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#### INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER

#### THE PROJECT

The project *React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence Through Youth Work* is funded by the Erasmus+, Action K2 Strategic Partnership for Youth, has a duration 24 months and is being implemented in five EU countries, namely Cyprus, Greece, Poland, France (including Martinique) and Spain.

#### THE NEED

The project focuses a lot on primary prevention strategies, policies, programmes, good practices.

The goal of sexual violence prevention is simple - to stop it from happening in the first place. Sexual Violence can by prevented utilizing a comprehensive primary intervention approach at multiplier level (i.e., individual, relationship, community, and societal) focusing on younger ages in a society. Prevention efforts should ultimately decrease the number of individuals who perpetrate sexual violence and the number of individuals victimized.

Organizations play a crucial role in children's developmental process. Sexual assault is a crime and sexual assault is not the victim's fault.

The project greatly supports that all (Youth) NGOs who have a direct contact with children and young people, have the obligation to adopt, apply and run effective sexual violence prevention, advocacy and support policies, protocols and programs, as part of their responsibilities for protection of the mental and physical health of children and young people, especially those with fewer opportunities. The lack of awareness, education, information, capacity related problems NGOs face and lack of professional skills, abilities and competences of staff in dealing with sexual violence, appear as obstacles to this.

#### **AIMS**

The aim of the project is to provide (youth) NGOs with direct contact with children and young people, with innovative comprehensive tools and means, to successfully and effectively adopt, plan, and implement prevention policies, strategies, programmes and practices aiming to combating sexual violence against children, adolescents and youth, based on primary prevention approaches including information sharing, awareness raising, education, training, networking and cooperation, using nonformal learning tools and methods.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To provide knowledge on national and EU official strategies, and action plans, as well as effective programs and good practices implemented by NGOs and other stakeholders, preventing sexual violence, against children and young people.
- 2. To raise awareness against sexual violence, using online campaign tools, to engage the involvement of all target groups in creative ways.
- 3. To provide a comprehensive package of innovative e-learning and training tools, which can be adopted and applied by NGOs.
- 4. To support open education resources on sexual violence prevention and promote collaboration fostering also inclusion of learners with fewer opportunities, via an interactive e-learning platform.

- 5. To engage professionals from different EU countries, in collaboration to produce and provide (youth) NGOs with innovative products contributing to combating sexual violence.
- 6. To engage youth workers/leaders in meeting in an intercultural learning environment, exchange ideas and establish networks.
- 7. To engage stakeholders in discussions and exchange of ideas, to collaborate and develop joint future actions preventing sexual violence on a community level.
- 8. To raise awareness among youth, on the danger of sexual violence and ways for protection, and if they have been victimized or are at risk to seek help and support.

#### TARGET GROUPS

- 1. NGO Board Members, Directors, Managers.
- 2. NGO staff, researchers, activists, practitioners, experts, specialists/professionals.
- 3. Youth leaders/workers/active volunteers working as coaches, mentors or coordinators.
- 4. Active volunteers of NGOs, providing support and assistance in youth projects and initiatives.
- 5. Children, adolescents and young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, facing social or financial obstacles, disabled, refugees, migrants, unemployed and others, benefiting directly from youth initiatives.
- 6. Public authority stakeholders, government officials, policy makers involved in the youth sector.
- 7. Media stakeholders.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Intellectual Products and Results produced during the project:

- 1. Publication of a Comprehensive Guide entitled "Sexual Violence Prevention Through Youth Work: Strategies, Programmes and Good Practices in Europe".
- 2. Online Awareness Raising Youth Campaign entitled "React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence", composed by 6 different social media challenges, namely: Challenge 1: #Speak4NO, Challenge 2: #TapeltChallenge, Challenge 3: #YouthWorkChallenge, Challenge 4: #LeadTheWayChallenge, Challenge 5: #TeamUpChallenge, Challenge 6: #FlashmobChallenge Appendix 2
- 3. Development of Training Modules (42 in total) with curriculums and audio-visual material, containing tools, and methods on developing awareness and prevention programmes, policies, good practices to enhance the professional capacity of NGOs and staff on the issue of sexual violence prevention.
- 4. E-Learning Interactive Training Platform with open access on all the training modules, publications and other related material produced during the project.
- 5. Publication of a Strategic Action Plan for Communities entitled "React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence for Better Communities" with policy recommendations, legislation amendments, from different stakeholders from Round Table Discussions and the open access Online Discussion Forum
- 6. Operation of R.A.P.S.V. Info Centres React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence Info Centres) dedicated solely to primary prevention against sexual violence.

