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# Domestic and Gender-based Violence, Istanbul Convention and state of play in the Czech Republic

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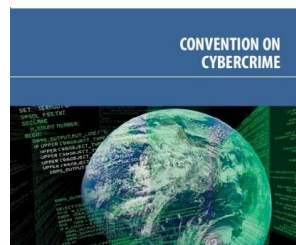
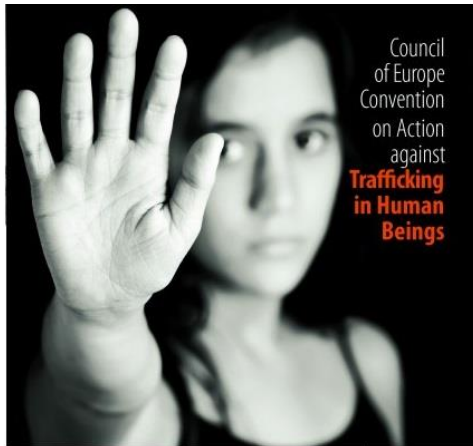
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## 200 Conventions



[www.coe.int/cybercrime](http://www.coe.int/cybercrime)



A photograph showing the back of a woman with long, wavy blonde hair. She is wearing a red top. A person in a brown jacket is embracing her from behind, with their hands resting on her shoulders. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

## **COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Istanbul  
Convention



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### Monitoring mechanism for the Istanbul Convention

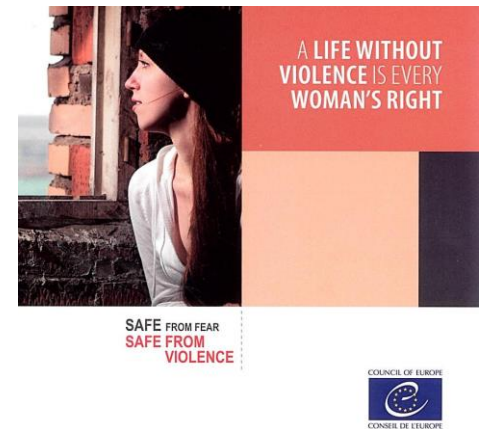
- independent group of 15 experts
- assesses countries' compliance with the Convention
- provides recommendations to address shortcomings
- forum to exchange good practices and progress at national and international levels

## Council of Europe added value: the strategic triangle



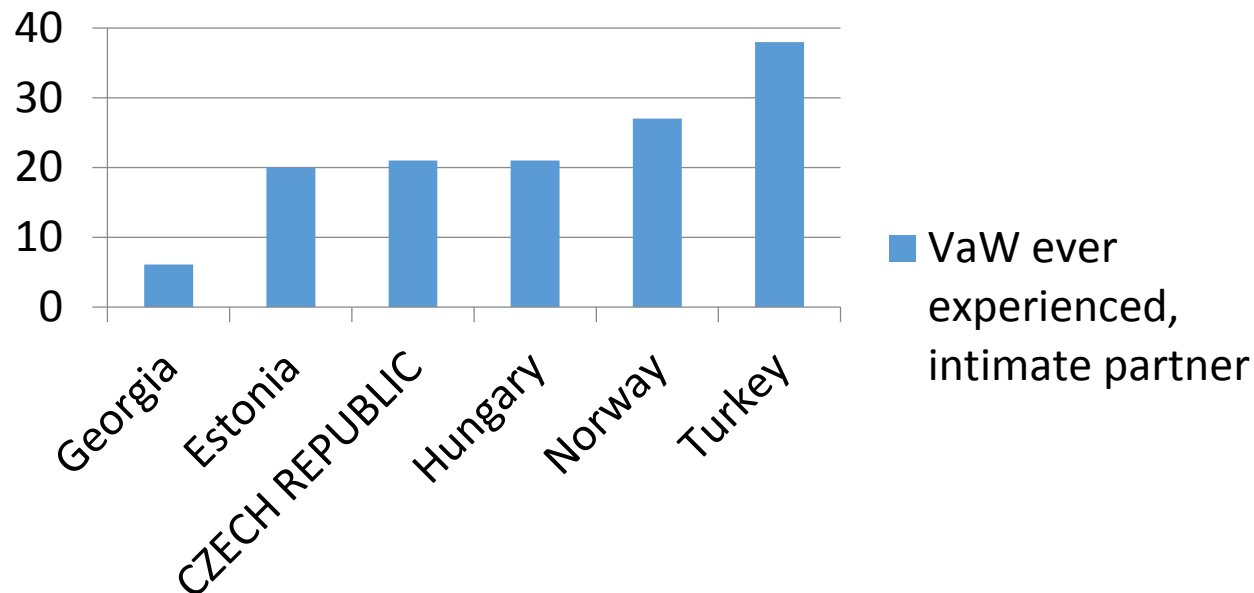
# Violence against Women in CoE member states

- 25% of women in CoE member states experience physical acts of violence at least once during their adult lives
- 15% find themselves in a relationship of domestic abuse
- more than 10% suffer sexual violence





