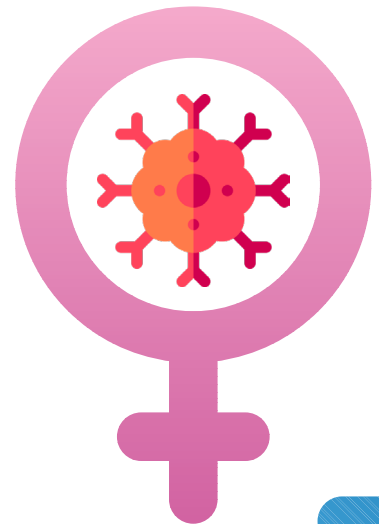


## FACTS & FIGURES



Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are among the most frequently reported infections globally, with an estimated number of **one million infections** acquired everyday worldwide.

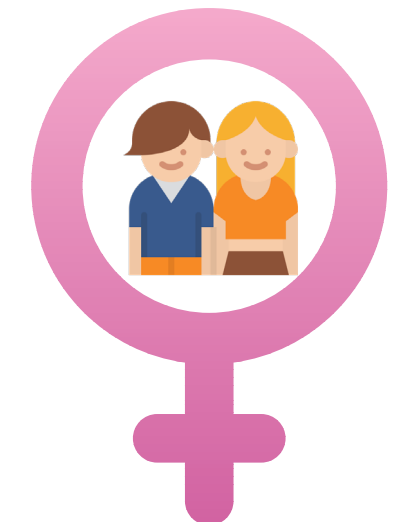
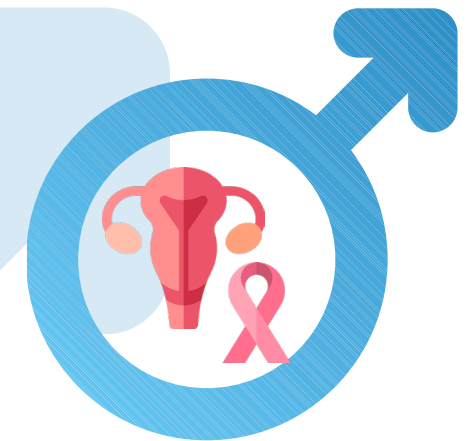
An estimated **300 million women** have an **HPV** infection, the primary cause of cervical cancer. More than **28 000 women dying** from **cervical cancer** in the European Region every year.

**HIV** continues to be a major global public health issue, having claimed almost **33 million** lives so far.

**21%** of **adolescents** at 15 years of age are **sexually active**, and many risk **STIs** or **unplanned pregnancy** by not using condoms or effective methods of birth control.

**One in every four women** in the European Region has been subjected to **intimate partner violence** during her lifetime.

In 2014, **71%** of **human trafficking** victims registered in Europol's database were EU citizens, with **Sexual exploitation** being the most common form of exploitation, accounting for **56%** of registered **victims of trafficking** in human beings.

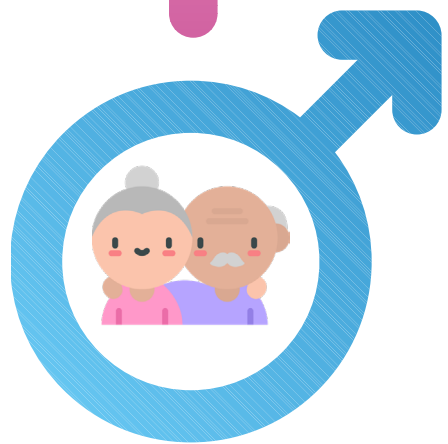


## RECOMMENDATIONS



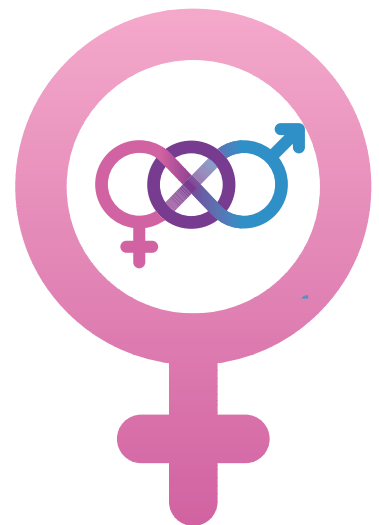
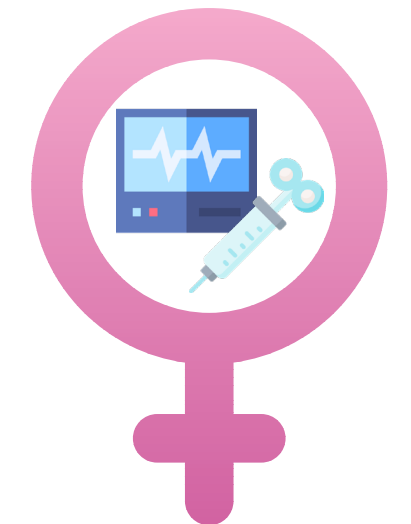
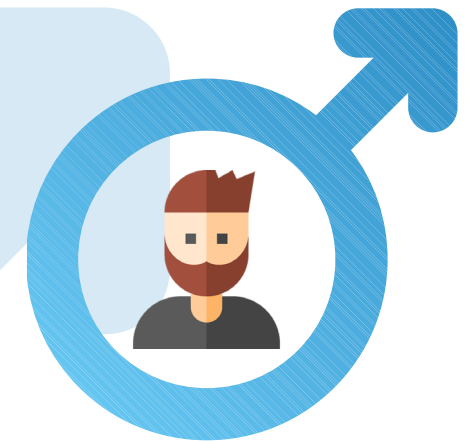
Improve **sexual health education** communication through behavioural science, including via social media and influencers.

Include **boys and men** in sexual and reproductive education programmes, starting in schools.



Adapt or develop national policies and programmes on sexual health to meet the needs of **older people**.

Focus on efficient **screening** and **vaccination** as key preventive measures.



Develop **National Strategies for Sexually Transmitted Infections** (STI) prevention and control to ensure accessibility to comprehensive sexual care.

Provide a legal status to **sex workers** and combat **human trafficking**.

