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E-MARIA
EUROPEAN MANUAL FOR RISK ASSESSMENT

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PROJECT E-MARIA

Funded by
Criminal Justice Programme
European Commission

Duration – 2 years
June 2011 – July 2013

PARTNERSHIP



AMCV – PT - Coordinator



BUPNET GmbH - DE



SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND -
LT



Die BARATER GmbH - AT

PROJECT COORDINATOR AMCV - 20 YEARS OF WORK

Women and Children's Human Rights Centered

Has special **Consultative Status** within ECOSOC

Launch **1st Self-Representative Group of Women Survivors of Domestic Violence in Portugal**

Portuguese National Branch of the **European Women's Lobby Observatory**
on Violence against Women

Founder of **WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe**

MISSION

- To promote the Human Rights
Women, Young People and Children
- To combat all forms of Gender Violence
and Discrimination

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness on the issues of violence
- To improve professionals and survivors skills through training actions
- To challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural patterns which perpetuate and legitimate violence against Women, Young People and Children
- To lobby and advocate for Women's, Youth's and Children's Rights
- To develop local, national and international networks
- To provide specialized support for survivors of violence – shelters (2) and counselling center (1)

PARTNER - BUPNET

Profile

- **Adult education provider**
- **Founded in 1985**
- **30 staff members**
- **2 Branches**
- **Region of Lower Saxony**

Objectives

- **Integration in the job market**
- **Career opportunities**
- **Promotion of equal opportunities**
- **Job maintenance**
- **Creation of new jobs (e.g. environmental sector)**

BUPNET (cont.)

Main Field of Activities

- Vocational training courses
- Profiling
- Development of blended learning instruments
- European and international Collaboration

Target Group

- Unemployed people
- People on the job
- SME's
- Universities
- Local authorities

PARTNER - Die Berater

- Training and consulting company
- 400 members of staff
- Around 50 branches in Austria
- Approx. 16.000 participants per year

Competences

- Training:
 - Soft skills
 - IT
 - Languages
 - (Re-)Qualification
 - Vocational courses
- Coaching
- Outplacement
- Consulting
- Temporary employment
- EU projects

PARTNER - Social Innovation Fund (SIF)

- Social Innovation Fund (SIF) was founded in 1994 as a non-governmental charity and support fund.
- SIF acts at the community, national and European / international levels.
 - Assist unemployed and socially disadvantaged women providing them diverse learning opportunities;
 - Active on the gender equality implementation at national level;
 - In 2000 SIF has initiated the establishment of the NGOs Coalition for the Protection of Women's Human Rights in Lithuania

Participation in the Sphere of Women's Human Rights

- Participation in the European Women's Lobby (EWL). SIF is a member of national EWL organization.
- SIF wrote and presented 2 SHADOW REPORTS on the Implementation of CEDAW and Women's Human Rights in Lithuania (year 2000 and year 2008) to United Nations.

E-MARIA PROJECT



INTERNATIONAL AND EU CONTEXT

UN

CEDAW + VIENNA Conf + Beijing Platform and Plan of Action

CoE

Minimum standards for Support Services for D. V.

Istanbul Convention

EU – IS CHANGING

Agenda 20/20

Stockholm Program and Plan of Action

Directive on Victims and Directive on Aggressors

OTHER SOURCES

Australia, New Zealand, EUA. Canada, UK, Germany

EWL and WAVE

EIGE and FRA - Researchs

RATIONALE

Council of Europe

12% to 15% of European Women over 16 suffered domestic abuse in a relationship (2008)

Risk assessment

- plays a central role in the safety of women and children
- is basic to design a safety plan to guarantee the safety and security of victims/survivors
- is fundamental to prevent further acts of violence or murder and allows survivors of violence to live a life without violence

PROJECT E-MARIA

Objectives

⚠ to improve the intervention in DV/IPV by developing:

- innovative approaches
- instruments and tools for risk assessment

in order:

- to increase the prediction of re-assault
- to promote the safety and security of victims of violence

and

- ⚠ to promote the recovery of survivors, empowerment and autonomy and prevent further victimization
- ⚠ to promote collaboration among stakeholders
- ⚠ to develop formal and informal networks

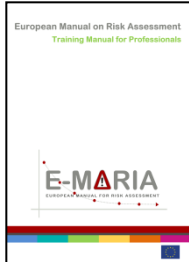
TARGET GROUPS

- ⚠ Professionals who provide frontline services for victims of domestic violence
 - with special focus on **legal**, **paralegal** and **judicial** professionals and **law enforcement authorities** as well as all professionals who intervene in the field of domestic violence
- ⚠ Women survivors of DV/IPV

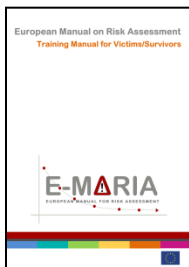
MAIN OUTCOMES



European Manual on Risk Assessment: provides guidance to professionals to build a common language, embrace and reinforce common principles of intervention on risk assessment and management. It is available in two versions: an E-Manual (full electronic version in EN) and the booklet (short version: EN, DE, LT, PT).



Training Package for Professionals: with its six modules on relevant aspects related to IPV, it provides trainers with concrete materials and tips on how to deliver training to professionals working in the field of IPV (available in EN, DE, LT, PT).



Training Package for Women Survivors: with its ten modules it gives trainers guidelines and tips on how to work with women survivors in order to support them in rebuilding their lives without violence (available in EN, DE, LT, PT).

EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Portuguese Network

social support; police forces; home office; lawyers; public prosecutors; health, perpetrators programmes; education; NGO; migrant services; child protection; municipalities; universities/social studies; shelters and women specialised services.

International Experts

involvement of international experts on risk assessment, violence against women, women issues and CEDAW – Laura Richards (UK-DASH), Davina James-Hanman (UK-AVA), Graziella Piga (FR-UNWOMEN) and Regina Tavares da Silva (PT-COMMITTEE CEDAW).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PREVENTION

- ⚠ It outlines risk assessment and management procedures, approaches and tools, defining safety strategies, information-sharing, i.e., outlines the intervention and protection process;
- ⚠ It considers a multi-agency approach as a coordinated and integrated response to DV/IPV
It requires that organizations have a clear role on the intervention process and that all involved in the case knows what is expected from them;
- ⚠ It reinforces the central role that the social mechanisms to support survivors plays on the intervention process and on survivors rights;
- ⚠ It recognizes the importance of having a legal system that supports survivors of violence and turn accountable perpetrators;
- ⚠ It identifies important legal measures as a tool for a successful risk management, such for example restriction and protection orders.

Remarks

- ⚠ The importance of a blended learning training approach in this field considering the constraints faced by professionals
- ⚠ The focus on an integrated and comprehensive approach;
- ⚠ The involvement of professionals from different fields



Allows the Risk Assessment and Management and Intervention efficacy and protection

Risk Assessment save Lives

Thanks for your attention