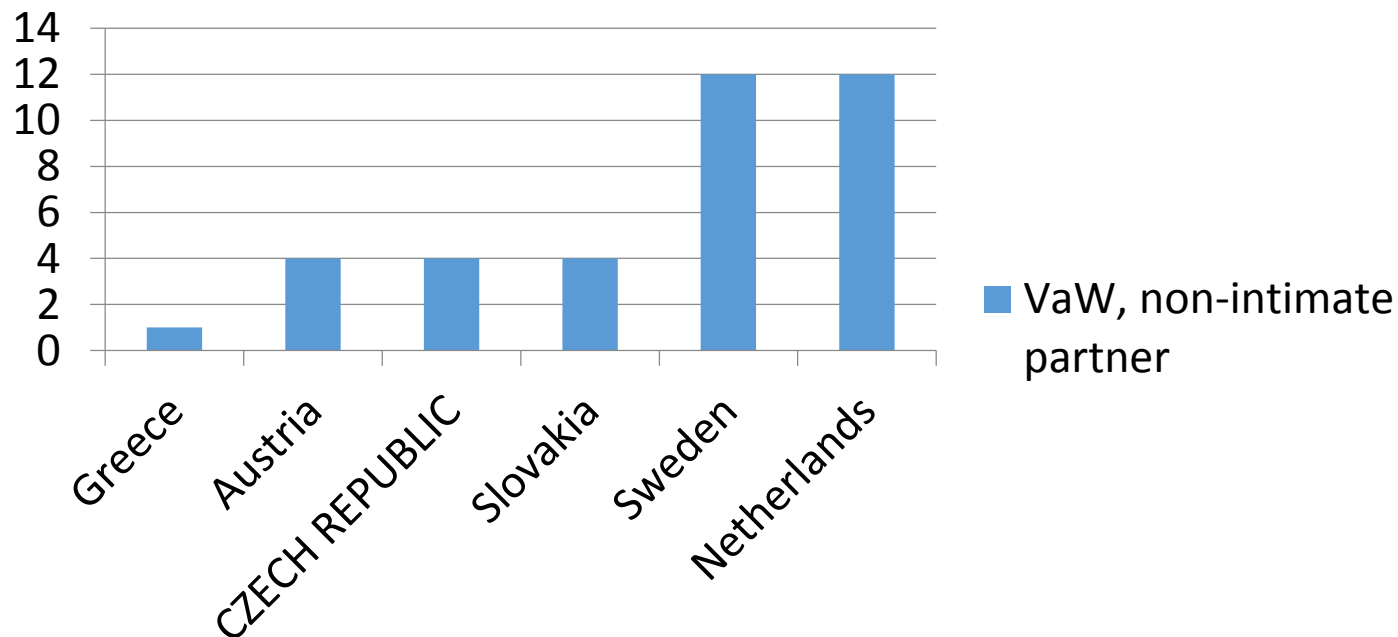
## Czech Republic *intimate partner violence*



- 21% of women over 15 report having faced physical or sexual intimate partner violence in the Czech Republic

