This paper refers to the victimization of women, the role of the criminal justice system and the policies against crime at European and national level. The paper is divided into three parts:

1. Victimization and Criminal Policy: In this part the definitions of the basic terms that will be used are given, and also basic information about the current state of the victimization of women and policies against crime in Europe are discussed.

2. The feminist movement’s point of view: the second part, which is derived by the book: Critical criminology: visions from Europe, Swaaningen R., refers to the attitude and contribution of the feminist movement to empower and improve the position of women in the penal system, through the years.

3. Forms of abuse against women: the third and final piece is about the detailed forms of women abuse and the specific crime policies to eliminate them, not only in Europe generally but also in Greece particularly.