

## **Questionnaire**

### **Prevention of femicide or gender-related killings**

#### **Ireland's Response**

**November 2019**

Ireland's approach to tackling gender based violence is outlined in the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016 – 2021. This strategy aims to change societal attitudes to support a reduction in domestic and sexual violence, improve supports available to victims and survivors and hold perpetrators to account in order to create a safer Ireland.

The National Observatory on Violence Against Women was established in 2002 and is chaired by the National Women's Council of Ireland (NWCi). The Observatory is an independent non-governmental network of grassroots and national organisations that come together quarterly to monitor progress on violence against women in Ireland. The Observatory works closely with the Department of Justice and Equality as a stakeholder in the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016 – 2021. The Observatory links into the European Women's Lobby (EWL) European Observatory on Violence against Women.

In May 2019, the Minister for Justice and Equality Charlie Flanagan, announced a major independent in-depth research study on familicide and domestic homicide. This specialist research will look at the provision of supports to families and international best practice in the conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Furthermore, An Garda Síochána is currently developing policies and procedures to inform the overall policing approach to domestic homicides.

Irish NGO Women's Aid recently launched an independent report on femicide in Ireland. More information available [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note: This is an independent report by a non-governmental organisation and the Government cannot attest to the accuracy of its findings.