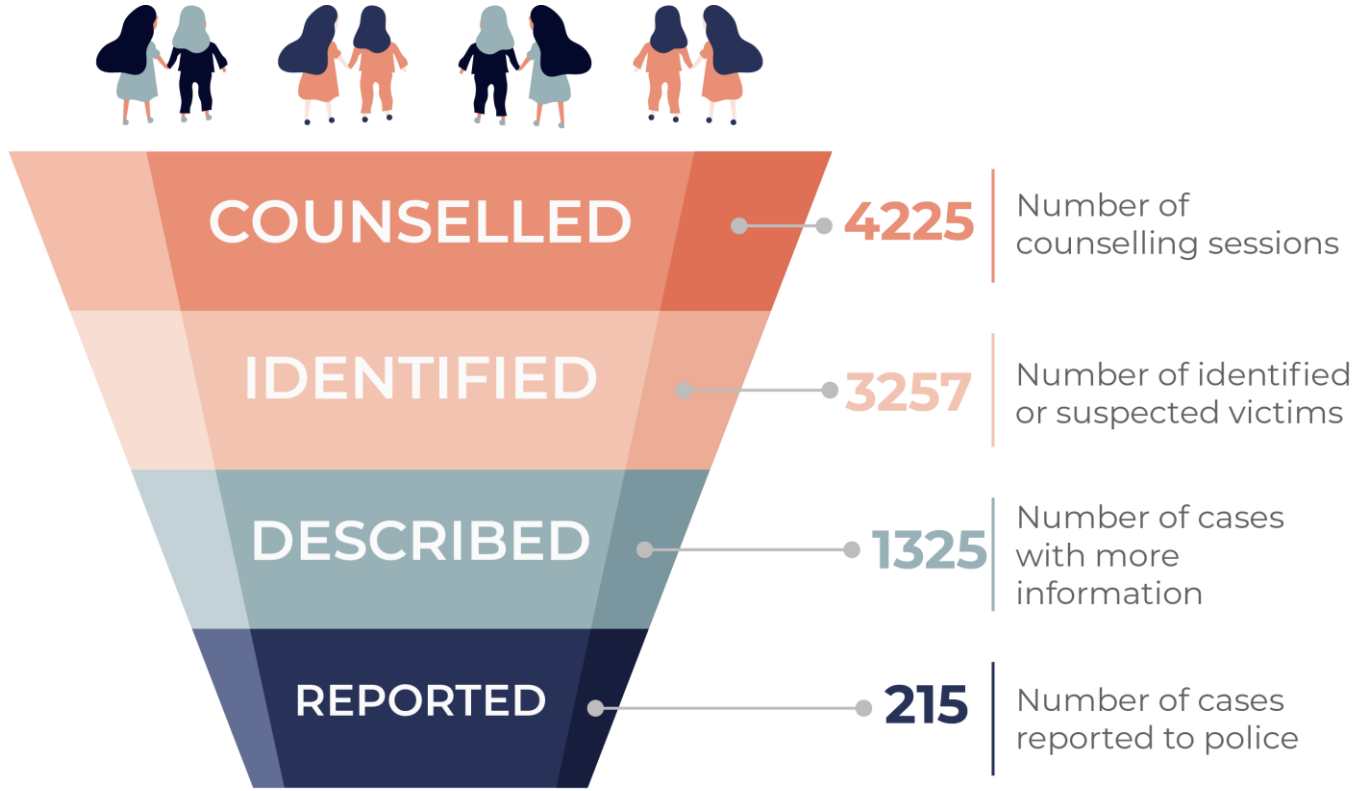




# Research to Action: overcoming the challenges of underreporting together with the victims and practitioners

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- Rich data: over 600 journals written by 30 counsellors in 6 countries over a period of a year
- Deep insights: into the experiences of women and why women were not receiving assistance & challenges in assistance

The data was collected by counsellors in the CCM-GBV project (funded from the European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreement No 776477 — CCM-GBV). The data collection methodology was designed for project monitoring purposes, and there might be differences in the reporting practices.

