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The figure for the cost of violence against women in question is from a 2021 study by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE): *The costs of gender-based violence in the European Union*, available on the agency website.¹

EIGE, the EU agency for gender equality, is governed by the rules set out in its founding regulation². EIGE's independent research is supported by an Experts' Forum, the Institute's advisory body, composed of members from relevant responsible bodies that deal with gender equality from all EU Member States.

A technical document accompanying the report, explains EIGE's rigorous methodologies in depth. Costs were calculated based on available data on economic output loss, health system utilization, criminal justice system costs, and the emotional and physical impact on victims. The methodologies ensure a comprehensive understanding and estimation of the economic costs related to gender-based and intimate partner violence.

¹ https://eige.europa.eu/newsroom/news/gender-based-violence-costs-eu-eu366-billion-year?language_content_entity=en#:~:text=The%20European%20Institute%20for%20Gender,do%20not%20have%20a%20price.

² Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality, OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 9–17.