#### **CONSORTIUM OF PROJECT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **SOCIAL POLICY AND ACTION ORGANIZATION – Coordinator Organization**

The Social Policy and Action Organization, a non-profitable organization was established August 2014 in Cyprus. The main goal of the Organization is to work towards the enhancement of quality of life of citizens targeting mostly vulnerable GROUP SIZEs, with extra emphasis on young people, covering all social policy related areas. The Organization actively supports and promotes the five principles of quality of life, thus being Human Well Being, Health, Financial Independence, Family Status, Socialization and Social Protection. The Board of the Organization in total 6 professionals work permanently on the activities and approximately 200 volunteers offer their services on different activities.

The Organization has established different Departments for effective operation: a) Youth Department, for the design and implementation of youth related projects, also responsible for the operation of the YouthVoices Programme and Chance2Learning. b) Research and Development Department, for the implementation of academic research studies and surveys and the development of policy recommendations and c) Fundraising Department, focusing on fundraising activities to financially support humanitarian causes, also operating the programme CY Care Packages, d) Project Management Department, undertaking the implementation of projects related to promoting human rights of vulnerable groups and people with fewer opportunities, gender mainstreaming and empowerment, combating poverty and social exclusion, sexual harassment prevention and other social related projects.

The activities of the Organisation are designed under two pillars: A) Design and implementation of Actions targeting specific social problems. B) Development and promotion of social policy recommendations. Among its activities are: 1) Design and implementation of academic research and surveys; 2) Monitoring of social policy related legislations and directives; 3) Mapping of effective social policy practices and actions in other countries; 4) Design and implementation of projects contributing towards combating identified social problems, supporting vulnerable GROUP SIZEs, including young people, promoting human rights, combating all kinds of discriminations in all levels of the society and promoting equal opportunities for all; 6) Provision of support, empowerment and enhancement of the quality of life of vulnerable GROUP SIZEs; 7) Awareness raising, dissemination of information and organization of social campaigns; 8) Establishment of a network with national and international parties, involved in social policy issues.

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United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece working in the field of youth mobility, participation and facilitating youth awareness about social issues. It was founded in 2008 by the inception of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. The vision of the organisation is the promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement and participation, voluntarism and human rights.

Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defence of human rights, the organization of youth related projects such as youth exchanges and training courses, which can bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, and the organization of local interventions, seminars and multimedia productions. It envisions a global and inclusive society, where citizens are equally empowered to contribute in the shaping of a world with less prejudice, discrimination and other forms of injustice.

U.S.B.'s objectives and values are actualized in the society and the needs of the youngsters

- Promoting the values of non-formal learning, voluntarism, active citizenship and democracy for the creation of a better future for the European youth;
- Promoting human rights, solidarity and respect for diversity amongst youth and the society;
- Involving minorities and immigrants into youth activities;
- Building healthy cooperation bridges between countries of the area of the Balkans and Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe;
- Using New Media and Citizens' Journalism methodologies to encourage youth expression, to raise awareness about Human Rights and to promote intercultural dialogue;
- Utilizing arts as a tool for the cultivation and expression of youth;
- Locating and multiplying the special cultural attributes of our societies;
- Breaking down prejudices and stereotypes among the European countries and amongst youth.

Networking: United Societies of Balkans has been a member organization of FERYP (Forum of European Young People), UNITED for Intercultural Action, Salto-Youth, Thess Network-regional NGO network (coordinator), Anna-Lindh Foundation (co-head of the Greek National Network), Youth for Exchange and Understanding(YEU International), Butterfly Dreamer and DYPALL (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level).

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The Association gives an opportunity to build new connections and relationships between people from all over the Europe. Association's objective is health, healthy lifestyle and physical activity. The HOPP already had organized many projects from the Erasmus+ Programme: youth exchanges, seminars, training courses.

The organizations has successfully organized the project entitled "Start now!: strategic partnership for health promotion among youth" (KA2, Erasmus+) a strategic project targeting health promotion among young people in three European countries, namely Poland, Bulgaria and Cyprus. Within a period of 21 months innovative non formal educational methods promoting health awareness among youth have been developed and applied by different youth organizations in all participating countries.

