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to the Commission**

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Subject: Evaluation of EU-funded projects on female genital mutilation

Since its creation in 1997, almost 20 projects on female genital mutilation (FGM) have been funded under the DAPHNE Programme. Drawing lessons from these initiatives is essential to the design of effective projects and evidence-based policies.

As the Commission is working towards a Communication on FGM, can we expect the future EU measures to include an evaluation of these projects?

Such an assessment would help the Commission develop informed recommendations and targeted support actions for Member States and stakeholders working on FGM in Europe.

Also, it would be useful to combine such work with an evaluation of the EU projects on FGM funded under the EU external aid programmes (e.g. the European Development Fund and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights).