

The Istanbul Convention

A tool to end female genital mutilation

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END FGM
EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

**Council of Europe Conference
Rights of the Child
March 2014**

Female Genital Mutilation in Europe

500,000

WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING IN EUROPE HAVE UNDERGONE FGM
(EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)

180,000

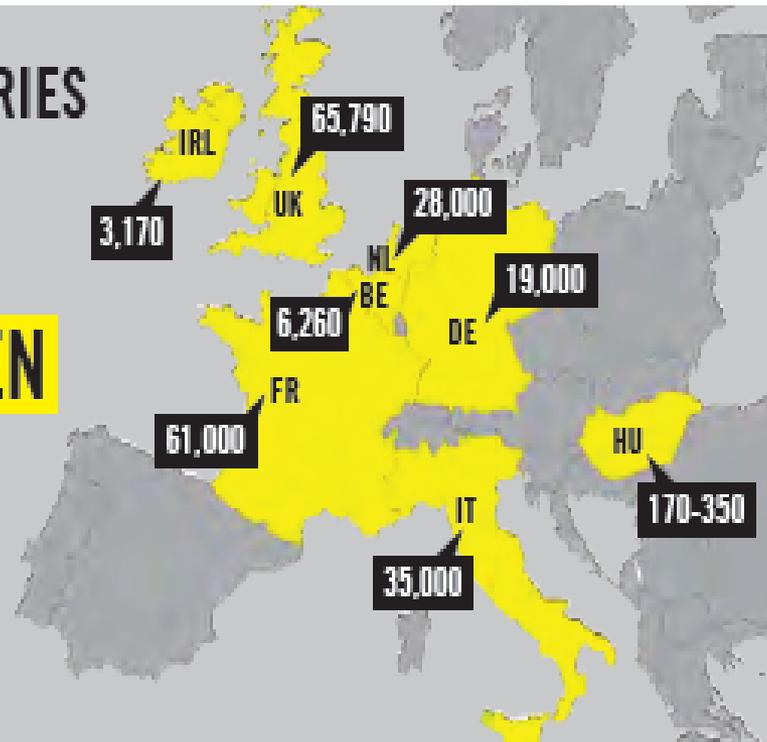
AT RISK EVERY YEAR

SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
HAVE ESTIMATES OF THE

NUMBER OF WOMEN

AND GIRLS LIVING

WITH FGM



EVERY MINUTE, **5 GIRLS**
ARE SUBJECTED TO FGM IN THE
WORLD (WHO)

