Bracelet Anti-Rapprochement (BAR) — France's Court-Ordered Proximity Bracelet for Domestic-Violence Perpetrators, Rapidly Deployed but Under-Used and Technically Noisy (Cautionary Case)

Gender Equality · Good practice · France

Quality score: 56/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

France's anti-approach bracelet, created by the law of 28 December 2019 on the Spanish model and in use since late 2020. 2,591 were ordered by February 2025, but active devices fell from 983 to 641 (2024–26) and a DAP-funded CNRS study found most alarms are technical faults.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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