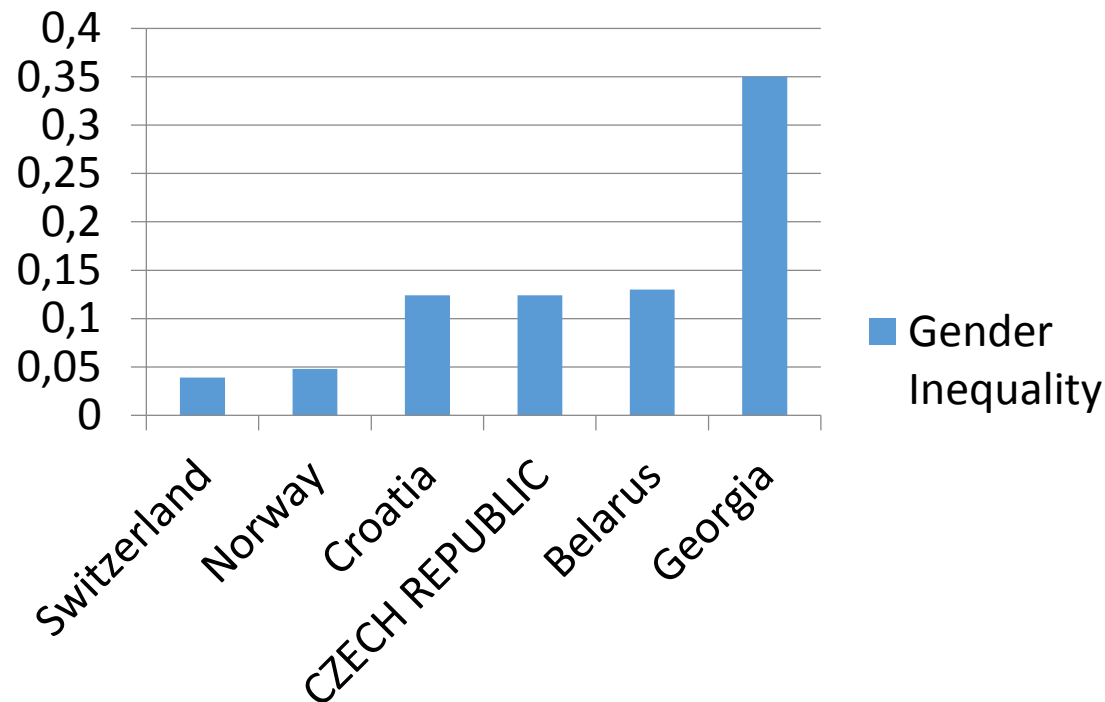
## Czech Republic

### *Violence against Women (non-intimate partner)*



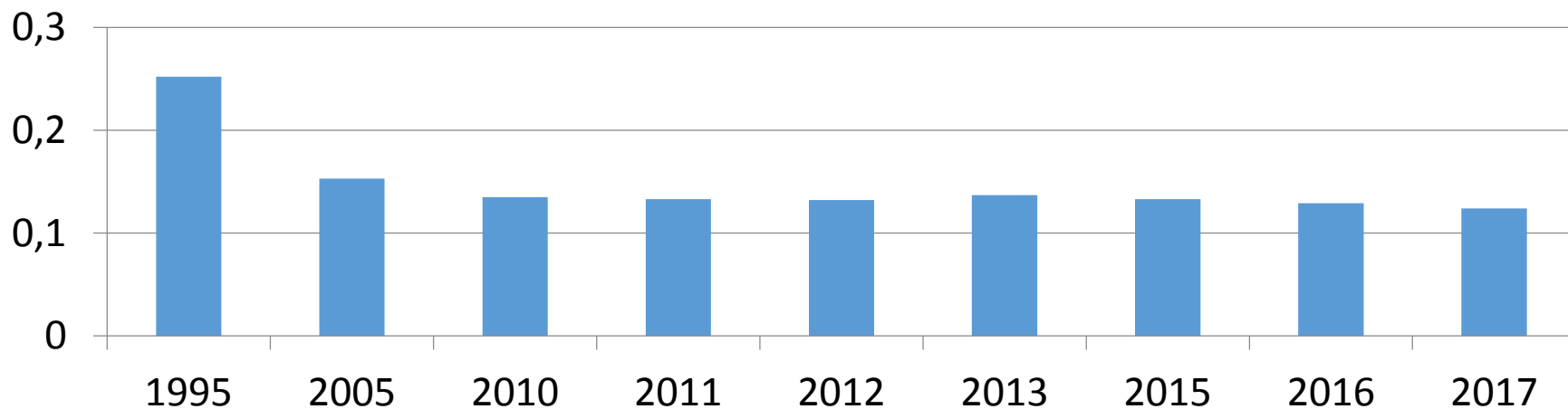
- 4% of women over 15 in the Czech Republic

## Czech Republic *Gender Inequality*



- Czech Republic is ranked **23rd** among the 47 CoE member states for **Gender Inequality**
- Composite - labour market participation, empowerment (education and political representation) and reproductive health

## Gender Inequality Index, Czech Republic



- *Composite - labour market participation, empowerment (education and political representation) and reproductive health.*
- *ranges from 0-1 where 0 is most equal*

## CoE Member States' gaps –

implementation of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation  
on the protection of women against violence

- policies and legislation
- support services for the different forms of violence
- policy and legislative gaps to criminalise and address all forms of violence against women
- policy on female genital mutilation
- financial resources
- shortage of shelter beds

# Czech Republic

## *prevention and protection concerns*

- addressing gender stereotypes
- supporting perpetrator programmes
- raising awareness
- training (judges and prosecutors)
- training of key professionals (police, healthcare and education professionals)
- specialised services (most vulnerable)
- improved access to justice
- reinforced data collection



We need to  
stand up for women's  
sexual and reproductive  
health and rights.

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# Istanbul Convention

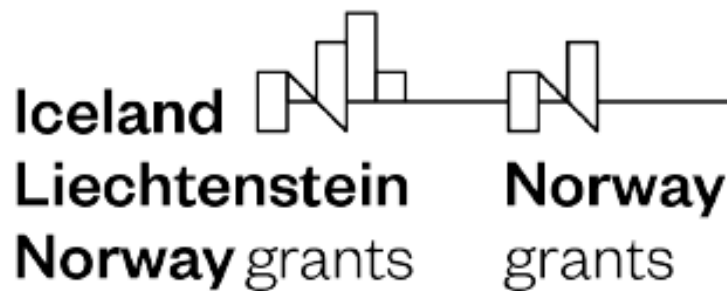
Violence against Women is a **human rights violation** and a form of discrimination

## *4 Ps*

- **prevent** violence against women
- **protect** its victims
- effectively **prosecute** the perpetrators
- comprehensive **policies**









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