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#### **D'ANTILLES & D'AILLEURS**

D'Antilles&D'Ailleurs (DA&DA) is an organization that works for the education and promotion of active and democratic participation, in particular of women and young people with fewer opportunities, promoting diversity, equality, inclusion and strengthening the fight against discrimination, by developing 4 main axes:

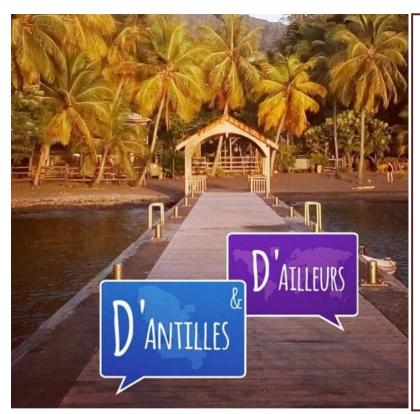
- **Training:** DA&DA organizes conferences, seminars, trainings and intercultural meetings focusing on citizenship, access to social rights and active participation of young people and women in public life.
- Accompaniment Towards Mobility and Employment: DA&DA implements all initiatives, prevention and public education actions to provide people with fewer opportunities access to mobility and better professional inclusion.
- Raising Awareness: DA&DA develops partnerships with various associations and public and private institutions to implement awareness-raising actions and strengthening the fighting against discrimination.
- **Cooperation:** DA&DA supports and develops projects of cooperation and international solidarity related to capacity building, development of disadvantaged communities, peace and human rights advocacy, and equity initiatives.

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D'Antilles&D'Ailleurs established in Martinique, by a group of women with a mission to bridge inequalities by international promoting mobility, organizing exchanges and fostering cooperation, in order to contribute to an understanding and respectful community. As a result, the NGO believes bridging stereotypes, celebrating differences. and perceiving diversity is a wealth which will improve the world we share and live in together.

Sexual Violence Prevention is one of the strongest awareness raising programmes of the organization.

#### **ASOCIACION BUILDING BRIDGES**

Building Bridges Cultural Association was founded in 2008 to promote a spirit and community integration and to foster European culture awareness among youth. Building Bridges is presented at local level as a tool to assist and support the implementation of non-formal education courses and improving knowledge of European labor system practices. The staff and volunteers organizes courses, visits and meetings, European events for public agencies on policies concerning youth, mobility, sports, local economic development, culture and cooperation with developing countries. Since its foundation, the association has participated in various advocacy and promotion of European mobility and its members have enough mobility experience as trainers. The organization aims:

- To build bridges and promote the social construction of Europe
- To build bridges and promote intercultural dialogue and favour understanding of foreign cultures.
- To plan bridges using European projects to promote participation.
- To bridge to support any cultural, educative and/or artistic expression based on the previous values.

Building Bridges works with organizations in the fields of culture, education and youth. In general, the organization focuses on anyone interested in art, culture, and heritage and Europe issues, especially those looking for an experience abroad and in need of a grant or funding. This group involves people of all ages and backgrounds with emphasis on youth: most of the users are long term unemployed people, with very few opportunities to get funding for developing studying and working activities in Spain or abroad. All activities pursue are implemented according to the following principles:

- Promote intercultural dialogue and favour understanding of foreign cultures.
- Educate young people towards an active European citizenship.
- Support any cultural, educative and/or artistic expression based on the previous values.
- Promote the social construction of Europe

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Activism in Spain.
Marchers protesting the verdict in the Manada gang-rape case.

Photo by Albert Garcia

## THE GUIDE "SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION THROUGH YOUTH WORK: STRATEGIES, PROGRAMMES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN EUROPE"

The Guide entitled "Sexual Violence Prevention Through Youth Work: Strategies, Programmes and Good Practices in Europe", represents the first Intellectual Output of the project "React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence Through Youth Work", as the result of a research study conducted during the first months of the project. The Guide represents a comprehensive resource with data and information, as published and expressed publicly by relative stakeholders, on the following sexual:

- 1. Academic research work performed around Europe regarding effective sexual violence prevention approaches, programs and good practices,
- 2. National, European and international strategies and policies promoting sexual violence prevention and proposed action plans and directives,
- 3. Effective sexual violence prevention strategies, policies, programmes, good practices and actions (including non-formal tools and methods) implemented by NGOs and other stakeholders around Europe.

