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"The Other Side of the Story: Perpetrators in Change" Project

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Awareness raising, Dissemination and Sustainability (WP 5)

The activities of WP5 were coordinated by DASM and were implemented with the support of the OSSPC partners.

Awareness raising events within the OSSPC project

National Conferences (National Info days)

All partner countries have organized **awareness raising events in their countries (National Info Days)**, either in physical, online or hybrid format, having as participants representatives from regional/local competent authorities, community-based organizations (victim support services), gender equality /domestic violence experts.

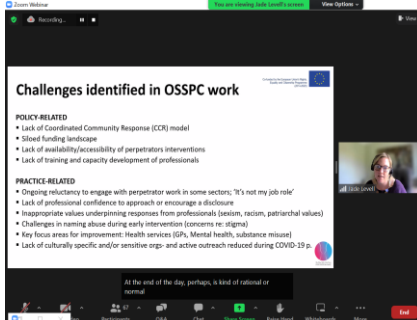
During these events the partners presented the overall and specific objectives of the project, the activities, the achievements/outcomes of the capacity building programme and of the other activities at National level. These were followed by Q&A sessions and discussions with the participants.

Cyprus

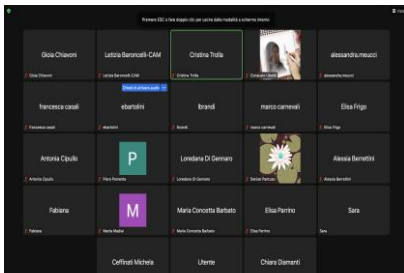




UK



Italy



The purpose of organizing the National Info Days was **raising awareness on the importance of perpetrator programmes** as a tool to prevent and combat gender-based violence in each partner country.

The partners aimed at changing the attitude/behaviour of frontline workers and of representatives of relevant governmental and community-based institutions/agencies, by organizing National info days which focused on how investing in perpetrator programmes can help prevent domestic violence and how they can play a positive role in the overall complement of improved legal, social and community responses to gender-based violence against women.

These events also aimed at ensuring project visibility by engaging with key internal and external actors.

Romania



Greece



The International Conference

The purpose of organizing the International Conference was also **raising awareness on the importance of perpetrator programmes** as a tool to prevent and combat gender-based violence and disseminating the project and its outputs. The Final International conference focused on a perpetrator-centred approach to tackle domestic violence with the aim of improving cooperation between public authorities and community-based organisations.

The consortium partners invited domestic violence experts from European countries (UK, Romania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy) to talk about the actions within this field which are implemented in their countries and to share experiences from good practices.

The conference was organized in physical format, in Cluj-Napoca (Romania), at the Casino- Urban Cultural Centre, on October 18th, 2022, and attended by some experts online as well, involving over 70 participants from Romania and from the partner countries. We welcomed representatives of public institutions with key-roles in the domestic violence field, NGOs, academics, experts, law enforcement officers and frontline professionals.





The Conference was opened by the speeches of Ms. Oláh Emese – Vice-Mayor of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) and Mr. Aurel Mocan - Executive Director of DASM. Then the OSSPC project was introduced to the audience by Ms. Filio Kyriakou – OSSPC project manager.

The 3 discussion panels with experts were preceded by presentations held by project partners' representatives, based on the project experience and were followed by interventions from the experts. There were also dedicated sections with Questions and answers.

The first presentation, held by the partners from UK, was related to the fieldwork within the project and was followed by a panel discussion with experts on the OSSPC "Time to change" report.

The second presentation was held by the representative of CAM, the partner from Italy, and was related to the training programme on perpetrator work within the project. It was followed by a panel discussion with experts on "Why training of service providers is important for perpetrator accountability?"

The third presentation was held by EKS, and was related to Multiagency cooperation of services for victims and perpetrators. It proceeded the panel entitled "Working Together to Combat Domestic Violence and Abuse: Multi-Agency Approaches.

The event ended with a session held by UWAH, on how we see the future of our subject and our collaboration endeavor.



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