

NATIONAL STRATEGIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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National Plans Against Domestic Violence:

I National Plan Against Domestic Violence- 1999- 2003

II National Plan Against Domestic Violence- 2003- 2006

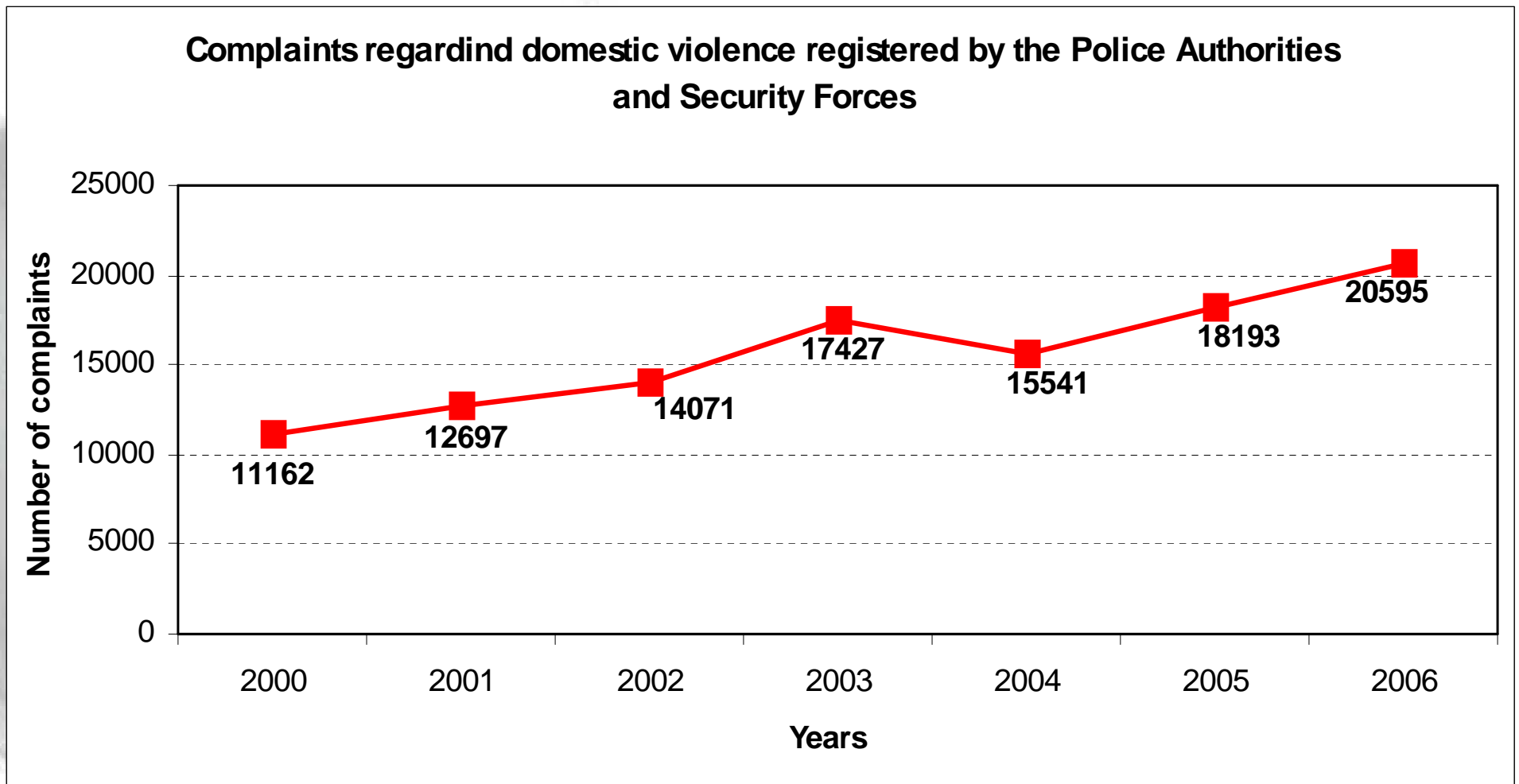
III National Plan Against Domestic Violence- 2007- 2010



