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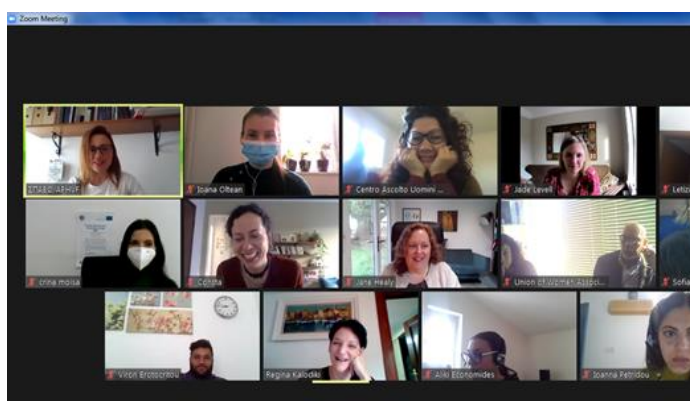
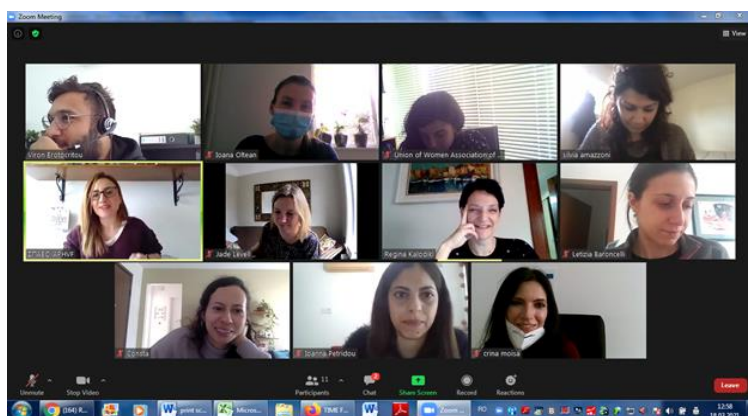


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"The Other Side of the Story: Perpetrators in Change" Project (881684 OSSPC)

The 2nd Consortium meeting (17-18 March, 2021)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions in the countries of the project consortium, the 2nd Partnership Meeting of "The Other Side of the Story: Perpetrators in Change" (OSSPC) project took place online.



Main Discussions on project activities within the meeting:

- the findings of the participating country reports on Domestic Violence and Perpetrator intervention Programmes, elaborated within the 2nd work package “Time for Change: Evidence Based research for new practice approaches.”
- the Transnational report, a comparative analysis report based on the findings of the national reports.
- the policy recommendations on the needs and importance of developing perpetrator programmes in the form of noncriminal justice intervention in Cyprus, Greece, Italy, The United Kingdom and Romania
- the Perpetrators Intervention Programme for professionals which will be completed in the following months of the project

Time for Change: Evidence based research for new practice approaches (WP

2.3 Formulating policy recommendations on the needs and importance of developing perpetrator programmes in the form of noncriminal justice intervention

The activity was coordinated by DASM, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Each partner of the OSSPC project has formulated a set of policy recommendations on domestic violence perpetrator intervention programmes, taking into consideration the specificities of their country.

The specific recommendations regarding policymaking emanate from the national research and comparative analysis which every partner of the consortium has completed.

Each partner/country sent their set of policy recommendations to the different authorities/agencies in their country in charge of those matters.

The Policy recommendations will assist national authorities in formulating or re-formulating action plans for better and more effective responding to domestic violence.

Similarities in the policy recommendations of the partners:

- Awareness raising and information campaigns of the community/local authorities on domestic violence issues and on the importance of the programmes for perpetrators.
 - Widespread coordinated service community response to DVA, at local/county/regional levels, development of safe referral pathways for victims to victim support services and for perpetrators to perpetrators' programmes by local authorities and services.
 - Consistent inter-agency collaboration for service provision pathways for both victim-survivors and perpetrators, develop collaboration protocols etc.
 - Uniform national funding for local coordination of support services for both victim-survivors and perpetrators of DVA.
 - Establish national databases where all organizations and authorities will keep record of the incidences and victims' reports. Enhance capacity for collecting data on violence among all frontline professionals/institutions.
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- Strengthen the legal framework on preventing and tackling violence against women and domestic violence.
 - Evaluations of perpetrator intervention programmes- standardized tools for evaluation.
 - The centres for perpetrators should offer specific treatments for different kinds of profiles, according to the person's motivation, type of crimes and possible psychiatric conditions, additions.
 - Elaborating a unitary methodology and a set of standardized tools for working with family perpetrators.
 - Capacity building programs for specialists for working with family perpetrators.
 - Launching campaigns on domestic violence in schools, on the effects of domestic violence and on existing solutions, etc.

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