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### Violence against women

Millions of women and girls worldwide experience violence every day. This abuse takes many forms, including intimate physical and sexual partner violence, female genital mutilation, child and forced marriage, sex trafficking, and rape. A **just published** Lancet Series on Violence against women and girls shows that such abuse is preventable. Progress is being achieved since our groundbreaking convention to end violence against women, also known as the **Istanbul Convention**, entered into force for the **15 countries** that have ratified it so far.



### The immigrant democratic deficit and the rising far-right

Actions countering the far-right are mostly limited to election periods. The rest of the time, policymakers and civil society are overlooking a growing democratic deficit that inflates the far right's electoral results; immigrants themselves simply do not count in most elections. Voter registration and turnout are on average lower among immigrant voters, though these levels are generally related to their age, education level, duration of residence, and interest in the election issues. The major unaddressed issue is that, unlike in traditional countries of immigration, such as Australia and Canada, most immigrants in Western Europe are not naturalised and thus not eligible to

vote in national elections, most regional elections, and (for non-EU citizens) in European elections. ([more...](#))

Including a number of tools developed by youth organisations.



The outcomes of the 2014 Inventory includes: a synthesis report; 36 country reports, covering 33 European countries, and corresponding country fiches, - two fiches were produced for each country, one mapping the situation in 2010 and one in 2014. In this executive summary we treat each country report as a 'country' in the presentation of the narrative and tables; two case studies providing examples of validation 'in practice'; eight thematic reports. ([more...](#))

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

Vote for the European Border Breakers Awards and win a free trip!



Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity is a strong part of its cultural appeal, but linguistic barriers sometimes make it harder for artists to work internationally and achieve cross-border sales success. The European Border Breakers Awards (EBBA) seeks to help them overcome these obstacles; they are about breaking borders! Now it is up to you to decide who the winner of the Public Choice Award will be! Cast your vote on the European Border Breakers Awards website and have a chance to win a free trip to Groningen, the Netherlands, where the EBBA awards ceremony will take place at the **Eurosonic Noorderslag showcase festival** on 14 January 2015.