

# Probation and Gender-Based Violence



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# 1. Current state of Gender-Based Violence in Catalonia

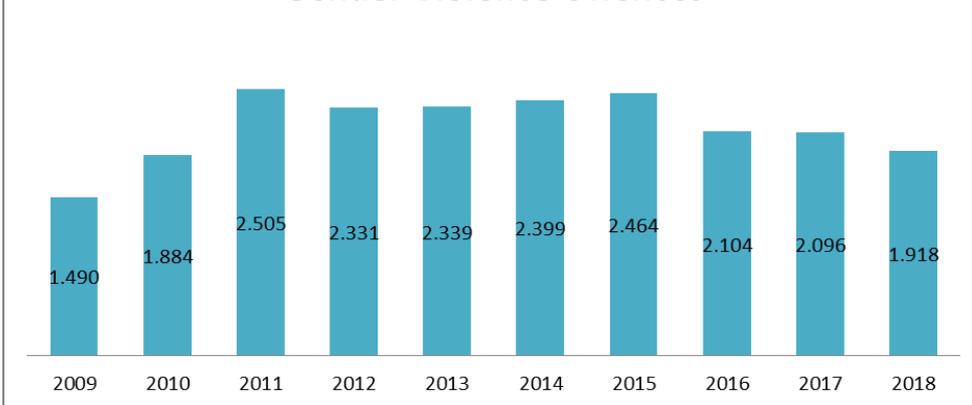


Demostración against Gender Violence, 8 March 2018

Complaints of gender violence offences in Catalonia



Gender Violence Offences



Font: Descriptors estadístics de MPA. Departament de Justícia de la Generalitat de Catalunya.

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## Cronología de víctimas mortales de violencia de género de 2019

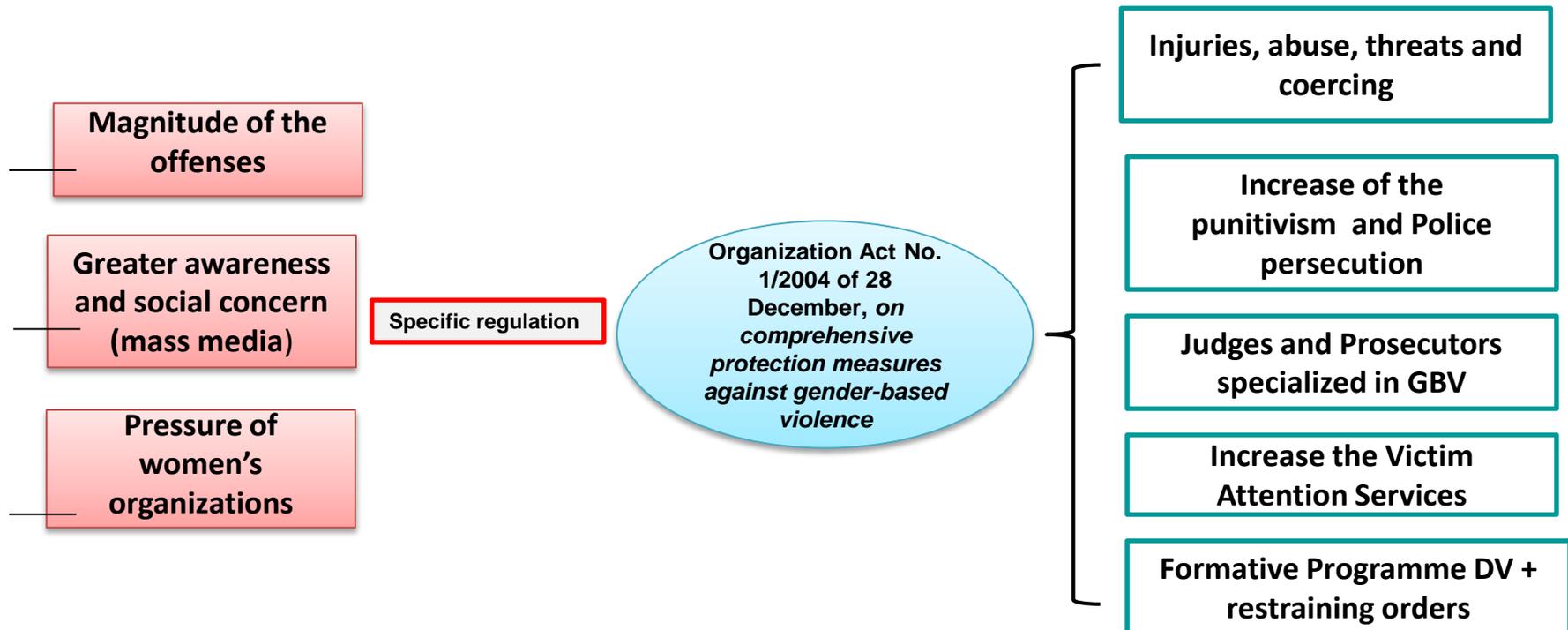
Ocho mujeres han sido asesinadas por sus parejas o ex parejas en lo que va de año, 983 desde que empezaron a contarse en 2003