#### **IMPACT**

It is expected that the Guide will be beneficial to a) NGOs, youth workers/leaders and volunteers all around Europe who will have access to a valuable resource publication containing policies, strategies, programmes and good practices, which have proven effective towards sexual violence prevent. The Guide will give them ideas and inspire them on how to utilize this information either to adopt the same methods or tools or amend them and develop new projects, b) youth workers/leaders/volunteers who will have the opportunity to study and adopt methods and tools included in the Guide, even requesting more information or assistance by the creators, c) academics and education professionals who will review material and information, become familiar with the work performed by youth NGOs on sexual violence prevention and in many cases request collaboration, d) young people, especially those with fewer opportunities who will become aware of the projects and services provided by different stakeholders and request more information out of interest or to seek assistance in case of victimization, e) parents and members of the community who will become aware of the services provided, seeking guidance for protection of their children, f) representatives of other community stakeholders who will receive information, increasing opportunities for collaboration with NGOs on development of effective sexual violence prevention actions at a community level.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

In order to produce the Guide, the following activities have been organized and implemented by all partner organizations in all participating countries:

A1: Research Study: A research study was conducted by partners, composed by the following stages:

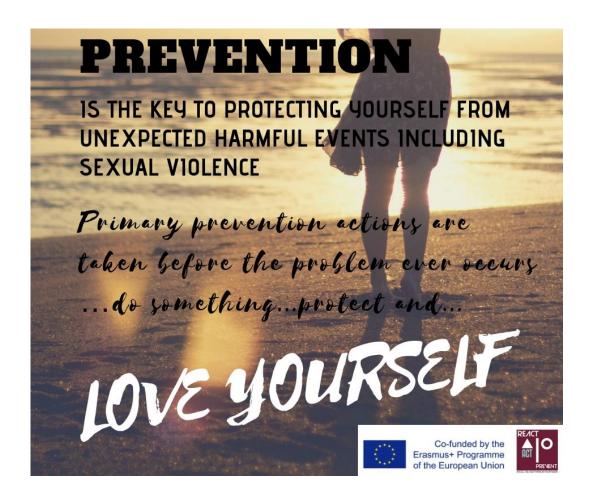
- 1. Secondary Research for collection of data and information deriving from different resources (academic articles, research reports etc).
- 2. Mapping research to identify and register sexual violence prevention programs and good practices, among NGOs in partner countries and the other 23 EU member states.

- 3. Mapping research to identify and register policies and actions of national, European and international organizations.
- 4. Primary Research based on online survey questionnaires (please see Appendix for the English version of the questionnaire), to gather information and data by NGOs all over Europe regarding sexual violence prevention strategies, policies and programs. The questionnaire became publicly available in English, Greek, Spanish and French languages. The links to the questionnaires are the following:

English language: https://s.surveyplanet.com/r1x\_mWjlQ Greek language: https://s.surveyplanet.com/r1lGx5Gezm Spanish language: https://s.surveyplanet.com/SJemDAURZ7 Polish language: https://s.surveyplanet.com/S1e50H9w-X French language: https://s.surveyplanet.com/SkeNEFfgMQ

A2: Analysis of data and information collected and registered.

**A3:** Development, editing and publication of the Guide: The Guide "Sexual Violence Prevention Through Youth Work: Strategies, Programmes and Good Practices in Europe" developed, edited and be widely disseminated in Europe. The Guide is uploaded on websites, social media and on the interactive E-Learning Platform and other online mediums and will represent a comprehensive source of sexual violence prevention measures promoted through youth work.



#### **RESEARCH STUDY**

The research study conducted by project partners to gather data and information focused on

- a) Gathering secondary and primary data and information on effective sexual violence prevention policies, strategies, programs and good practices applied in partner countries and other EU countries, to be utilized in the content of the guide, and use as basis in the development of the e-learning training modules and
- b) Measuring the level of sensitivity and awareness of (youth) NGOs with direct contact with children, adolescents and young people, on how important is to include such strategies in their activities, especially those with fewer opportunities, and on examining whether youth organizations incorporate sexual violence prevention policies and programs in their operational structures, programs and activities or services provided. Data and information from the latter have been utilized in the Guide to emphasize the need for all youth NGOs to apply sexual violence prevention strategies.

