Information related to the investigation and prosecution of gender-related killings of women and girls. - Denmark

The Danish Ministry of Justice can contribute with the following information:

In the years 2012 and 2013, the numbers of homicide cases registered in Denmark were 40 and 42 altogether.

In the years of 2008-2013 16 published decisions on killings and attempted killings regarding female victims were published in the Danish Weekly Law Reports and the Journal of Criminal Law. Please note that not all verdicts in Denmark are published afterwards.

In five of the 16 cases the convicted person was in an intimate partner relationship or married to the victim. In four cases the victim and the convicted person had previously been in an intimate partner relationship. In two cases the victims were related to the convicted person. In one case the killing was honour-related and in another case the motive was revenge of a 25 years old sexual assault. The last three cases concern random victims.

With references to best practices regarding gender-related killings of women or girls in Denmark, it should be noted, that the procedures undertaken regarding investigation and prosecution are identical to those of other homicides.