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Domestic violence (DV), responses of the formal justice and care system often leave the victim on the side, do not provide long-term relief, do not support the active responsibility-taking and restoration of harm. Thereby, it is important to identify alternative solutions that are able to react to the “justice gap” while putting more emphasis on the needs and interests of those who have a stake in DV incidents. The purpose of the presentation is to introduce one of the alternatives; the approach and technics of restorative justice (RJ). To this end, the author gives an insight into the findings of the research and innovation IMPRODOVA program that focused on the way frontline responders prevented and reacted to DV in eight European countries. Taking the research results into consideration, the potential benefits and risks of using restorative technics are analyzed. In addition, the presentation reveals how RJ is able to complete litigation and effectively support recovery.