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ABSTRACT

Title	Survey on gender-based violence in Finland
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Statistics Finland is conducting a survey on gender-based violence during 2020-2022 in line with Eurostat EU Gender-based violence framework. The fieldwork will be conducted during autumn 2021 and the results will be available in 2022.

The survey gathers information on gender-based violence in different environments (home, work, urban environment), the prevalence of violence and the impacts of violence on the individual. Data is collected by a web-based form.

The sample of the national study consists of 15,000 women aged 18 to 74, in line with Eurostat guidelines. In addition, our sample includes 5,000 women aged 16 to 17 and 5,000 men aged 18 to 74, bringing the total national sample size to 25,000.

The study is mainly financed by Eurostat. The rest of the costs are covered by Statistics Finland and three Finnish ministries: Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

The survey consists mostly of questions drafted by Eurostat. Along with these predefined segments of the survey, specific national questions were included in the Finnish survey. The national questions handle for example the effects of the covid-19 pandemic to safety at home, use of women's shelters in Finland, issues regarding honour related violence and encountering online hate speech as well as respondents' perceived sense of safety in different everyday situations.

An expert group with members from national funders and other relevant national organizations support the conduction of the survey in its different phases. The expert group worked closely on the questionnaire to achieve the best possible form and relevance of the questions.

In the presentation, we will give an overview of the Finnish survey and share our good practices.