# Continuum of violence



Sexual assault, including rape



Domestic / intimate partner violence



Trafficking in human beings



Female genital mutilation



Forced marriage



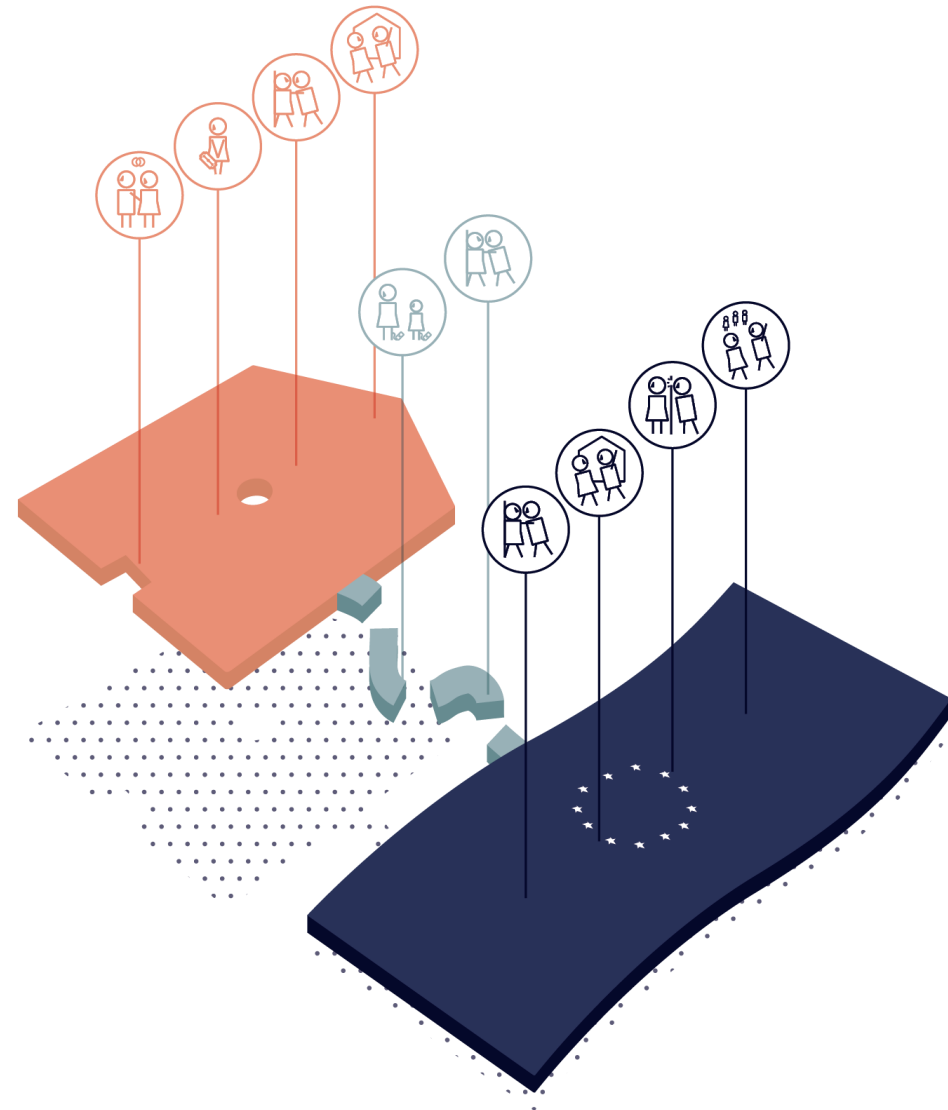
Sexual harassment



Honour-based violence



Stalking



# Victims' dilemma

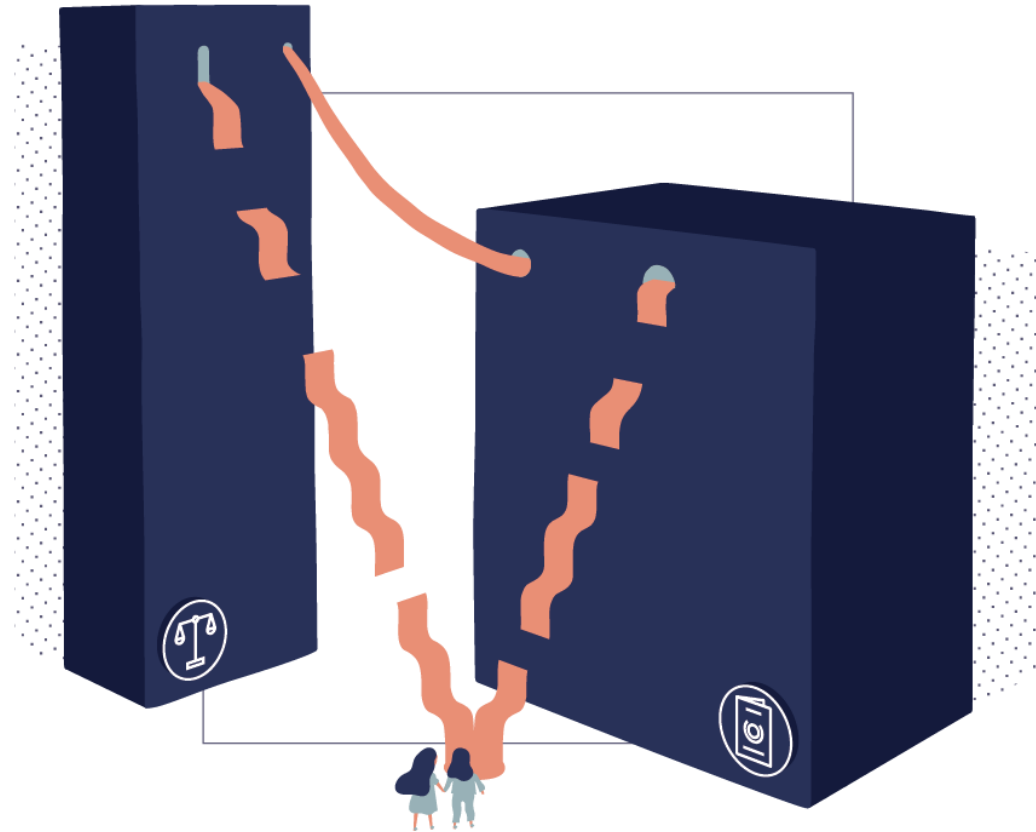