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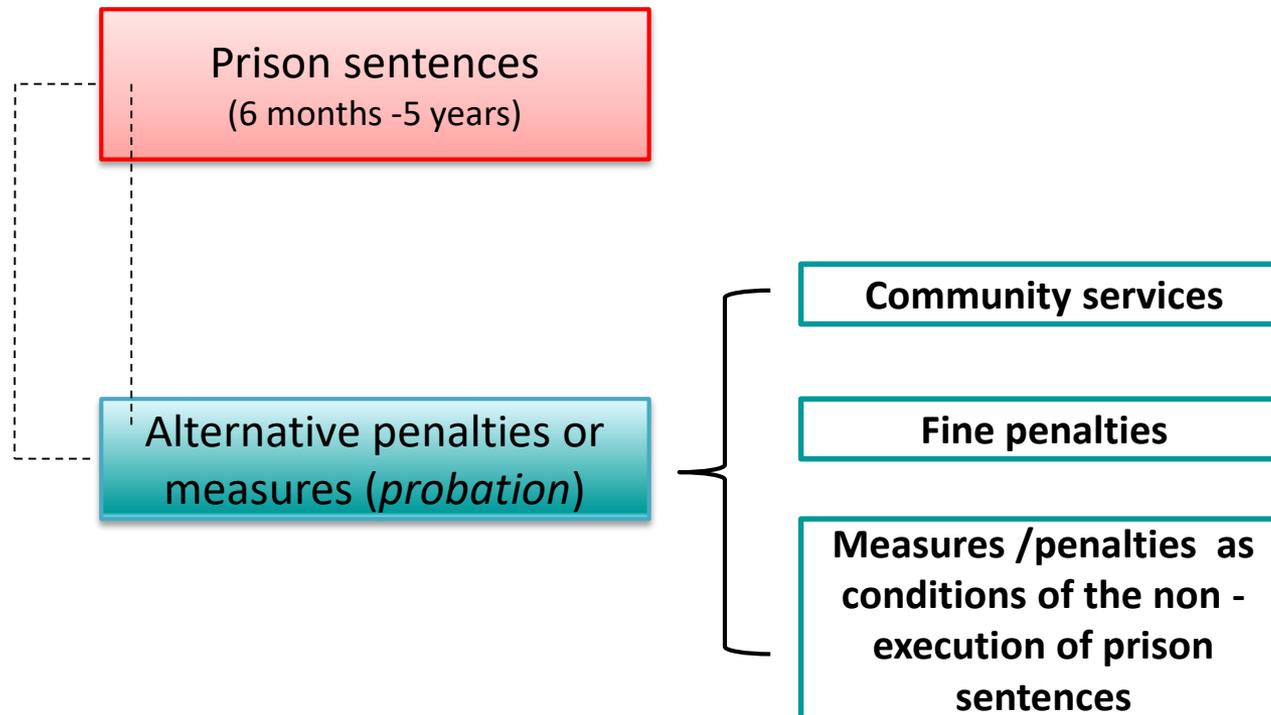
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## 2. Gender-Based Violence regulation

