



Estimating the costs of gender-based violence in the European Union

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Purpose of this study:

- **Recommendations** for Member States:
how to calculate costs of GBV

Topics:

- WHY is it important for a society measure the cost of GBV?
- The study – DATA needed and Methodologies used

COST OF GBV EU-28

258 BILLION EUROS

Costs of GBV is of order of billions
but budgets devoted to tackling this
crime are the order of millions

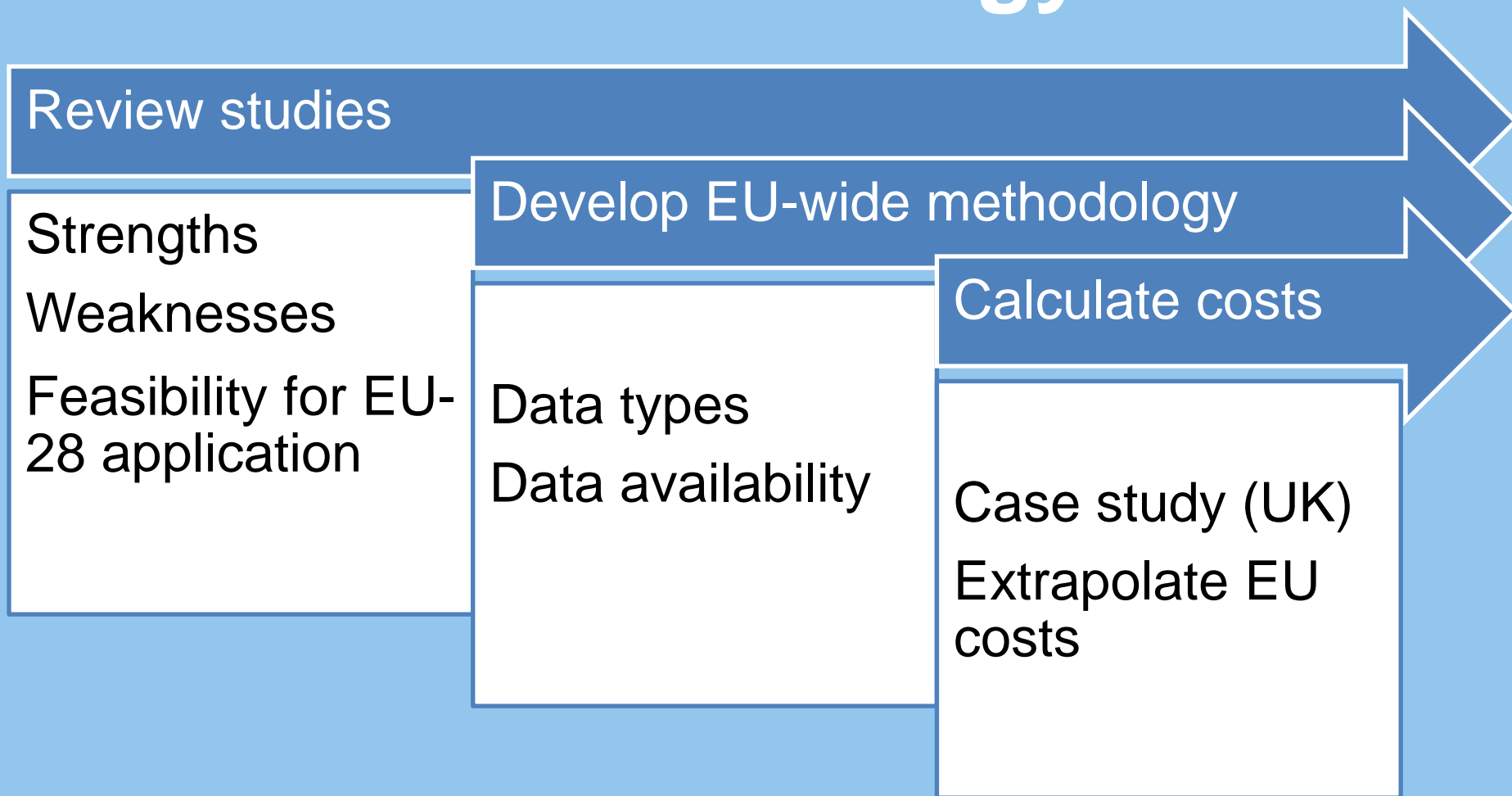
“While considerations of justice and fairness provide a sufficient basis for public intervention into domestic violence, a better understanding of the full cost of domestic violence provides basis for action within an additional policy framework, that of finance. Adding a financial dimension increases the range of ways in which policy interventions can be articulated, measured and evaluated.”

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WHY COSTING STUDIES?

