



German Institute  
for Human Rights

**National Rapporteur Mechanism  
on gender-based violence**

# Preventing Violence, Strengthening Protection

Gender-based violence is a severe human rights violation. To improve the protection of those affected by this form of violence, the German Institute for Human Rights was tasked by the Federal Government with setting up an independent National Rapporteur Mechanism. The National Rapporteur Mechanism has a mandate to monitor and support the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) in Germany.

## **Making violence visible**

The National Rapporteur Mechanism raises awareness of gender-based and domestic violence, promotes political debates and, by doing so, improves the protection for those affected.

## **Establishing a solid base of data**

The National Rapporteur Mechanism collects and analyses data on gender-based violence in Germany. It carries out human rights- and indicator-based monitoring in order to analyse and evaluate trends.

## Monitoring case law and legislation

The National Rapporteur Mechanism monitors the legislative situation and case law relating to gender-based violence in the light of human rights requirements. It regularly uploads judgements into *ius gender & gewalt*, its publicly accessible case-law database: [www.dimr.de/ius-gender-gewalt](http://www.dimr.de/ius-gender-gewalt)

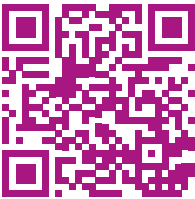
## Advising and making recommendations

The National Rapporteur Mechanism identifies gaps in protection and makes recommendations. It advises policymakers, bodies of public administration and civil society on the design of effective measures and programmes to combat gender-based and domestic violence. It draws up practical guidance material.

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