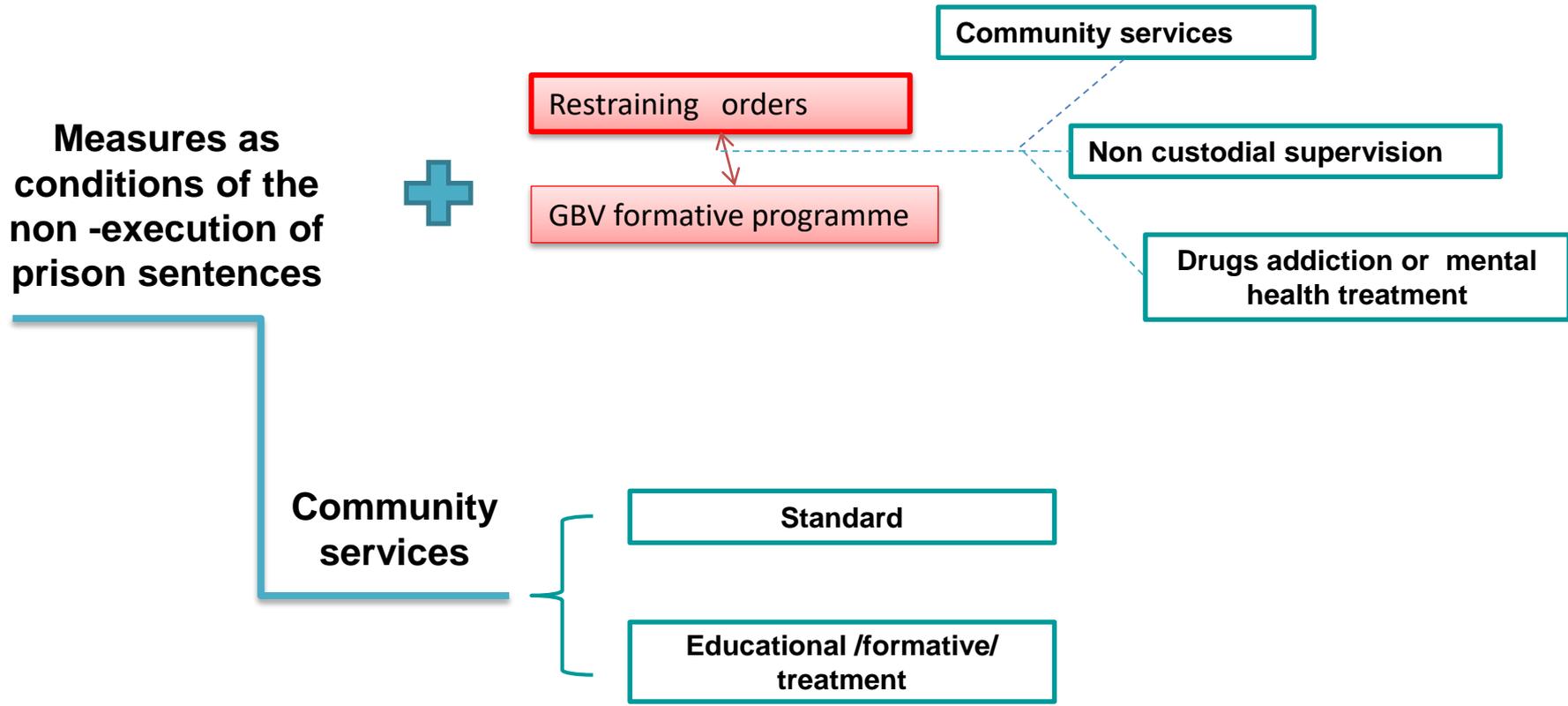


Spanish Criminal Code differentiate between Gender Violence and Domestic Violence (specific regulation each one)