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### **Secondary Research**

In order to conduct the secondary research a template was developed which was followed by the researchers representing the partner organizations. The template was composed by:

- 1. A detailed list of possible resources to search to gather information which was as following: A) GOVERNMENTAL NATIONAL RESOURCES on sexual violence prevention: a) Statistics from government agencies To develop briefly the sexual violence prevention profile of each country. b) Crime reports. c) Sexual Violence Prevention Legislation. d) State / National Policies. e) State / National Programmes. B) MASS MEDIA. a) Reports from Mass Media. b) Opinion Polls. c) Documentaries. d) Magazine Articles. C) ACADEMIC INSTITUTES a) Scientific articles result of other research studies on the issues (quantitative and qualitative data). b) Books. D) NGOs. a) Newsletters. b) Websites. c) Reports. d) Any other online resource which provides information.
- 2. A layout of information to be included in the Guide for each result.

#### **Primary Research**

In order to conduct the primary information a Primary Questionnaire was developed, which was uploaded on the Survey Monkey to facilitate the procedure of collecting data and information online. The questionnaire was translated in all official languages of the project.

An introduction was developed accompanying the questionnaire, which was uploaded on the Survey Monkey. The introduction presented the project and the research survey, along with aims and objectives.

Each partner organization was responsible of identifying and contacting officially NGOs in their countries, as many as possible, asking them to participate in the research study. An official letter was developed and translated in all languages, for this purpose. Priority in contacting and receiving information will be given to those NGOs (especially youth NGOs) actively involved in sexual violence prevention in relation to children and young people and then to other youth NGOs. The goal set was to receiving 70 responses from each participating country. Then partner organization undertook the responsibility of contacting NGOs, in another 5 EU countries, to achieve the desired goal.

The questionnaire included quantitative and qualitative questions related to: a)the general presentation of an NGO including field of activity, aims, target groups, activities, involvement in national or European programmes and details, b) sexual violence policies and strategies: whether the NGO has developed and applies sexual violence prevention policies and strategies (including a Children Protection Policy), in all its structural procedures, activities or services provided. If the NGO applies related policies, then more information and description will be requested. In case the NGO does not apply such policies, reasons will be requested, c) sexual violence prevention programs and practices: whether the NGO develops and operates prevention programs. In case it does detailed information will be requested including: Title of programme, aims and objectives, activities, practices, methodology, impact, evaluation results and links to relevant material. In case the NGO does not have such programs, reasons will be requested, d) Interest of participation in the current project: whether the NGO would be interested in receiving information on the subject and training on how to develop and adopt effective strategies and policies.

#### **CONCLUSIONS REACHED FROM DATA AND INFORMATION**

The analysis of results, data and information received from the primary questionnaires made apparent the need for awareness raising and information sharing as well as education and training of NGOs in regards to sexual violence prevention is extremely important.

In total 760 NGOs have been contacted in all 5 countries by partner organizations, and approximately 300 NGOs from other EU member states. At the end of the procedure, only 305 complete questionnaires (29%) were received: a) 260 from partner countries (Cyprus, Greece and Poland managed to receive 70 questionnaires each, Spain managed to receive 27 and France 23) and b) only 45 from the other EU member states.

Partner organizations utilized different tools to attract the interest of NGOs in their countries, to participate at the research study. In particular NGos were contacted a) through the informational letter sent via emails, b) messenger message on social Facebook pages and last c) personal calls to ask whether they have received the emails and urge them to fill out the questionnaires. Most of the NGOs responded mostly to personal phone calls, which significantly increased participation.

The reasons, for not responding immediately to the research study, as mentioned by NGOs, over the phone included the following:

- 1. People did not feel comfortable on the subject. They were a bit reluctant since the subject is considered a taboo for discussion.
- 2. Some others were extremely negative and they did not want their data or responses to be published. They wanted to fill out the questionnaire anonymously.
- 3. Other people considered the questionnaire too long and too boring.
- 4. Finally some others did not want to write a lot of details and preferred to provide vague responses.

Despite the difficulties, however, the data and information provided in the 305 questionnaires collected, contributed to the extraction of important conclusions. They further justified the apparent need for education and training of NGO staff and volunteers on how to adopt apply and run effective sexual violence prevention, advocacy and support policies, protocols and programs, as part of their responsibilities for protection of the mental and physical health of children and young people,

especially those with fewer opportunities. They also demonstrated that NGOs are interested in the project outputs, outcomes and material.

