SIME Electronic Bracelets for Domestic-Violence Aggressors — Romania's Staged National Rollout with Low Uptake and High Victim Refusal (Cautionary Case)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Romania

Quality score: 41/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Romania’s GPS bracelets for aggressors under protection orders, piloted in Bucharest and three counties from October 2022 and extended nationally. 5,126 people were fitted in its first nationwide year, but courts used it in only 14% of protection orders and many victims refuse.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-20

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Euronews Romania — only 1 in 10 aggressors wears a bracelet (2024) — accessed 2026-11-20

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