UNHCR ESTIMATES

9,000



WOMEN AND GIRLS THAT HAVE UNDERGONE
FGM SEEK ASYLUM IN EUROPE

1,000

ASYLUM CLAIMS EACH YEAR
ARE RELATED TO FGM

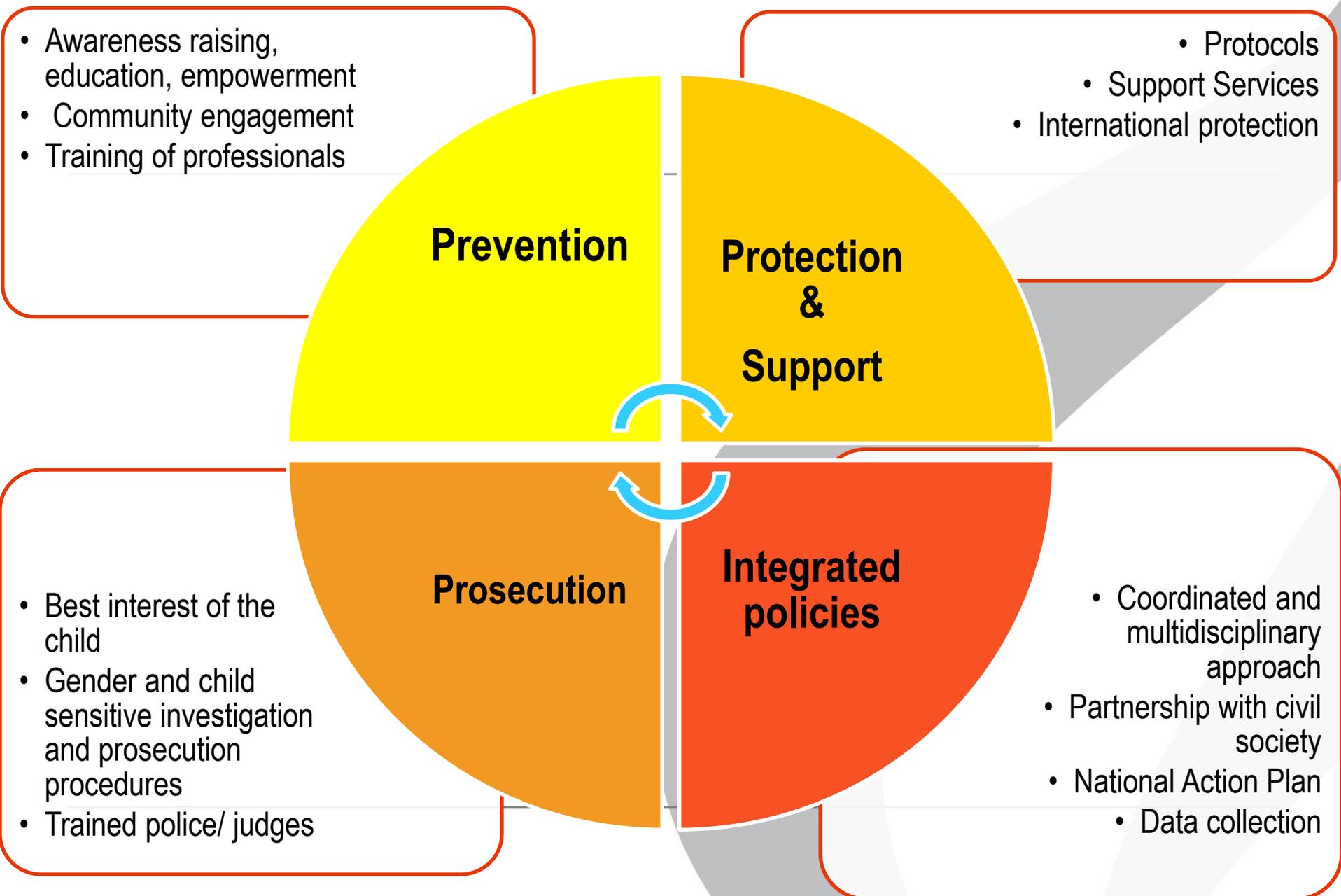


END FGM European Campaign

- **European Action Plan on FGM:**
Put female genital mutilation (FGM) on the agenda of the European Union (EU)
- Echo the **voices** of affected women