## 2.1 Gender-Based Violence Penology



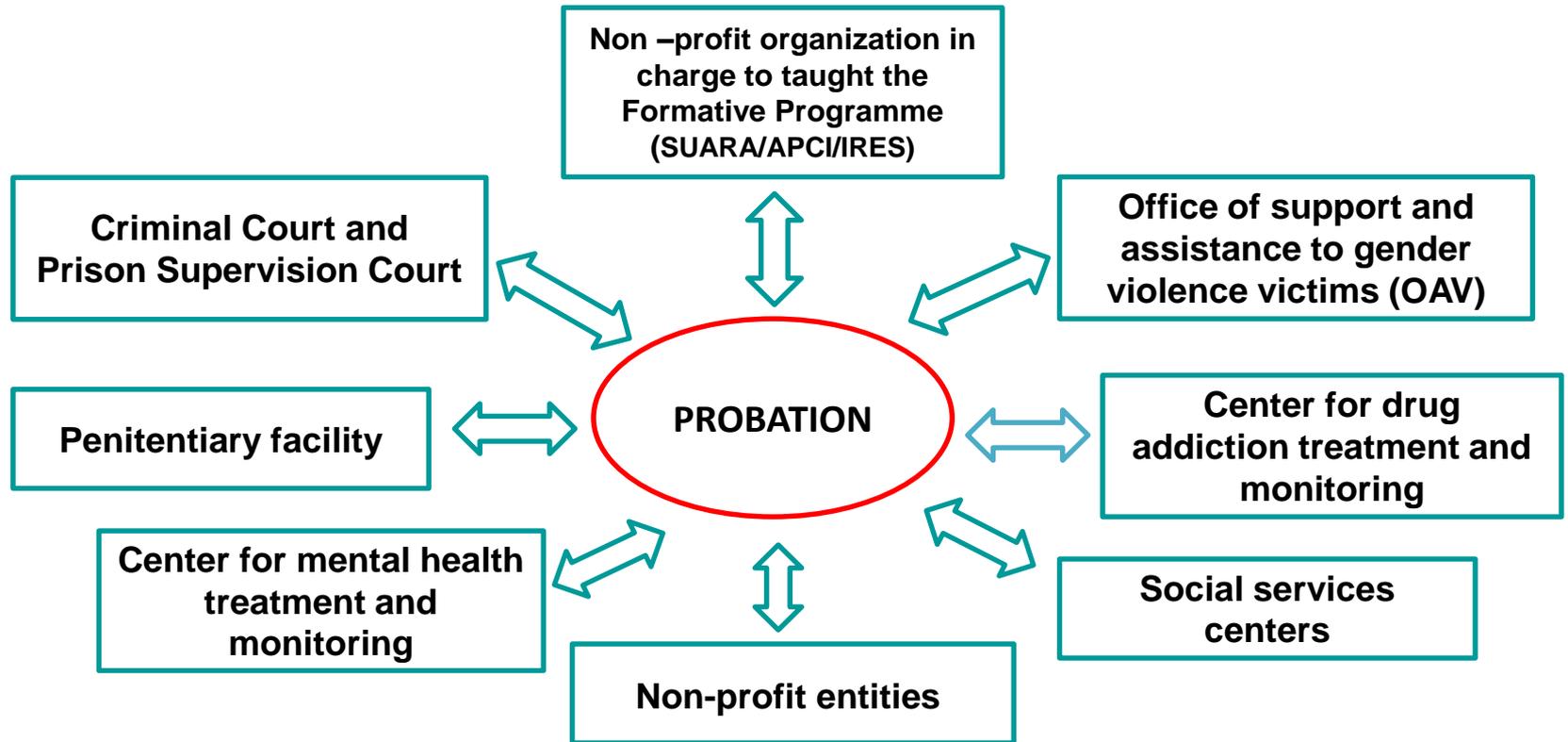
# 3. Probation and Gender-Based Violence in Catalonia



We also execute the security measures imposed in case of exculpatory criminal responsibility.

