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The Commission is committed to fighting domestic violence across the EU. Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on combating violence against women and domestic violence requires that an individual assessment of the victim's protection needs is carried out at the time of first contact with competent authorities or as soon as possible thereafter. The assessment is based on the risk emanating from the offender, including the risk of repeated violence or of bodily harm, as well as the victim's individual circumstances, such as a pregnancy. Competent authorities must be granted the power to take adequate protection measures such as emergency barring, restraining and protection orders. 24/7 state-wide helplines are required to be in place, including possibly through online applications.

The full transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1385 by all Member States is expected by June 2027.

The 2025 call for proposals¹ under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme (Daphne strand) featured a priority on actions for the protection and support for victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence. This specifically included the development of tools to help Member States authorities in making the individual risk assessment and put in place protection and support measures at the earliest possible stage. The Commission is currently evaluating the proposals received.

The Commission is supporting Member States to exchange good practices in this area through the EU Network on the Prevention of Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence² which the Commission set up in November 2023, as well as through the Mutual Learning Programme³.

¹ Call document for the 'Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children', see priority 2, page 11, https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cerv/wp-call/2025/call-fiche_cerv-2025-daphne_en.pdf.

² See https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality/gender-equality-strategy_en#:~:text=In%20Autumn%202023%2C%20the%20Commission,of%20knowledge%20and%20good%20practice and <https://preventiongbv.eu/>.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality/who-we-work-gender-equality/mutual-learning-programme-gender-equality_en.