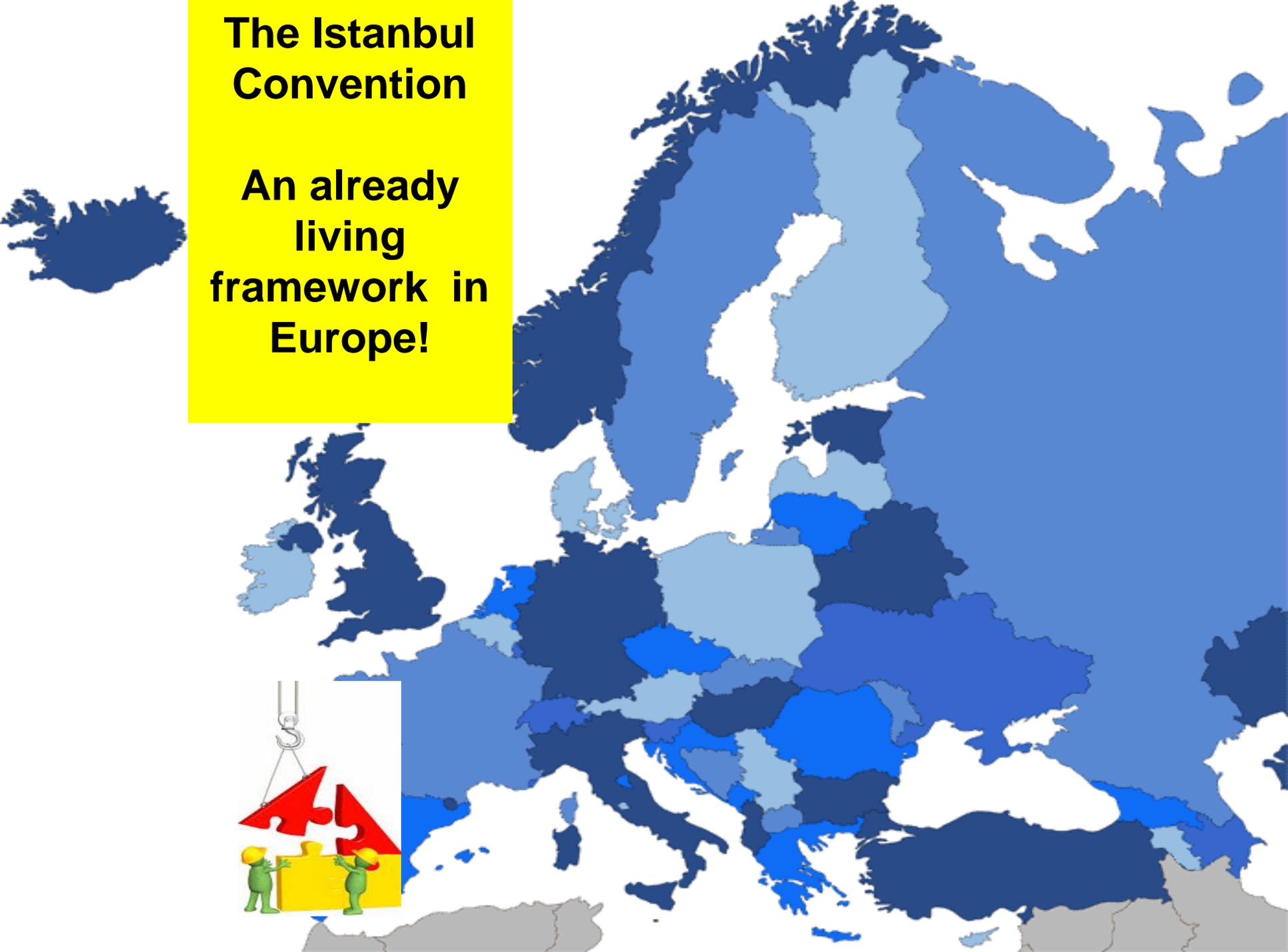


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An already living framework in Europe!



Prevention

Awareness-raising

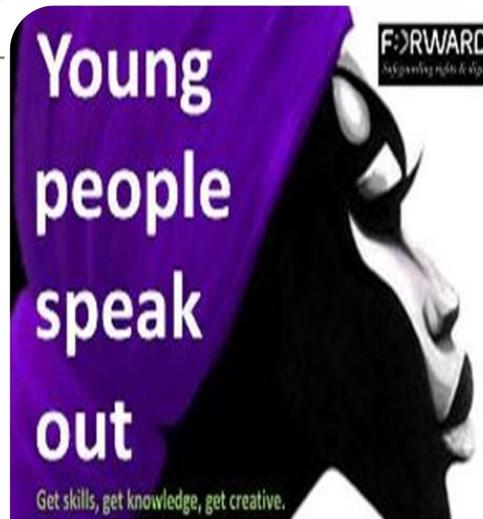
Stereotypes, beliefs

Training people

Engage young people

CSOs, Community engagement

Promising practices



UK
YPSO!
programme



EU (EN,IT,PT)
United to END
FGM
E-learning
training

"Mama tied a blindfold over my eyes.
The next thing I felt my flesh was being cut away.
I heard the blade sawing back and forth through
my skin. The pain between my legs was so
intense I wished I would die."

Waris Dirie, UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador and spokesperson on FGM

➤ Objectives:

- ❖ Learn more about FGM
- ❖ Support and protect

➤ Designed for:

- ❖ Health professionals
- ❖ Asylum officers
- ❖ Social workers
- ❖ Relevant NGO staff

Promising practices



BELGIUM

Gender and child sensitive asylum procedures



MALTA

Migrant Health Unit

Protection & Support

Access and quality of support services

ALL survivors

Protocols for professionals

International protection

Prosecution

Improve the criminal justice system

Best Interest of the Child

Gender and child sensitive investigation and procedures

Trained police and judges

Promising practices



Spain

Catalan Protocol for the prevention of FGM



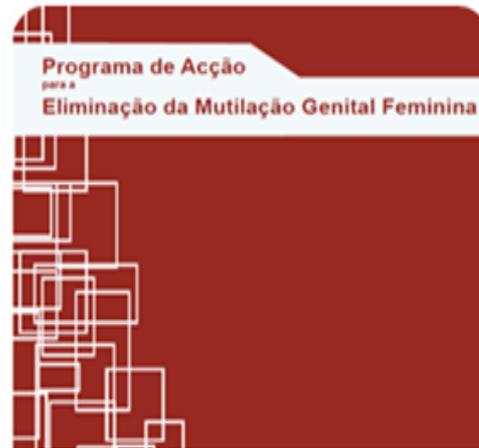
UK

- > Metropolitan police – guide to investigation
- > UK Prosecution office guidelines