# 4. Probation response to gender violence

## 4.1 Coordination of services



## 4.2 Domestic Violence Formative Programme (FP)

- Psycho-educational intervention relating to the type of offences (SUARA/APCI/IRES)
- Group dynamics / Individual dynamic
- Coordination with Probation Service: periodic reports and incidents.

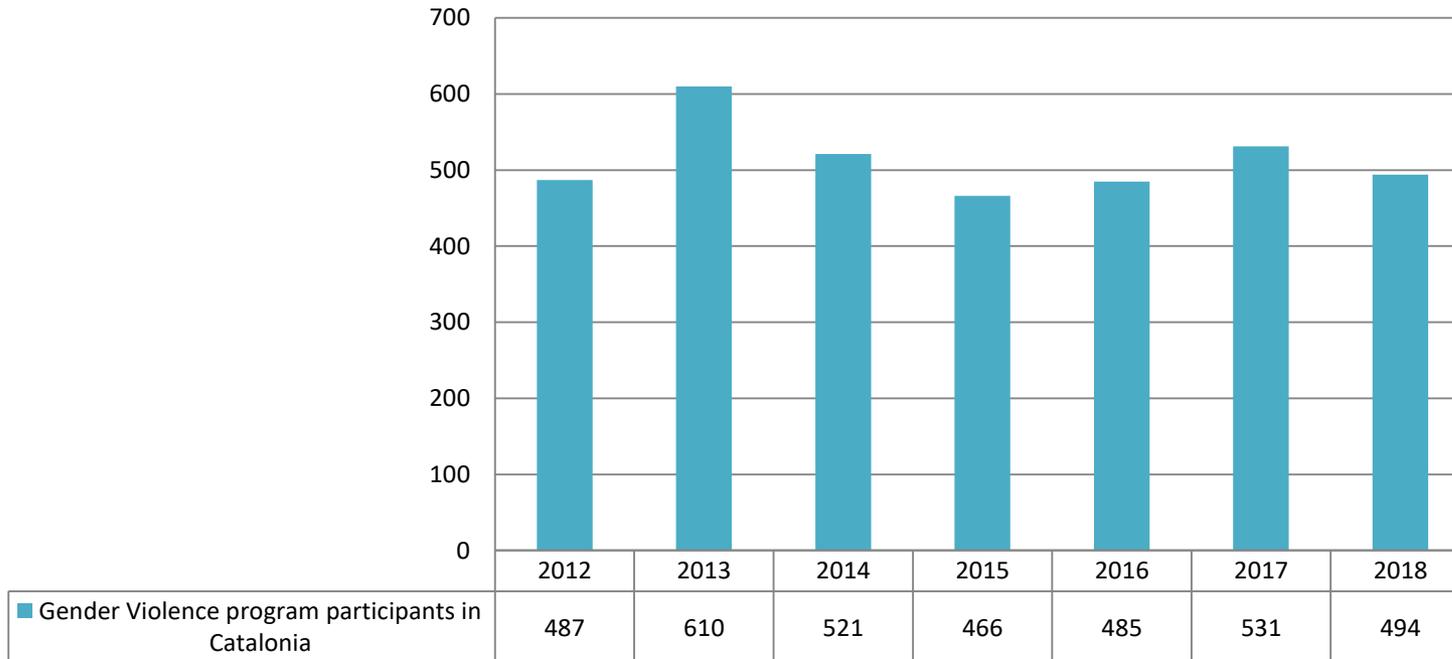
Dynamic intervention	Name and duration	Allotted time
<b>Group</b> 18 persons x 2 therapist / 12 persons x 1 therapist	13 sessions x 2 hours each	26 hours
<b>Individual</b>	2 x Diagnostic Interview 1 x Follow up interview 1 x Final interview	4 hours
		Total 30 hours

