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Each country (Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Romania, UK) completed an individual report which will be available on the website [www.osspe.eu](http://www.osspe.eu)

## INTRODUCTION

Domestic violence and specific  
abuse against women and girls  
is widespread, and the outbreak of  
COVID-19 has caused an increase in  
such cases worldwide (UN Women, 2020)

In addition, there has been a





## FINDINGS

Some countries have specific legislation mandating perpetrators onto program whereas others are voluntary. However all emphasised a general lack of service provision and limited funding. Greece and Romania have no coordinated prevention programmes, Italy has plans to develop them. Cyprus has one organization offering support, and there are various programmes offered in the UK. However where services exist, there is limited expertise, and availability depends on geographic region. Perpetrators noted additional barriers to accessing support, including general lack of awareness regarding what was available; long waiting lists, or courses running at daytime when they serve barristers.







