



Project title: **Coordinating Methodical Centre for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence**

Main theme: Gender-Based Violence, Domestic Violence

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

The aim of the project is to establish the Coordinating-Methodical Centre for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CMC). The Centre will be responsible for creation, implementation and coordination of a comprehensive national policy on the prevention and elimination of gender-based and domestic violence.

Project submitter (Member State): Slovakia

Project leader(s):

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Department of Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities

Project partner(s):

Institute for Work and Family Research (the Slovak Republic)

Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies (the Kingdom of Norway)

Council of Europe

Project description (max. 150 words):

The CMC will be responsible for the professional coordination of activities within the area of primary prevention through providing methodical guidelines on the elimination of violence against women (VaW) and domestic violence (DV) for relevant stakeholders. The CMC will also facilitate multi-institutional cooperation among professionals providing assistance to survivors, including law enforcement agencies, health care and social service providers. Moreover, an educational system for these professionals will be provided by the CMC. Research, monitoring and awareness-raising remain an important component of the project. Additionally, the CMC represents compliance with the Article 10 of the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence which requires State Parties to *“designate or establish one or more official bodies responsible for the co-ordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and measures to prevent and combat all*



forms of violence covered by this Convention.”

Objectives project (max. 150 words):

- The establishment of the CMC, including an expert team,
- Coordination of the national system of prevention and elimination of VaW and DV,
- An analysis of the current legislation concerning VaW and DV, followed by ensuring relevant legislative changes,
- Implementation of an educational system for professionals providing assistance to survivors,
- Developing methodical guidelines for providing relevant services as well as a system for their accreditation,
- Ensuring systematic and efficient education at existing educational institutions and creating a team of lecturers for lifelong learning programmes,
- Ensuring the system of primary prevention, including the coordination of educational and training activities,
- Developing and implementing awareness-raising strategies to promote gender equality and a zero tolerance approach to VaW and DV,
- Coordination of a nationwide awareness-raising campaign on VaW,
- An analysis and evaluation of the existing system of statistical reporting, improve and supplement the registration system in all relevant areas,
- Conducting research concerning VaW and DV.

Project outcome (max. 150 words):

- Relevant legislative instruments aimed at ensuring an effective system of prevention and elimination of violence against women and domestic violence, including specific legislation aimed at the elimination and prevention of violence against women and domestic violence will be developed and implemented.
- Sufficient knowledge on violence against women will be gathered in order to contribute to the expansion of effective tools in the area of prevention and intervention.
- A high-quality system of support for survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence will be ensured.
- A prompt and efficient assistance to all women subjected to violence or to a threat of violence will be ensured, while keeping in mind the specific needs which arise from their situation.



- The level of sensitivity of relevant actors, the media and the public concerning gender-based and domestic violence will increase.
- The occurrence of violence against women and domestic violence will decrease in a long term.

Start and end project:

February 2015 – April 2017 (The approval process for the project contract extension to April 2017 takes place. The extension of financial spending was already approved.)

Timescales and key milestone dates:

April 2015 – Official launch of the project, establishment of the CMC

April 2015 – 1st Progress Report

August 2015 – 2nd Progress Report

December 2015 – 3rd Progress Report

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

2 000 000 Euros

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