Most of the respondents were small organizations with paid staff from 1-50 (in particular 191) and volunteers 1-50 (in particular 147). A disappointing issue revealed from the research was that the representatives of 253 organizations were not familiar with the terms related to sexual violence prevention, including sexual violence, harassment, primary prevention and others. The positive point, however, was that 295 believe that it is important for NGOs, to adopt and apply sexual violence prevention measures.

Even though in most countries, organizations who are in direct contact with children and young people, are obliged to apply at least a Child Protection Policy, the research results showed that only 71 (23%) organizations, comply with this. The organizations who not apply such policies: a) 21 organizations do not know what a Child Protection Policy is, 33 state that it is not compulsory by the law for them to apply such policy, 20 have never been interested, 43 do not have the knowledge on how to adopt and apply such policy and 117 have not stated the reasons.

In line with this, however, a positive outcome reached was that 223 (out of 234, 95%) organizations are interested at adopting and applying a Child Protection Policy, and have provided emails to receive the material developed at the end of the project.

Last, in regards to secondary and tertiary prevention again sexual violence, only 84 organizations (28%) have stated that they have protocols and procedures in place to provide immediate support to children or young people addressing them in case of sexual violence and only 74 organizations(24%) run sexual violence prevention programmes and activities.

The 74 organizations who implement sexual violence prevention measures, have provided the general information regarding their strategies (31), policies (34) and programmes (58), which have been included in the Guide. Even though only 34 of these measures are implemented on national levels, all sexual violence prevention measures appear to be effective and have positive impact, as stated in the questionnaire.



Photo by Kiki Hadjigeorgiou, a volunteer, at #Speak4NO Challenge Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

#### PART A – YOUTH SEXUAL VIOLENCE AROUND EUROPE

Sexual violence is considered among the most serious social problems, occurring against any person, regardless gender, age, race at any place, at any time. Unfortunately, sexual violence against children and young people, is taking dangerous dimensions around the world.

In Europe 10%-20% of children and adolescents are sexually assaulted during their childhood, as stated by the European Commission. Based on a Council of Europe study, about 1 in 5 children in Europe are victims of some form of sexual violence. WHO study (2004) showed that the global prevalence of childhood sexual victimization was 27% among girls and 14% among boys. UNICEF studies in 21 countries (2014), showed that 150 million girls and 73 million boys under the age of 18, had experienced forced forms of sexual violence. Victimization rates are increasing rigorously, with lasting harmful effects on victims, families, communities and societies.

The Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS N°201), also known as "the Lanzarote Convention", states that in "Europe and beyond shall adopt specific legislation and take measures for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and to prosecute perpetrators". The Council of Europe Convention was adopted and opened for signature on 25 October 2007 in Lanzarote, Spain. The Lanzarote Convention entered into force on 1 July 2010. To date, it has been signed by all 47 Council of Europe member states and ratified by 44: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey and Ukraine. The 3 States which have not ratified yet are: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Ireland.

To date, the Lanzarote Convention is considered as the most comprehensive international legal instrument on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. It covers all possible kinds of sexual offences against children (including sexual abuse of a child, exploitation of children through prostitution, grooming and corruption of children through exposure to sexual content and activities and offences related to child abuse material).

#### WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic, or otherwise directed, against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work (WHO)

#ReactActPrevent #Speak4NO Sexual Violence





#### **CYPRUS**

In Cyprus the levels of sexual violence occurrence are high, as justified by the research performed by the Department of Psychology of the University of Cyprus in 2014, but few are reported and even fewer are being investigated completely.

The sample taken was 2000 adolescents and young adults, 15 to 22 years of age (75% female) recruited from high schools, technical schools, universities and colleges around the country, and 169 professionals from education, health and legal sectors. Results indicated that 19.6 % of adolescents reported having experienced at least one type of sexual abuse. In the majority of the cases, the perpetrator was a boy or a man that was known to the victim (average 66 %). Finally, only 14 % of those who had experienced some type of sexual sought help from family or professionals.

Professionals, on the other hand, reported coming into contact with sexual abuse cases (38 %) but having little knowledge in how to handle cases appropriately and effectively or about the legal framework.

