

What rights do I have as a lesbian, bisexual or trans sexual (LBT) survivor of domestic and dating violence? How do I know if I am in an abusive relationship with my female same-sex partner? How can I stop her? By providing an answer to these questions, the present study aims to deepen the knowledge and understanding of the nature of domestic violence involving female same-sex partners and dating violence against trans women and related issues in some of the jurisdictions of the European Union, namely Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, and United Kingdom. The research, which led to this book and the book itself, represent core activities implemented within the project *Bleeding Love: Raising Awareness on Domestic and Dating Violence Against Lesbians and Transwomen in the European Union*, which has been co-financed by the DG Justice of the EU Commission under the specific programme “Daphne 2007–2013”.

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