



EUCPN
EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK

1. Project title

"In dating there is no war"

2. Main theme

Dating violence; domestic violence.

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

- Prevent dating violence and domestic violence.
- Creating a sense of security among the young population

4. Project submitter (Member State), project leader(s) and project partner(s)

- Public Security Police (PSP)

5. Links to the project's website or online reports/publications (preferably in English)

Violência no namoro. PSP regista mais de 2.200 denúncias em 2021 -
Renascença (sapo.pt)

PSP registou 2.215 denúncias de violência no namoro em 2021 - SIC Notícias
(sicnoticias.pt)

PSP inicia operação de sensibilização para a violência no namoro nas escolas
(jn.pt)

6. Short summary of the project (**max. 100 words**)

The operation "No war on dating" carried out by the PSP is a commitment to the prevention of domestic violence and especially dating violence. This operation's main goal is to promote awareness-raising actions aimed at young people in the 3rd cycle of basic education and high school (age group 13 to 18 years), through the 289 police officers assigned to the Safe School Program.

7. Project description

Dating is consolidated in the doctrine as a sentimental, affective, intimate and tendentially stable or lasting relationship, going beyond mere friendship or casual relationship, even if a common life project is not yet planned. Early intervention is one of the principles of action enshrined in the legislation on minors in Portugal and, particularly in this matter, the negative effects on the formation of personality and social references of children when exposed to violence in the family environment are recognized. The replication of this behaviour in any affective bond and, specifically, in dating relationships, are an indication of the need for specialized intervention. Violence is neither tolerable nor excusable, but those who attack need to be helped. Considering the objectives of the Safe School Program and the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination, namely the Action Plan for preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, the awareness-raising activities that are carried out in this operation, targeting young people, are a preventive tool, contributing to a greater and better knowledge of young people at these ages about this phenomenon.

8. Project objectives

In order to prevent this phenomenon, the police is carrying out this operation, promoting awareness actions aimed at young people in the 3rd cycle of basic education and high school, contributing to a greater and better knowledge of young people at these ages on the issue of domestic violence and dating violence.

9. Project outcome

In the last 3 school years, 3,062 specific awareness-raising actions on this topic were carried out, involving 46,058 students nationwide. This proactive work with the school community has contributed to the fact that, in the past year, 67% of the reports of dating violence reached the Police. In 2021, 2,215 reports of dating violence were registered, of which 1,279 were reports of violence between ex-boyfriends and 936 were reports of dating relationships still in progress, across all age groups, with most of the victims being female.

10. Start and end project, timescales and key milestone dates

The operation runs from February 14 (the day when Valentine's Day is celebrated) until February 25.

11. Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...))

No funding.

12. Evaluation

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13. Contact details project

The PSP calls for the reporting of violence, whether in dating or in any other context. Victims, or any other person who is aware of the situation, should file a complaint at the police stations or seek help from the Safe School Teams (school context) or the Victim Protection and Support Teams. Support/spoken situations can also be requested through the emails: escolasegura@psp.pt and violenciadomestica@psp.pt