- Raise awareness of the financial impact of VAW
- Provide information for prevention (raise awareness on the cost-effectiveness of prevention strategies)
- Provide rationale for resource allocation
- Design of evidence-based policy
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanism
- Increase availability of data on VAW (helps to measure the extent of GBV and IPV)

Methodology



Types of costs

COST-BEARING STAKEHOLDERS

Public services

- Health, legal, social and specialised services

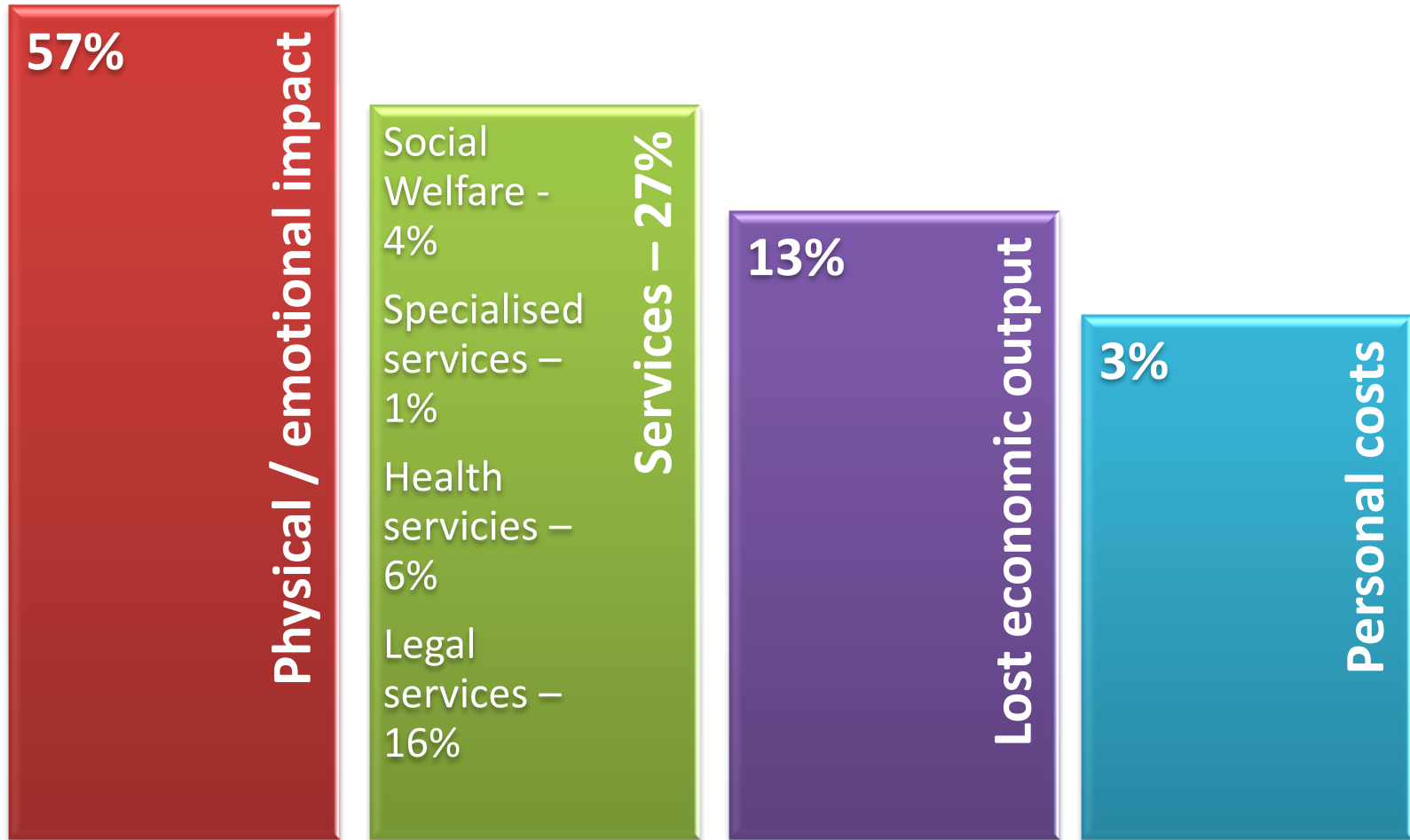
The public

- Lost economic output
- Physical and emotional impact

Individuals

- Personal expenses

Types of costs



Methodologies recommended

Recommended model to estimate the cost of lost economic output

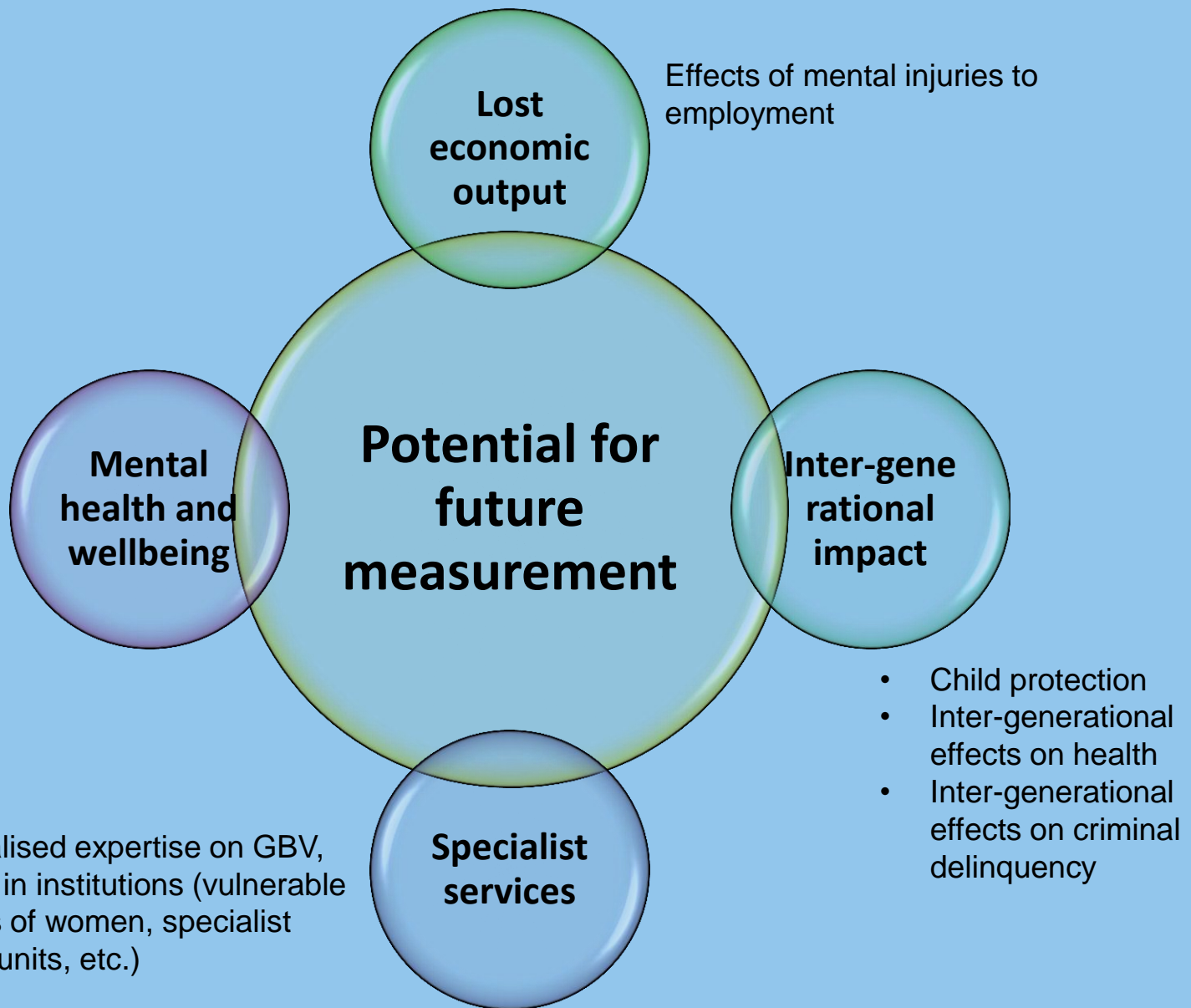
Unit Cost	Unit Cost Data Source	Multiplier	Multiplier Data Source
Lost productivity (Lost economic output in monetary terms – € per incident of violent crime-	Cost of lost output based on severity of injury from health state outcomes (UK Home Office methodology)	Number of IPV Homicides Survey-based estimates of the extent of IPV per category of crime	Crime Statistics Population-based victimisation survey

Recommended model to estimate personal costs

Unit Cost	Unit Cost Data Source	Multiplier	Multiplier Data Source
Unit cost per divorce Unit cost per injunction	Administrative data of unit cost or family proceedings	Number of injunctions and divorces per year.	Legal sector administrative data
Cost of damage to property per victim	Adjusted from Australian Model	Number of women exposed to IPV reporting damage to property	Representative population victimisation survey