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Portuguese Criminal Code, Article 152 - Crime of ill-treatment

- **This crime is applicable to whoever physically or psychologically ill-treats the spouse or alike, as well as the progenitor of first degree common descendant**
- **The article was revised in 2000 and ill-treatment became a public crime**



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Revision of the Article 152- Domestic Violence (2007)

- **Establishment of an autonomous type exclusively focused on domestic violence**
- **Wider densification of what should be understood as physical or psychological ill-treatment (includes corporal punishments, deprivation of freedom and sexual offenses)**



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- **Extending the victim category to ex-spouses or to those who have lived in similar situations, including those that even not cohabitating, have lived in an alike situation, without discrimination regarding their sexual orientation;**
- **Diversification of the accessory sentences through the inclusion of:**
 - a) obligation of attending specific programs for the prevention of domestic violence;**
 - b) prohibition of possession and use of a weapon;**



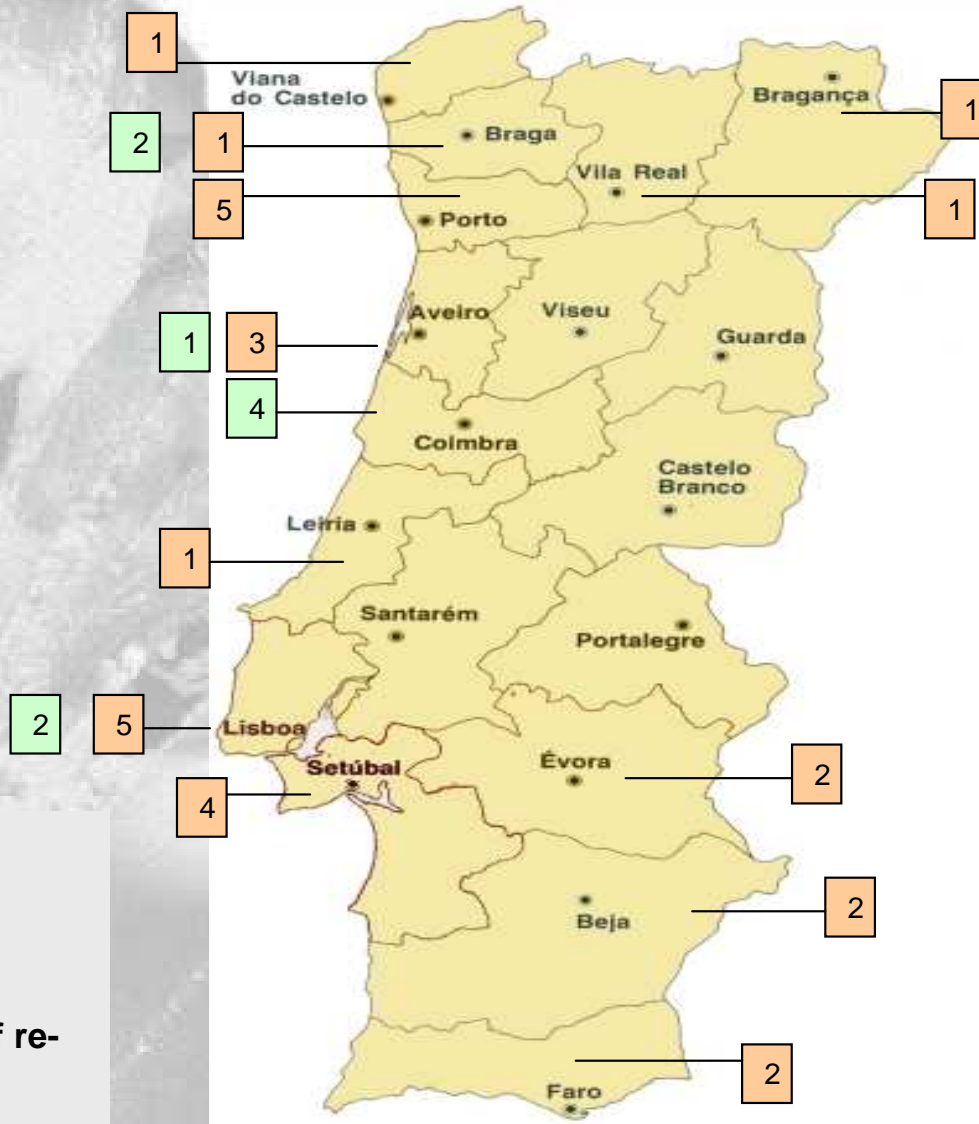
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Protect and Reintegrate the Victims

