WP 2 (INCC, VUB, UCL, ULG): Study of cases

The study will also include analysis of court cases files and of individual files of associations.

Study of case files will provide elements to increase knowledge on the dynamics of IPV. The information found in these files will also potentially improve our knowledge on the possible links between IPV and other forms of oppression or marginality.

Individual court case files are an interesting source in view of the central research questions in this project, even though it exists limits inherent to this type of information. The files may contain information on the criteria of adequacy for the measures taken as well as information on the orientations and possible other contacts made in addition to the police and justice system. One particular aspect of diversification will take into account extreme situations that led to victim’s deaths, and for which a maximum amount of information is generally available. The detailed analysis of these cases should also allow for an accumulation of knowledge about the social and judicial interventions, their failures or shortcomings which may point to grey zones and to the shortcomings of public policies. The story of partner homicides can inform us about the non-take-up of public provisions, or about the repeated failures of private and/or public interventions.