

Project title:

**Safety in the Public Sphere**

Main theme:

Crime prevention related to violence against women in the public space

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

As the subjective feeling of security in Austria is decreasing despite an objective reduction in crime, the purpose of this particular project is both to reassure women and to provide them with information on ways in which they can avoid becoming the victim of a crime on their way home/while going out for a walk, etc. The outcome that we can comment on so far is a notable positive reception and a substantial increase in the awareness of possible sources of danger and how to act in the case of an emergency.

Project submitter (Member State):

Austria

Project leader(s):

Evelyn Liebhart

Project partner(s):

The project is conducted with selected third parties in order to assure quality and the successful organization of information events.

Project description:

The project focuses on information events and produces materials that convey important advice and tips on proper ways to react towards an aggressor and how to prepare oneself in advance to the occurrence of an attack (or how to avoid the attack in the first place). The information communicated this way also summarizes important legal aspects pertaining to self-defense and how to search for a self-defense course that will prove to be useful in the case of an attack. The proper way to contact the police and when it is necessary to do so are also discussed.

Objectives project:

The primary objective of the project is to empower women in the public sphere and to give them the necessary confidence in order to feel safe in a public setting. In order to do so, potential sources of danger (also relating to drugs put in drinks in order to knock out victims) are mentioned and discussed collectively. In other words, strengthening the awareness of possible victims and to prepare them for the case of an emergency are key goals to be achieved by the project.

Project outcome:

In order to discuss the immediate outcome of the project, we are able to state that the audiences at our information events are continuously growing and that partnerships and related activities are intensifying at a constant rate. We also received very positive feedback from the attendants of our information events and can say with confidence that the number of people we are able to reach is growing continuously.

Start and end project:

The project started in the 2nd quarter of 2016; it is currently being implemented in a standardized process across Austria.

Timescales and key milestone dates:

The concept-phase of the project took place in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2016

The implementation phase of the project started in May 2017

The standardization and expansion of the project to encompass all of Austria began November 2017

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

All funds in order to carry out the project are provided by the Austrian Criminal Intelligence Service.

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