Shelter houses and communities of re-integration



34 Shelter houses

9 Communities of re-integration

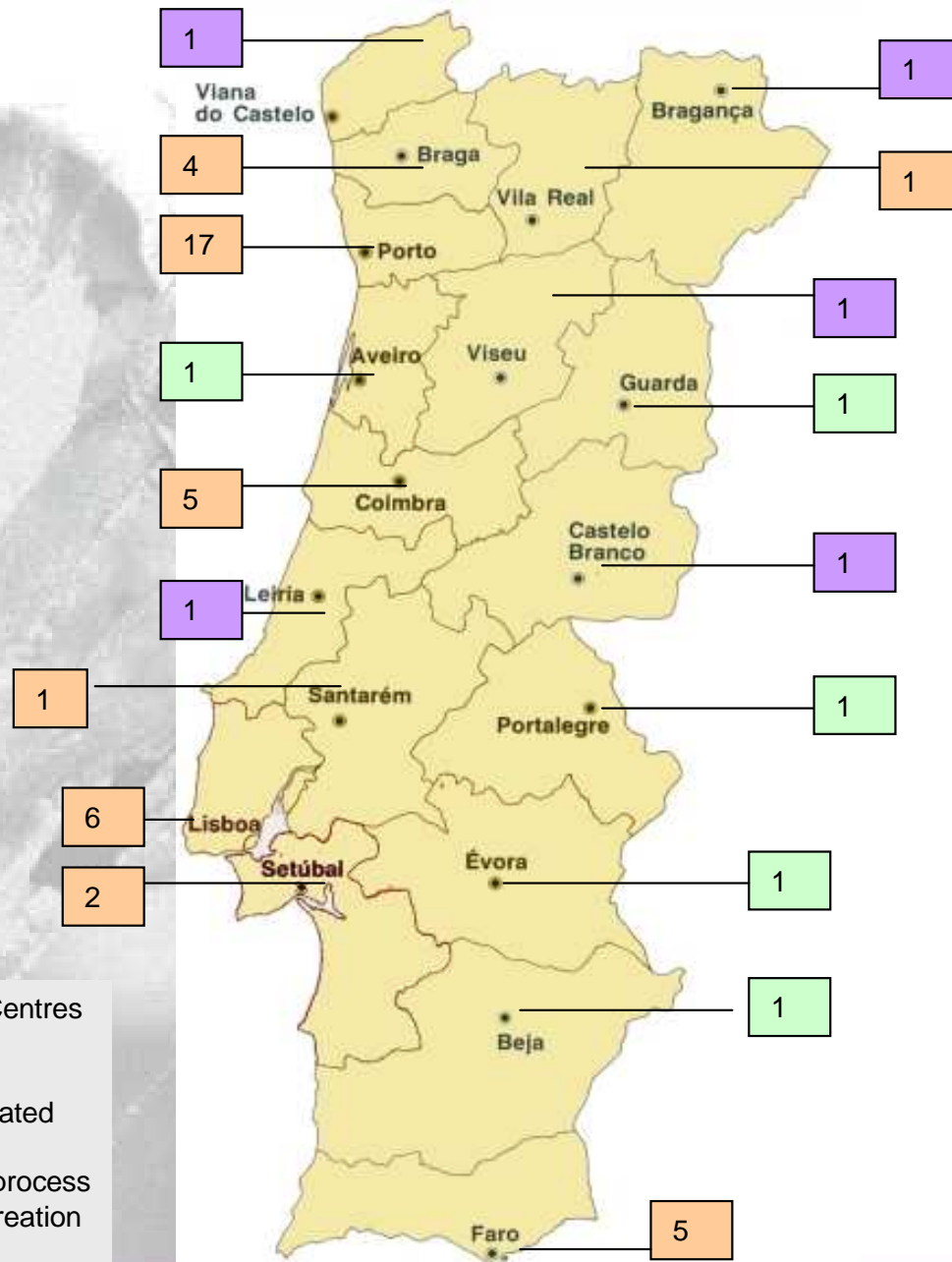


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National Network of Assistance Centres for Victims of Domestic Violence



- 46 Assistance Centres
- 5 Structures created
- 5 Structures in process of creation