As stated by the conclusions of the Technical Report "Although Cypriot society may have some way to go in terms of openly acknowledging, accepting and addressing the occurrence of child sexual abuse in its communities, it is, nevertheless, imperative that immediate action is taken to implement prevention policies and to make the necessary changes to protect children and safeguard families. For this to occur there needs to be a continuous, well-coordinated, and well-planned effort from individuals and organizations involved and invested in child sexual abuse prevention alike."

In Cyprus the legislations related to sexual violence against children are the following:

- 1. Law 91 (I) / 2014 "The Prevention and Combating of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Pornography", the provisions of which are harmonised with the European Directive 2011/93 / EU and the Lanzarote Convention.
- 2. Criminal Code, Cap 154, for criminal offences
- 3. The Convention on Cybercrime (Ratification) Law of 2004 (22 (III) / 2004)
- 4. The Trafficking in Persons and the Exploitation and Protection of Victims Law of 2007 (N. 87 (I) / 2007).

The Lanzarote Convention was formally ratified by the House of Representatives and is being implemented in Cyprus as from 1 June 2015. The International Convention on the Rights of the Child with its Optional Protocols, as adopted on 20.11.1989 by the United Nations.

Despite the fact that a National Strategic Plan has been developed and is being applied in Cyprus from 2016-2019, unfortunately sexual violence cases are increasing and very little measures are focused on primary prevention to tackle sexual violence.

#### **FRANCE**

In France, surveys have shown the high concentration of sexual violence at the youngest age in life: more than half of sexual violence reported by women and two-thirds of that reported by men occur or begin before the age of 18 years old.

In addition, women continue to experience violence at all stages of life, albeit to a lesser extent, while men are relatively unaffected as adults. More specifically, 25% of women aged 20 to 69 report having experienced at least one form of violence in the public space in the last 12 months (approximately 5 million female victims every year). Within this percentage: 5% of women aged 20 to 69 (1 million female victims over one year) have been victims of harassment and sexual attacks (sexist harassment, exhibitionism, voyeurism, being followed, grogged, forcibly kissed, etc.), whereas 0.1% of women aged 20 to 69 (15,500 female victims over one year) have been victims of sexual violence (sexual touching, rape, attempted rape - accumulated in the past 12 months as a result of harassment).

Concerning sexual violence towards minors, in 2017, there were 8,788 complaints or reports of rape for minor victims and 14,673 for sexual assault. Only 9% of rapes committed on minors are committed with physical violence. Most often, it is the constraint or threat (49% of cases) or stratagem (42%) that are used. Only 2% of rapes (compared to 21% for adult victims) are committed at night and the same proportion follow a meeting on the internet. On the other hand, 30% to 40% of authors in prosecutable cases were minors.

#### GREECE

Sexual Violence has been an urgent issue of concern in Greece recently. Plenty of cases have been recorded in the largest cities like Athens and Thessaloniki and in refugee camps in the Eastern Aegean islands (especially after the peak of refugee crisis in 2015). A lot of cases, however, are not being reported which suggests that sexual violence is still a taboo topic in the country.

Regarding sexual violence against women, a lot of cases concern sexual harassment at the workplace, either by the employer (which is far more possible due to the element of dependence in the employment relationship) or by a colleague, and most of them are not reported. Although there is a law, based on which, sexual harassment falls under the scope of civil law as well, apart from the penal law<sup>1</sup>, this issue remains in obscurity, which can also be explained by the financial crisis in Greece and the lack of employability (practically people think that if one is lucky enough to find a good job

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> According to article 3 of Law 3896/2010, sexual harassment is sex discrimination, which is prohibited. Also, article 337 of the Penal Code expressly defines sexual abuse as a crime, whereas paragraph 6 of the same article states anyone who is sexually harassing by exploiting the work position of the victim shall be liable to imprisonment of up to three years and a pecuniary penalty of at least 1,000 euros. The cases that constitute a crime are lewd gestures or suggestions for lewd acts. These cases have a negative level of impact on the personality of the person and affect the common sense of decency and morality in the workplace in the field of sexual life and dignity. On the other hand, the infringement of personal rights by the civil law does not require "lewd" gestures and suggestions, but merely states capable of being sexually discriminatory, creating an intimidating climate in the workplace.

position, they should not report any sexual violence/ harassment incident, since they will lose their job).<sup>2</sup>

Rape cases have also been in high levels, during recent years, which is believed to be due to economic crisis which has increased the risks based on individual, relationship and community factors. According to the General Secretariat for Gender Equality, out of 5000 rapes which occur within the country almost every year, only 150 of them are certified by a medical examiner. Statistically, this is only 3% of rape attacks.<sup>3</sup> Risk factors (as mentioned above), include among others, alcohol and drug use, suicidal behaviour, family environment characterized by physical violence and conflict, poverty, lack of employment opportunities<sup>4</sup>.