Promising practices



**EUROPEAN
COMMISSION**
Action Plan



PORTUGAL
Programme of
Action

Integrated policies

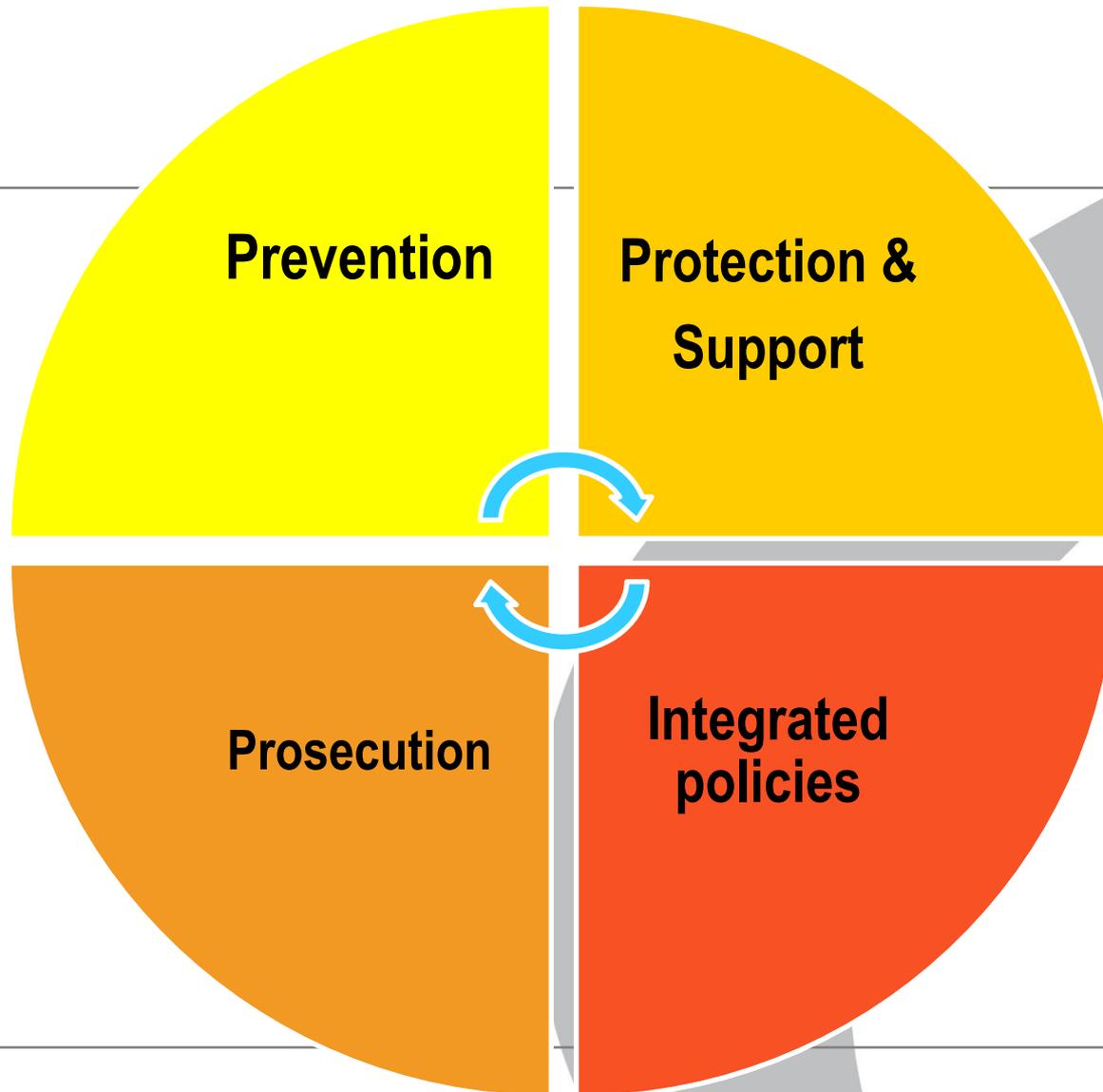
Coordination

Multi disciplinary

Action plans

Data / Research

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Challenges and Recommendations

**Council of
Europe**

**Promotes
Supports
Monitors**

Standards

- Signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention
- Implement the UN General Assembly resolution on FGM
- National Action Plan on FGM

Actions

- Coordinated approach, at all levels
- Reflect on the best interest of the child (in protection and prosecution)
- Data collection



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