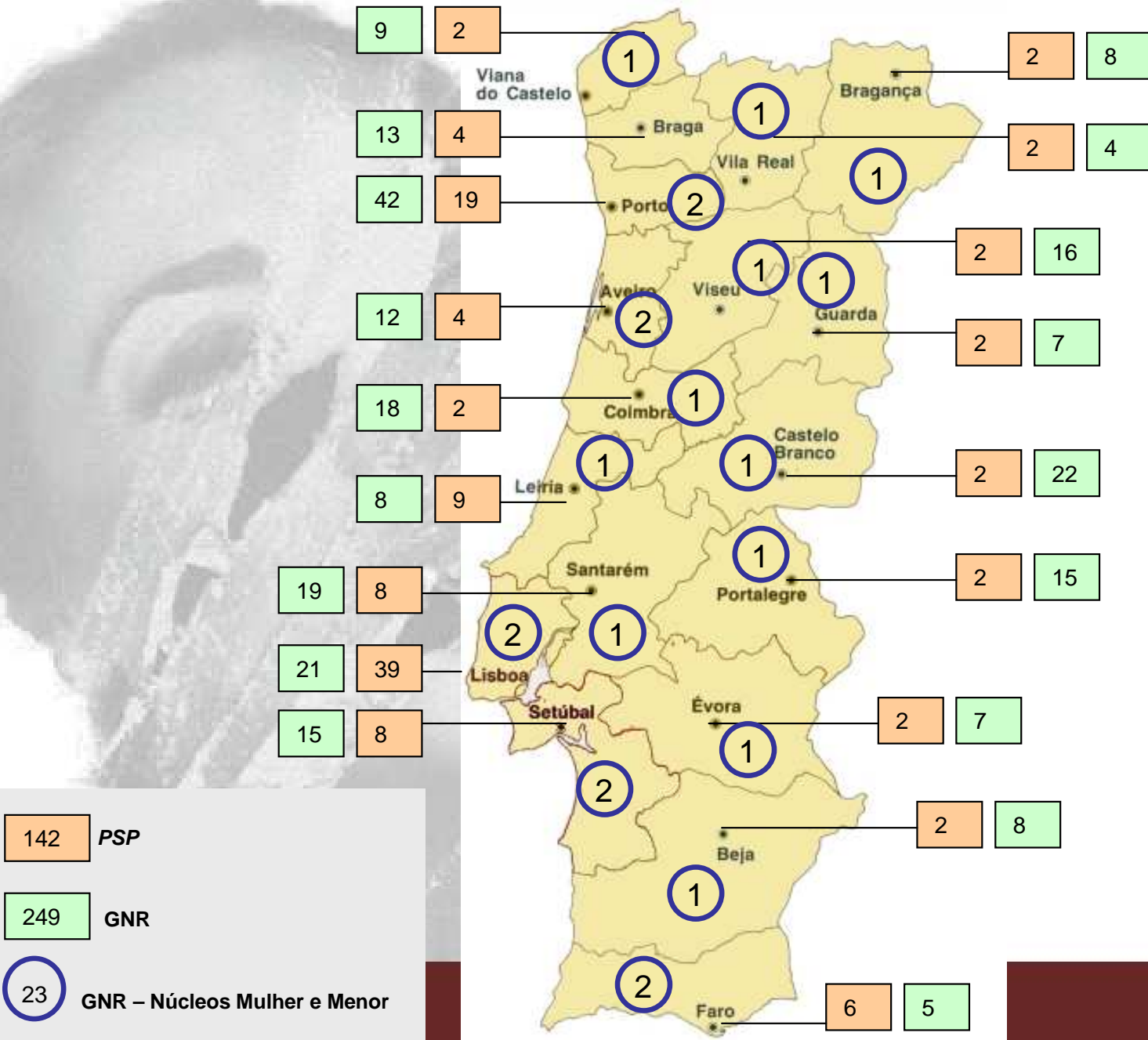


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9 Nuclei and Offices to Assist Victims of Domestic Violence- Security Forces (PSP e GNR)

