

Cyberviolence as a Gendered Phenomenon

**Higher
Prevalence
and Stronger
Impact**

- 1 in 10 EU women cyber-harassed since age 15 (FRA 2014)
- Repeated and Severe Abuse → More Consequences
- Intersections of Gender → Multiplicative Effect

**Exclusive
Gendered
Forms**

**Image-based Sexual abuse / Sextortion
Unwanted Sexualisation / Slut-shaming
Rape Threats etc.**

**Widening the
Gender
Digital Divide**

- Abandonment of Digital Spaces
- Contributing to STEM/ICT gender segregation
- Widening Gender Pay Gap



OFFLINE-ONLINE Continuum of Violence

The Truth about CVAWG

Cyberviolence Against Women and Girls

is a Form of Gender-based Violence

Main Challenges of CVAWG

Different Forms

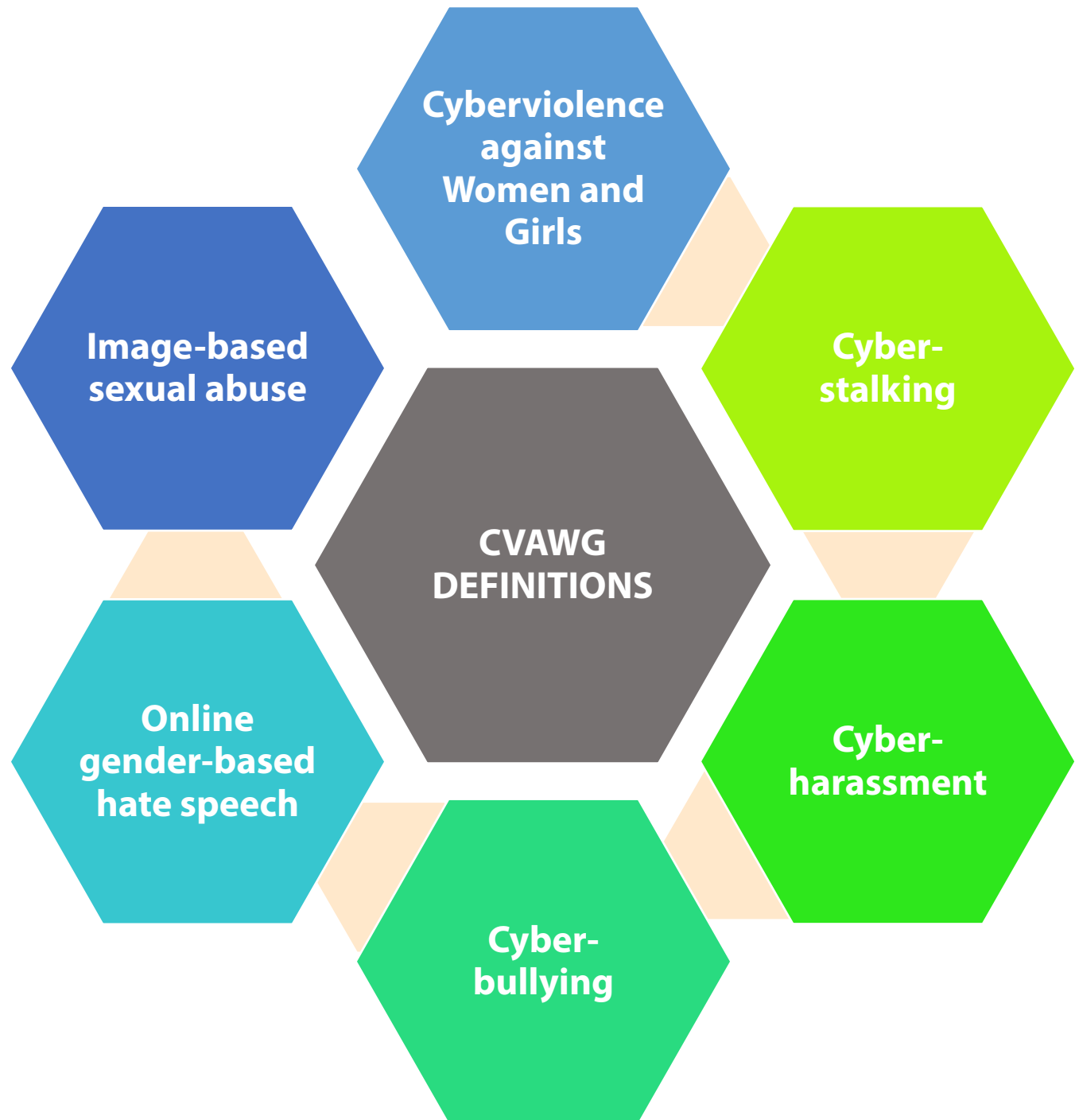
Different Platforms

Different Perpetrators

Evolving Digital Environment

Cross-border & Cross-cultural Phenomenon

NEW GENDER-BASED DEFINITIONS



Conclusions

1. Cyberviolence is GENDERED and INTERSECTIONAL



2. Legal instruments are GENERAL and UNHARMONIZED



3. Data collection is LIMITED and UNSYSTEMATIC



4. Definitions are GENDER-BLIND and UNHARMONIZED



**DEVELOP AND ADOPT HARMONISED
CVAWG DEFINITIONS THAT:**

**Include a Gender and Intersectional
Dimension**

**Highlight the Continuum between
Online and Offline Violence**

Ensure Mutual Excludability

**Are applicable to Data Collection from
Different Sources**