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Foundation

ABOUT

Women's Rights Foundation (WRF) is a voluntary organisation committed to :-

- ▶ Empowering women – we do this by providing our clients with information as to their legal rights
- ▶ Protect women's rights through influencing laws, policy and practice,
- ▶ Preventing violence against women by raising public awareness and training,
- ▶ Provide voluntary services to inform women and their children about their legal rights

WHO WE SERVE

- ▶ Our clients are women and their children survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, human trafficking, gender discrimination.
- ▶ They reach us through social media such as facebook and email.
- ▶ We also get a large number of referrals from the police, social welfare (Agenzija Appogg, FSWS) and other NGOs.
- ▶ We represent our clients in their criminal cases and civil cases as well as represent them in human rights cases.

Malta Observatory on Femicide

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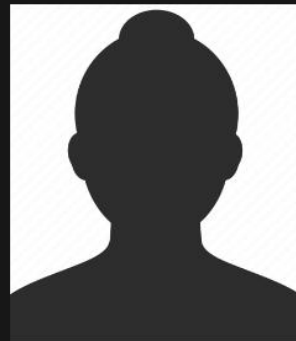
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RESOURCES

EVENTS

CONTACT

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OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Raise Awareness on Femicide
- ▶ Provide Info on Femicide Related Issues
- ▶ Collect Data, Statistics & Facts on Femicide
- ▶ Have Periodical Domestic Homicide Reviews
- ▶ Serve As A Repository For Research & Studies on Femicide

Projects and research on femicide

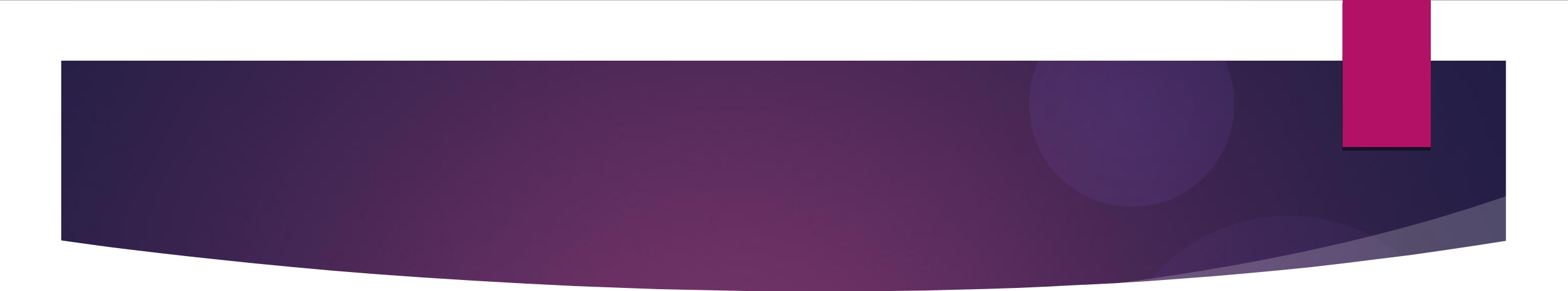
- ▶ WRF has been lead on EIGE research on femicide: Improving legal responses to counter femicide in the European Union: Perspectives from victims and professionals, published in 2023
- ▶ Project partner in FemUNited, EU funded project created a national country report on femicide, a comparative report with another 4 Member States, action plan and policy brief

State obligations

- ▶ As a party to the Istanbul Convention Malta has recognised that violence against women is breach of fundamental rights and that this form of violence is discriminatory against women
- ▶ We need true change of culture and mentality
- ▶ Need to STOP taking a gender neutral approach and implement the convention to its true spirit and as a parliament you can do this

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Ongoing training, including specialised training for front line professionals, including police and judiciary
- ▶ Target possible harmful Attitudes, Behaviours and Stereotypes (ABS) present in frontline professionals and in the institutions as well as public and educational campaigns
- ▶ Address cultural beliefs around violence against women through campaigns and training in order to focus on changing attitudes towards the issue.
- ▶ Promote the importance of reporting and speaking out about violence amongst the general public, in order to dismantle the stigma of silence and prevent femicide
- ▶ Acknowledge and support NGOs who are experts and have been active for many years, including financial support
- ▶ Strengthen programmes which target the behaviour of the perpetrator towards their intimate partner
- ▶ Ensure that there competent and expert persons in decision making positions

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- ▶ NGOs should be included in discussion and decision making bodies, including MARAM
 - ▶ GBV/DV is a complex issue, we need to work together, in tandem and ngos should not be excluded and state authorities should be instructed to work with ngos
 - ▶ the perpetrator is to be removed from the home. The victim should be awarded immediate and effective protection, whilst remaining in the home
 - ▶ Available and accessible protective measures that are issued in a timely manner
 - ▶ Investigations by the police should be carried out in a timely manner and all reports should be taken seriously