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The Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence¹ aims to ensure that all victims of violence against women and domestic violence across Europe can benefit from the same comprehensive set of strong measures of prevention, protection, support, access to justice and improved coordination and cooperation.

In this regard, Article 25 of the Directive obliges Member States to ensure that specialist support services are available for victims and Member States are obliged to ensure that sufficient human and financial resources are available to provide these specialist support services. Recital 58 of the Directive further clarifies that specialist support could be provided by public authorities, victims' support organisations, or other non-governmental organisations, taking into account the geography and demographic composition of the Member States.

In addition, Member States are obliged to cooperate and hold regular consultations with civil society organisations, including non-governmental organisations working with victims, concerning the provision of adequate support to victims.

Member States, including Greece, will need to implement this Directive by June 2027. During this period, the Commission is and will be holding implementation workshops to steer the timely and complete transposition of the Directive.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on combating violence against women and domestic violence, OJ of 24.5.2024, L p. 1.