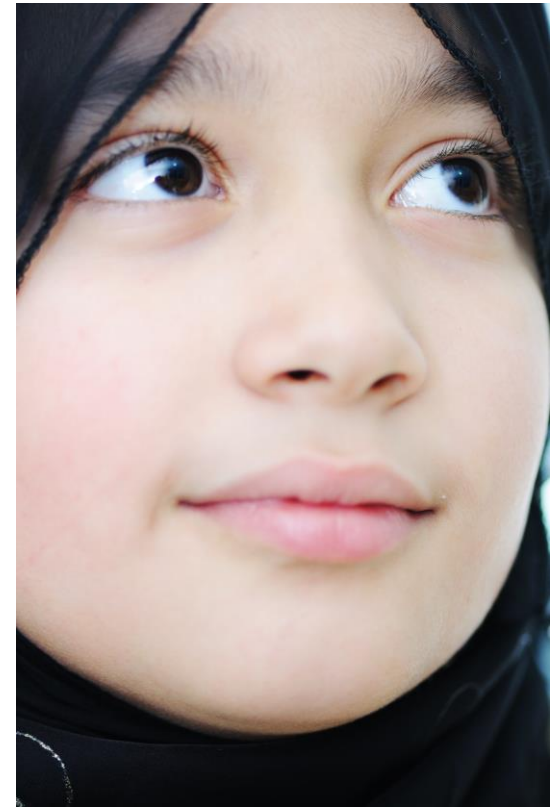
EXTERNAL  
ACTIONS



PREVENTION

PROTECTION

PROSECUTION



# KNOWLEDGE



## CHALLENGES

- 125 million victims worldwide
- 500 000 victims in the EU
- How many of girls at risk ?
- Circumstances of mutilations ?



## MEASURES

- Specific indicators
- Methodology
- Survey and research

# PREVENTION

## - PROMOTING SOCIAL CHANGE & MULTIDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION

### CHALLENGES

- A deep-rooted social norm
- Girls need protection
- Survivors of FGM need support
- Professionals need knowledge

### MEASURES

- NGOs activities
- Targeted awareness-raising
- Empowering migrant women
- Training for professionals
- Strengthen child protection systems
- Reporting



# PROSECUTION

## FACTS

- A crime in all Member States
- Provisions of extra-territoriality
- Prosecutions are rare



## MEASURES

- Analyse criminal laws and court cases related to FGM
- Training for legal practitioners
- Enforce the rights of victims of crime



# PROTECTION

## FACTS

- International protection
- Gender sensitive asylum procedures
- Gender sensitive reception conditions



## MEASURES

- Transposition and implementation of EU legislation
- Gender sensitive training tools and country of origin information



# ELIMINATION OF FGM GLOBALLY

## MEASURES

- Dialogue with relevant partner countries
- Training for staff working in EU-delegations
- Work closely with the African Union and African group





# IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, EVALUATION

## MEASURES

- Monitoring by an ad hoc group of the Commission's inter-service group on gender equality
- Regular consultation of NGOs and experts active in this field



## MORE INFORMATION ?

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/gender-violence/eliminating-female-genital-mutilation/>