Average cost per year for phone security	Phone Service Providers	Number of women subject to IPV who bought phone security features	Representative population victimisation survey
Moving Expenses	Moving company	Number of women subject to IPV who were forced to move	Representative population victimisation survey

Main challenges

- **Lack of data** to measure:
 1. Extent of violence;
 2. Extent of service use;
 3. Public valuation of the physical and emotional impact
- **Underestimation** (Potential for future measurement)



Data requirements

- The **extent of GBV**: prevalence and incidence
- The **direct impact** of IPV on the individuals (injuries, family breakdown..)
- The extent of the **utilisation of services**
- The **cost of the services**
- The impact on **employment**
- The **value placed on avoiding the physical and emotional impact** and/or the value placed on the reduced quality-adjusted life years (QALY) or disability adjusted life years (DALY)



Approaches to the production of the data:

- Expert judgement
- Victim recall studies
- Surveys
- Administrative Data
- Population data sets
- Studies of similar harms
- Specialised research projects

Summarising the Costs

UK - Sector	GBV Total Costs	% of cost
Lost Economic Output	4,213,841,519	13%
Health Services	1,942,807,516	6%
Criminal Justice System	4,739,248,003	15%
Civil Justice System	405,023,301	1%
Social Welfare	1,296,249,617	4%
Personal Costs	839,690,412	3%
Specialised Services	209,905,322	<1%
Physical and Emotional Impact	18,910,974,129	58%

Extrapolation of the UK Costs to Czech Republic	5,386,753,489 €
UE – 28	258,728,827,747 €

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0SnJxva3gl>

**The benefits of action outweigh
the costs of inaction or non-
intervention.**

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