## 4.2 Domestic Violence Formative Programme

### Programme Objectives + Individual Goals

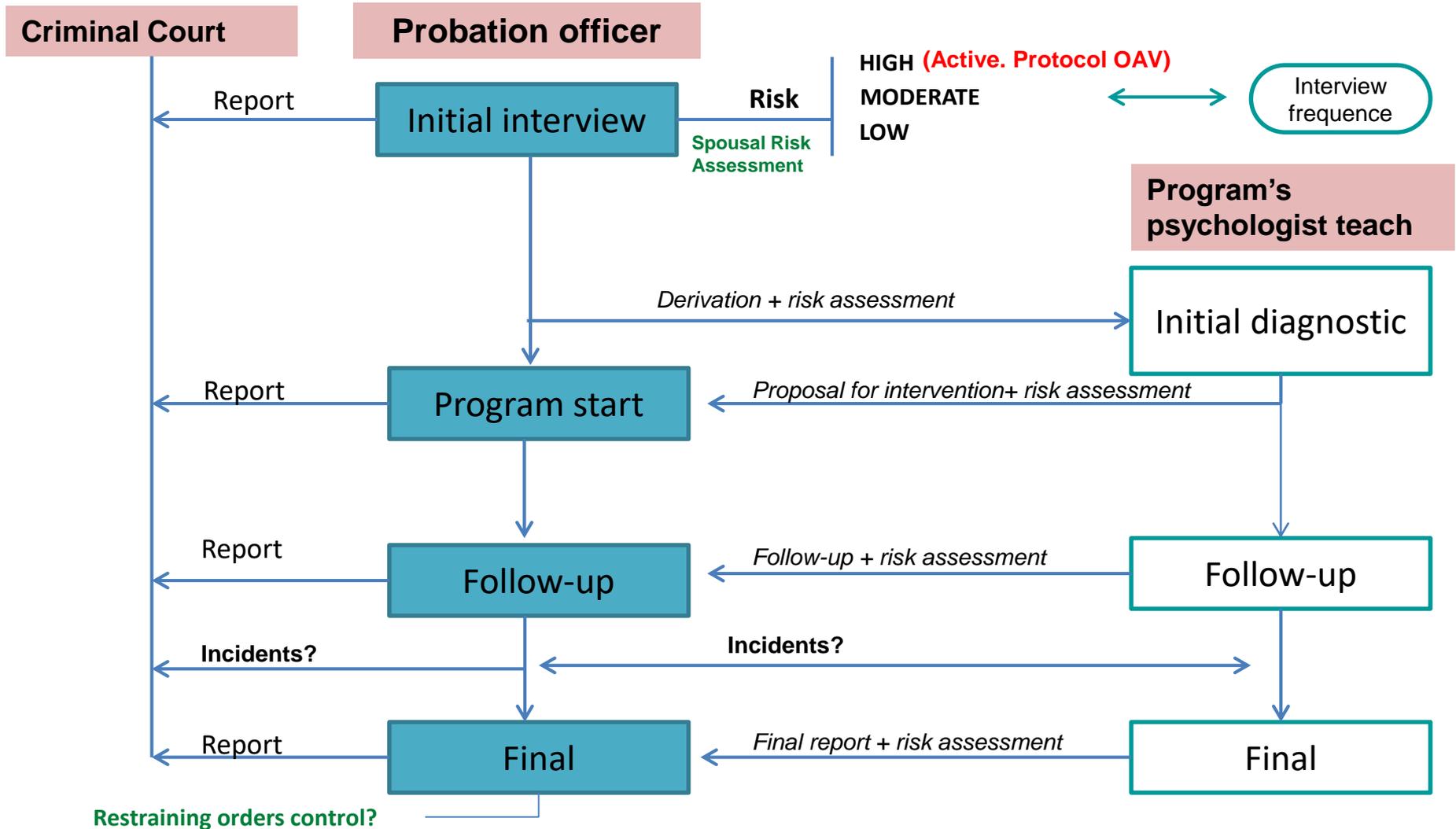
Course content	Assessment course content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1st Block: Attitude and motivation to change.</li> <li>▪ 2nd Block: Perception of emotions.</li> <li>▪ 3rd Block: Emotional consciousness</li> <li>▪ 4th Block: Violence. Self-control techniques</li> <li>▪ 5th Block: Responsibility and defence mechanisms.</li> <li>▪ 6th Block: Communication skills and assertiveness</li> <li>▪ 7th Block: Conflict resolution.</li> <li>▪ 8th Block: Empathy. Parent-child relationship.</li> <li>▪ 9th Block: Relapse Prevention Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emotional consciousness</li> <li>▪ Communication skills</li> <li>▪ Empathy</li> <li>▪ Cognitive distortions and values</li> <li>▪ Conflict resolution</li> <li>▪ Protective factors</li>   <li>▪ Risk of recidivism</li> </ul>

