

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Facilitate national agencies and/or community-based organizations in formulating or re-formulating action plans for better and more effective response to domestic violence through the provision of evidence-based research on the effectiveness of perpetrator programmes.
- Train 300 frontline workers and increase their competences by developing an effective capacity-building methodology and a corresponding training package.
- Foster multi-agency domestic violence strategy and create an efficient network of prevention and early intervention through the delivery of: reports on regional strategies for multiagency collaboration, organization of roundtables with relevant stakeholders aiming to foster multiagency and integrated response to domestic violence and of statement papers on multiagency collaboration and protocols of cooperation in domestic violence and perpetrator intervention programmes.
- Increase awareness on the importance of effective and high-quality information sharing as well as timely safeguarding response through the organization of regional roundtable meetings with 100 professionals and at least 50 agencies which will adhere to Protocol guidelines.

HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH OUR OBJECTIVES?

- we will publish a comparative analysis report of programmes for perpetrators of victims of domestic violence, containing national policies, regulatory and legislative framework, good practice models, from Cyprus, Great Britain, Italy, Greece and Romania;
- we will organize 5 focus groups with the participation of 150 professionals (30 from each partner state) and we will apply 100 questionnaires (20 in each partner state) to victims of domestic violence in order to assess the need for programmes for perpetrators to reduce further domestic violence,
- we will organize 25 interviews with perpetrators (5 in each partner country) to explore men's attitude and perception of domestic violence, to generate further insights and understanding into why abusive acts are committed;
- we will formulate 5 national policy recommendations on domestic violence perpetrator intervention programmes;
- we will develop a handbook on the development of minimum standards for perpetrators behavioral change programmes.
- we will develop a common effective capacity-building methodology and a corresponding training package (a guide for trainers and a guide for trainees) for frontline workers.
- we will train 300 frontline workers (60 from each partner country) and increase their competences to work with perpetrators towards their change and to prevent further domestic violence;
- each partner will organize a round table meeting with the participation of 20 relevant social actors for improving service provision and integrated responses and define a protocol of cooperation in domestic violence and perpetrator intervention programmes;
- we will organize awareness raising events for stakeholders, professionals and the public:
 - 5 national conferences (with 30 participants in each partner country);
 - An international conference (50 participants) with EU experts in Cluj-Napoca, România.

THE EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE PROJECT ARE:

- Improved awareness on the need of perpetrator programmes as an important element of an integrated/comprehensive approach to preventing and combating violence against women.
- Increased knowledge and understanding of frontline workers of the dynamics behind domestic violence and abuse and of the typical beliefs, values and tactics of perpetrators.
- Strengthened multi agency collaboration in the field of the project.
- Appropriate tools will be produced and awareness raising events will be implemented to prevent abusive practices and urge the public and policy makers stand together against domestic violence.

The budget of the project is 505.543 Euro, with a European Union contribution of 80%, 404.434 Euro.