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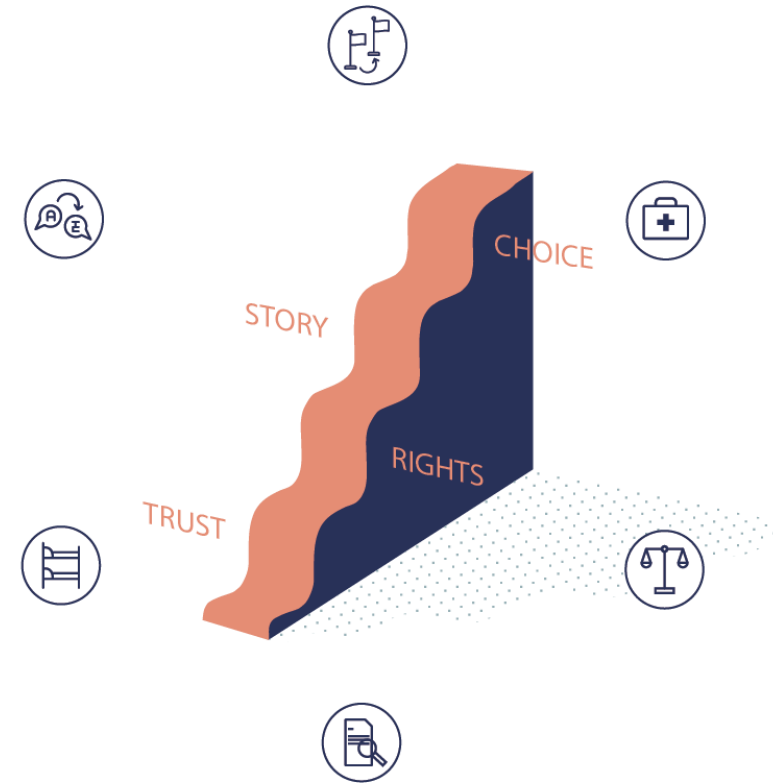


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## Gender-sensitive asylum process

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1. Identification of GBV victims
2. Information on GBV and rights
3. Legal representation
4. Female interpreter
5. Individual asylum decision
6. Training and guidelines on GBV