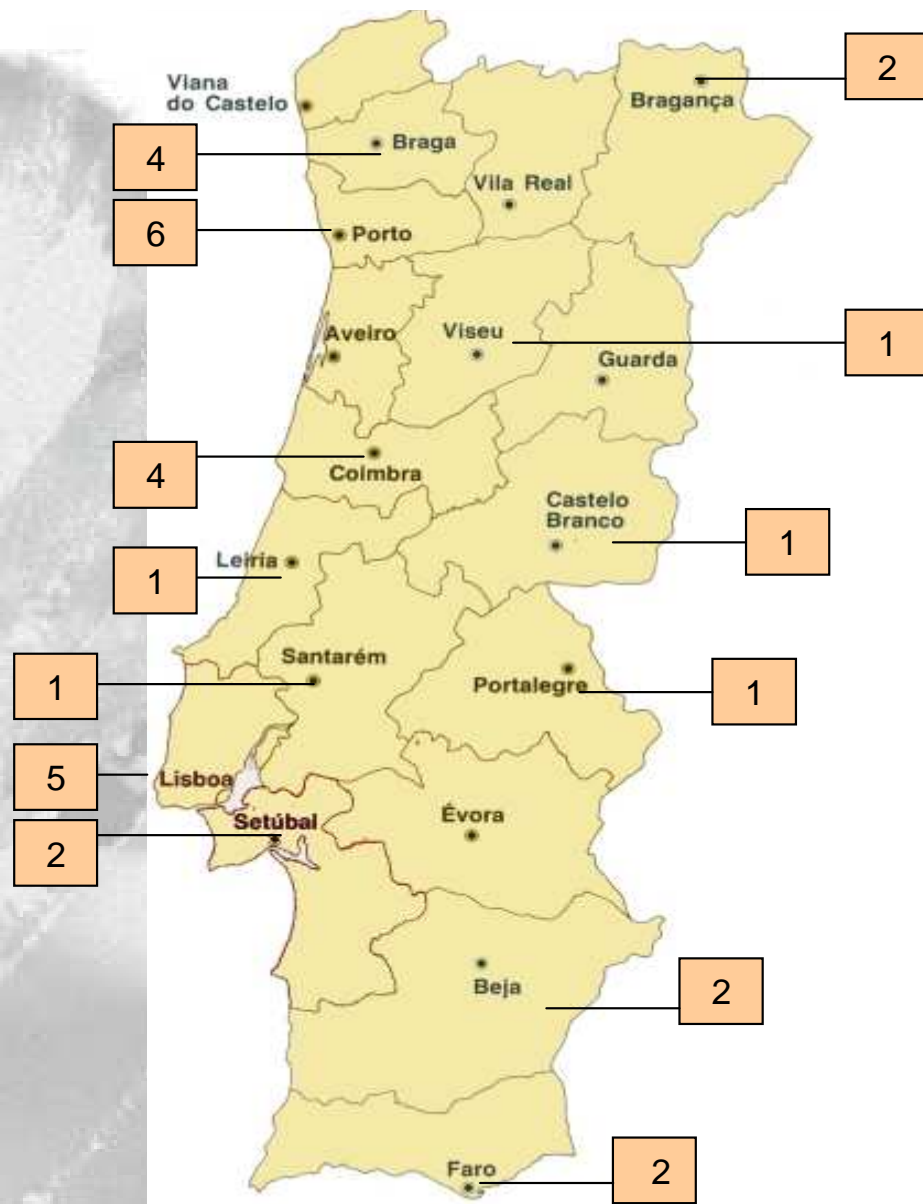


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Informative Spaces to Women



37 Informative Spaces to Women



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- **The III National Plan Against Domestic Violence has as primordial object the intervention in the fight against violence exercised directly over women, in the context of relations of intimacy, whether they be conjugal or similar, present or past**
- **This option also includes violence exercised indirectly over children that are witnesses of situations of inter-parental violence, in what doctrine designates as vicarious violence**



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III PNCVD – *Strategic Priorities and Guidelines*

- **Develop a national strategy that had impact on the change in mentalities and on the reduction of the risk of revictimisation;**
- **Privilege the victims' safety as a priority, without compromising their quality of life;**
- **Enlarge the social network of protection, as well as other integrated responses with a communitary basis;**
- **Promote of personal and social competences of victims of domestic violence, given their increased empowerment, self-determination, and social reintegration;**
- **Create a political-criminal program to prevent this problem;**



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III PNCVD – Areas of Strategic Intervention

I- Inform, Sensitise, and Educate

II- Protect the Victims and Prevent Revictimisation

III- Capacitate and Reintegrate the Victims of Domestic Violence

IV- Qualify Professionals

V- Deepen knowledge of the Domestic Violence phenomenon



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Strategic Area of Intervention 1 – Inform, Sensitise, and Educate

25 measures

- **Promote National Campaigns Against Domestic Violence;**
- **Prepare and disclose informative material;**
- **Elaboration of actions of sensitisation and information;**
- **Create a National Prize that promotes the best practices against Domestic Violence;**



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Strategic Area of Intervention 2 – Protect Victims and Prevent Revictimisation

34 measures

- Implement experiences of articulation between criminal and civil courts in cases of domestic violence;
- Implement an experimental programme of application of electronic means of surveillance to the distance applied to the aggressor subject of legal restraining orders;
- Define and implement prevention programmes to avoid the repeated offending of the aggressors;