## Number of participants in the Gender-Based Violence Programme



Font: Dades extretes del programa "Sistema de informaci3n de justicia juvenil".

# 4.3 How probation officers execute the formative programme?



## 4.4 Benefits from the Formative Programme against GBV

**Space of reflection**

**Dynamic**

**OAV coordination**

**Group work**

**Individual sessions**

**Emotional management**

**Individual option for exceptional cases**

**Follow-up by the Probation Officer + formative entity**

**Final assessment**

## 4.5 Aspects to be improved

- Programme individualization (content + duration)
- Establish a criteria to determine an effective accomplishment of the FP : attendance to the sessions vs. Implication and learning
- Previous program motivation work.
- Lack of knowledge of the language
- Subsequent follow-up until the end of probation

## 5. Motivational Intervention Plan in the FP

- ❑ Increase levels of motivation to change
- ❑ Transtheoretical Model proposed by Prochaska and DiClemente(1982) -> stages of change or motivation phases

**Precontemplation – Contemplation - Action - Service**



1. Analysis of the subjects motivation that have realized a FP of GBV (2013)

2. Design of a motivational intervention plan (2015)

3. Pilot application of the motivational intervention plan (2016)

**Motivational Intervention Plan (PIM):** *Núria Iturbe Ferré, Ana Martínez Catena, Núria Civit Bel, Alba Muro Marquina, Thuy Nguyen*vo: <https://es.slideshare.net/justicia/la-motivaci-al-canvi-dels-agressors-de-parella-que-realitzen-un-programa-formatiu-aplicaci-pilot-del-pla-dintervenci-motivacional-pim>