# Victim-centred criminal justice process

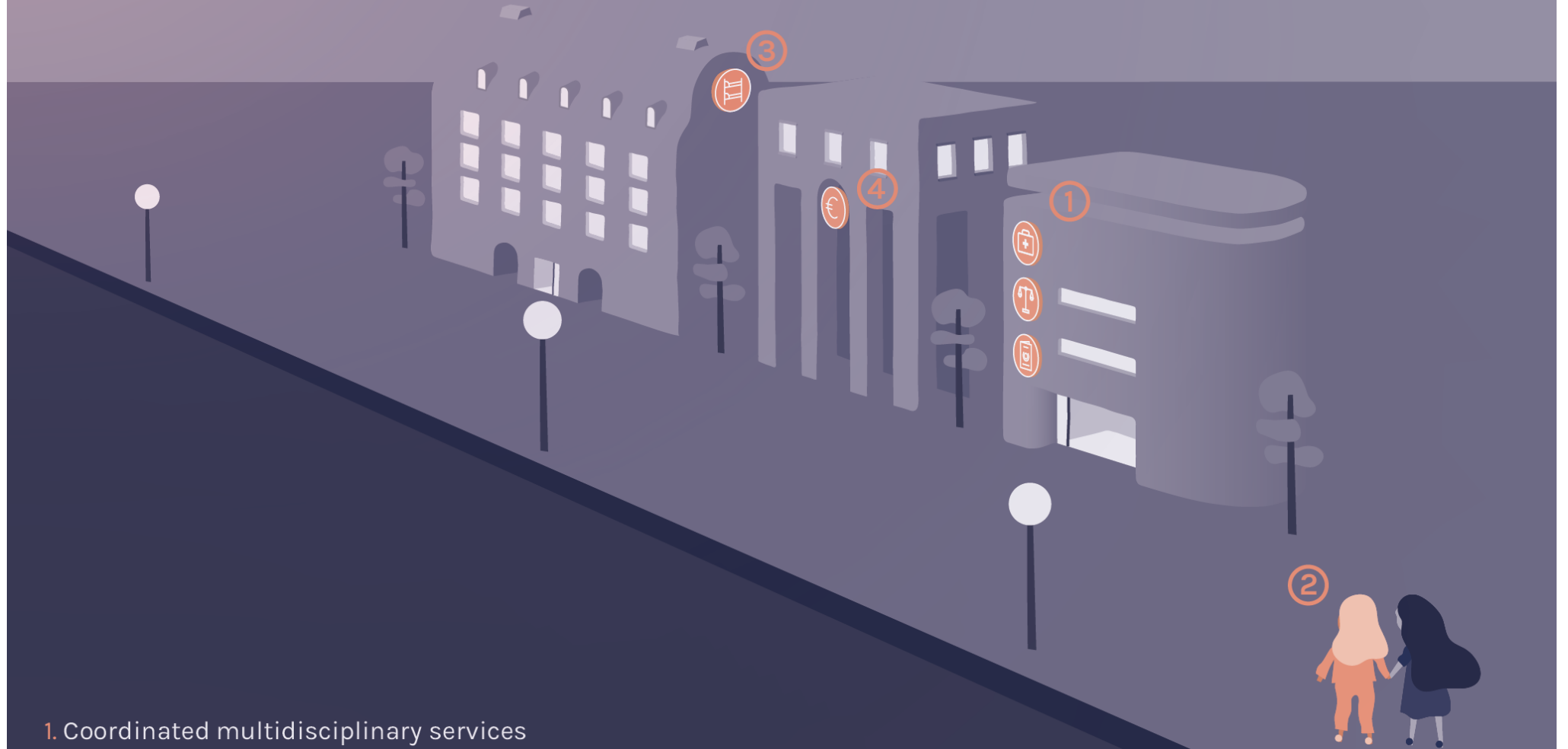


1. Victim-centred process
2. Right to understand and to be understood
3. Right to an interpreter and a support person
4. Systematic training on GBV
5. Pro-active referral to services

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## Services to victims of GBV



1. Coordinated multidisciplinary services
2. Long-term psycho-social counselling
3. Access to women's shelters
4. Funds for services

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# Main target groups for communication:

## 1. Women in migration

### Educative

#### Main tools:

- Social media
- Podcasts
- Info cafes
- Leaflets, posters

Style: using communications/terms/style accessible to the group

Different languages

## 2. Policymakers

### Advocacy

#### Main tools:

- Expert meetings
- Policy briefs
- Media visibility
- Newsletters
- Social media

Style: data-based information, human-rights based, legislative framework

## 3. Assistance providers

### Dissemination of the tools created

#### Main tools/channels:

- Your networks
- Scoping practitioners networks
- Newsletter
- Social media

Style: professional, practical, usable

## 1. Women in migration

- Info cafes provided by the NGOs
- Podcast series with real migrant women survivors



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## 2. Policymakers

- Policy recommendations and analysis
- HEUNI Report 91: Unseen Victims. Why Refugee Women Victims of Gender-Based Violence Do Not Receive Assistance in the EU (2020)



## 3. Assistance providers

- Handbook on counselling asylum seeking and refugee women victims of gender-based violence



- A Toolkit for Enhancing Counselling for Victims of Gender-Based Violence (2021)



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