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- **Implement, within the scope of each Regional Health Administration, a pilot experiment for appropriate detection, follow-up, and intervention in domestic violence ;**
- **Improve the national network of shelters and expand the National Network of Assistance Centres to Victims of Domestic Violence;**
- **Endow the support structures with a specialised intervention for minors victims of indirect domestic violence;**
- **Create within the security forces websites, GNR and PSP, an area relative to Domestic Violence, containing the possibility of filing an electronic complaint/ accusation;**



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Strategic Area of Intervention 3 – Capacitate and Reintegrate the Victims of Domestic Violence

8 measures

- Favour the social integration of the victims making their access to vocational training and integration into the labour force easier through itineraries of integration;
- Define a regime of geographic mobility that assures in public administration and in the companies in which it is possible to relocate victims of domestic violence safely and secretly;
- Facilitate access to social housing by victims of domestic violence;



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Strategic Area of Intervention 4 – Qualify Professionals

13 measures

- Promote the initial and continuous qualification of the security forces, judicial workers, justice auditors and in the areas of judgements and advocacy. Qualification of health, education and training agents and also in the psychology and social service areas. Promote the qualification of media and advertising professionals;
- Design of a Good Practices Guide geared at professionals in various areas of intervention, namely health, education, training, and the security forces;



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Strategic Area of Intervention 5 – Deepen the knowledge on the Domestic Violence phenomenon

9 measures

- Create an integrated information and monitorisation system of the problems of Domestic Violence defined within the scope of the Gender Observatory;
- Create a forum between the governmental entities, NGOs and security forces and services and carry out periodic opinion polls on the perception of Domestic Violence;
- Provide continuity to the promotion of studies in straight articulation with Universities and Investigation Centres;



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