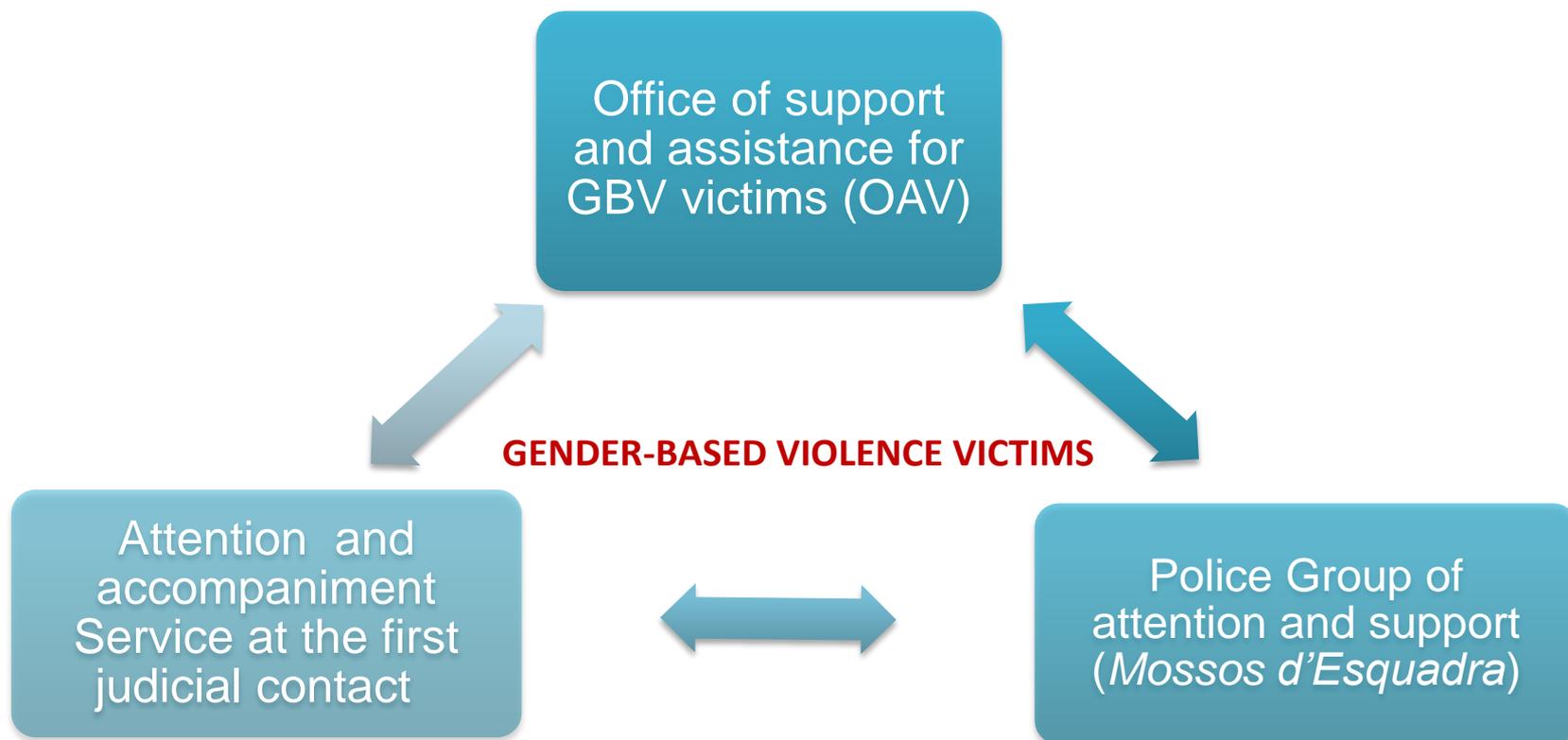
- ✓ Customized intervention to every motivational stage and model questionnaires.
- ✓ Effective programme intervention
- ✓ Contribution to recidivism reduction

## Challenges:

- Interview techniques or specialized training
- Outcome evaluation

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## 6. Victims approach from Catalonia



## Conclusions

### *Probation challenges regarding to Gender-Based Violence*

#### ***What stage have we reached?***

- Legislative changes in benefit of GBV reduction and victims protection
- Greater awareness of the problem
- Attention Services expansion and victims accompaniment
- Greater penal persecution and educational intervention with the convicted people

#### ***How do we move forward?***

- FP individualization (content and duration)
- Universalize and expand the MIP implementation
- Criteria to determine the effective accomplishment: Attending to the sessions vs. Active participation and effective learning
- Convict follow-up until the end of the FP.
- Implement the possibility to impose the Community Service and FP penalties as direct penalties for this kind of crimes
- Pre-sentence report

**The rise of extreme right movements and parties represents a real threat to the Organic Law for GBV and victims protection.**