



1. Project title

Instruments to prevent and combat domestic violence

2. Main theme

Combating Domestic Violence

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

- Purpose: Improve performance of professionals involved in fundamental dimensions of domestic violence cases;
- Outcome: four instruments that standardize procedures and coordinate action between different professionals.

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

- Project submitter: Portugal
- Project leader: Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (Ministry of the Presidency)
- Project partners: Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Security Forces, General Attorney's Office and the Centre for Judicial Studies.

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

<https://www.cig.gov.pt/2020/06/governo-apresenta-novos-instrumentos-combate-violencia-domestica/>

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

The overall objective of this project is to offer professionals with the skills and mechanisms necessary to improve their performance and the protection and support of victims of domestic violence. The project stems from the Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 139/2019, of 19 August which

established several measures for the prevention and combat of domestic violence, including setting up a multisectoral working group that developed and implemented four instruments aimed at standardizing and coordinating procedures among professionals involved at different stages and in different dimension of cases of domestic violence.

7. Project description

This project seeks to enhance performance of professionals involved in fundamental dimensions of intervention in domestic violence case by creating and implementing four instruments that standardize and coordinate procedures among different agents.

These resources were elaborated in line with the in line with the recommendations of the Group of Experts to Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe, the Retrospective Analysis Team on Homicide in Domestic Violence, and the Multidisciplinary Technical Commission created in February 2019.

#Instrument 1: *Manual on Functional Performance to be adopted by the Criminal Police Bodies within 72 hours after a complaint has been lodged for ill-treatment committed in a context of domestic violence.* This manual streamlines the actions of the Criminal Police Bodies (GNR, PSP and PJ), describing the procedures that begin with lodging a complaint and aim to protect and support the victim, including the urgent preservation and acquisition of evidence, the containment and definition of the perpetrator's procedural situation and the subsequent integrated judicial and social intervention.

#Instrument 2: *Guide for Integrated Intervention among Children or Young People Victims of Domestic Violence.* This is a common guide for the various entities and services intervening among children and young people, standardising action intentions and describing flagging, intervention and referral procedures, ensuring the protection of children and young people victims of domestic violence.

#Instrument 3: *Annual Joint Training Plan on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.* First common training plan for professionals from, different sectors that deal with domestic violence. It is based on the standardisation of concepts, the definition of contents and training methods. It draws from the analysis of concrete cases and trains specialised in this field. The plan ensures that every sector base their actions on an integrated, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary view of the training contents, without prejudice for the necessary degree of specialisation.

#Instrument 3: *Minimum Requirement Guide for Programs and Projects of Primary Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.* This handbook is a guiding instrument for integrated action on primary prevention, establishing theoretical and methodological guidelines, operational intentions and minimum requirements for the preparation, implementation and assessment of prevention programs and projects aimed at several age groups, nevertheless it focuses particularly on prevention among children and young people, and prevention on dating violence.

8. Project objectives

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9. Project outcome

- Manual on Functional Performance to be adopted by the Criminal Police Bodies within 72 hours after a complaint has been lodged for ill-treatment committed in a context of domestic violence;
- Guide for Integrated Intervention among Children or Young People Victims of Domestic Violence
- Annual Joint Training Plan on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Minimum Requirement Guide for Programs and Projects of Primary Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

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

The instruments were launched in June 2020

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

National budget

12. Evaluation

13. Contact details project