

Response of the Croatian Authorities regarding the violence against women, its causes and consequences

- **The number of women killed by their partners (intimate partner killings) or by family members or other killings by unrelated persons but gender related**

Year	Total number of killings in the Republic of Croatia	Total number of women killed	Total number of women killed by close persons	Total number of women killed by intimate partners
2016	43	20	18	11
2017	43	18	12	9
by 1 December 2018	20	8	5	4

- **Number of killings of children, disaggregated by sex, in the context of gender-related violence against women**

No killings of children based on gender or gender-based violence have been registered.

- **Existence of, or progress in, the creation of a national femicide watch and/or observatory on violence against women**

In October 2017, the first meeting of the Observatory for comprehensive monitoring, data collection, analysis and reporting on the killings of women - Femicide Watch - was held at the Office of the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality. The practice was set up of the police informing the Ombudsperson on every killing of a woman, including a short description and analysis of each case. Furthermore, at the regional level (police administrations) and the national level (General Police Directorate), each and every police procedure is checked in order to determine the causes and motives for the killing and the related risk assessment. A quality and tactics analysis of previous police procedures are also conducted. In order to gain comprehensive insight into the incidence and connection of risk factors with killings of women, the General Police Directorate conducted a survey entitled "Gender-based Violence – Femicide Watch". This year the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** was marked by the first public presentation of the findings of this survey. The survey was conducted based on the investigation of each individual case relating to a criminal act against women with lethal consequences committed in 2016 and 2017. The findings presented will be useful to the police, but may also be useful to our partners, in their further planning of preventive activities aimed at the protection of women from the gravest forms of abuse. The survey will continue with an analysis of all the cases of killings of women at the end of each calendar year.

- **Analysis of cases and actions undertaken in this respect**

Should it be determined in the analysis of a case of a killed woman that there have been violations or non-recognition of gender-based violence, the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality shall deliver recommendations and warnings that will be passed on by the General Police Directorate to the entire

operative police system in the Republic of Croatia. Simultaneously, the competent police organisational unit monitoring the issue of domestic violence and violence against women at the national level, in each case analysis of a killing of a woman, shall deliver instructions on procedure to its organisational units in the field should it find any omissions in procedure tactics or in detected areas of police procedure that could be improved in the future.

- **Related investigations, prosecutions and convictions of all cases of gender-related killings**

The police conducted criminal investigations in all cases of killings of women, which resulted in determining the identity of the perpetrators and filing criminal charges with the competent state attorneys' offices. Thus, no unsolved cases of killings of women were registered in the period under observation.