Paedophilia cases are considered a serious phenomenon of sexual violence, which is also unreported in Greek society. Unfortunately, not only it occurs in high scale in Greek society, sometimes in families is not considered violence (at least speaking about the common sense)<sup>5</sup>. Although not so likely, in 2013 there was also the first incident of a woman teacher of foreign language who tried to abuse a student<sup>6</sup> and fortunately she was arrested for paedophilia by Cyber Crime Department of the Greek Police in Athens. The "opposite story" of an adult man, abusing a minor girl or boy is more common and less reported due to the high level of patriarchy in Greek society.

Finally, an important issue which came to light recently in relation to sexual violence, is connected to the cases of sexual violence, harassment and prostitution of refugee women and kids, who are in a vulnerable position, isolated in camps in Greek islands or in major cities, striving for survivor. There are reports, which show that young women have been survivals of sexual attacks and and that youngsters along with women are afraid of going outside the tents at night, due to inadequate security and overcrowded conditions, among other reasons<sup>7</sup>.

Greece, as presented in the graphics above, is included among those countries where 40-59% of people have been sexually harassed as adults. Although problems in terms of sexual violence are rated in a really high position in Greece, things do not seem to change so much. Sexual violence prevention

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This specific topic has not even been researched a lot, which illustrates the significance of the situation. Still, there are articles that show how the economic crisis can be linked with domestic and gender based violence, targeted to women especially (<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/greek-election-blog-2012/2012/jun/15/greek-crisis-women-especially-hard">https://www.theguardian.com/world/greek-election-blog-2012/2012/jun/15/greek-crisis-women-especially-hard</a>, The Guardian, 15/6/2012). Domestic violence affects women the most, as well, and this is a topic that has its roots again in economic crisis (<a href="https://www.thenationalherald.com/189614/domestic-violence-soaring-crisis-wracked-greece/">https://www.thenationalherald.com/189614/domestic-violence-soaring-crisis-wracked-greece/</a>, Retrieved: 21/11/2018)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>http://www.ekathimerini.com/223522/article/ekathimerini/news/most-rapes-in-greece-go-unreported?fbclid=IwAR2q3DASL0-JLtlwQEn1sWvQPpGTqUEpLXj70gy6\_dohhvYO4KIuw0XdlEY, Ekathimerini.com 23.11.2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> These factors are mainly connected to the phenomenon of economic crisis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> During 2015 there have been 81 cases concerning pedophilia in Greece, while in 2016 there have been 123 cases and for the first eight months of 2017 there have been 77 cases," Greek Police's Press Officer Ioanna Rotziokou told Xinhua. (http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{03/08/c}\ 137024812.htm?fbclid=IwAR2rvM5BaIEkkXNXLKyMyfIKEw6b4xqEvpeEGkU-dzMpoLy7Lpo0oXX-rgs,\ Alexia\ Vlachou,\ China-Europe,\ 8/3/2018.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://greece.greekreporter.com/2013/01/29/female-teacher-arrested-for-pedophilia-in-athens/, Greek Reporter, Stella Tsolakidou, 29/01/2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.mondialisation.ca/greece-sexual-assaults-on-children-at-refugee-camps/5541119, Par Peter Koenig et Sputnik, Mondialisation.ca, 15/08/2016.

https://reliefweb.int/report/greece/greek-government-disregards-unhcr-reports-sexual-violence-greek-island-camps?fbclid=IwAR2NZxpePH-MuYkJnpXrefjVTCvLyLlFGFxvbYfWFZRL2OEJOkkJo4Pi9i4, Relief.Web, 23/2/2018.

policies, programmes and actions by state, civil society and private stakeholders are very few and there is lack of awareness. The legislation in Greece should protect survivors at secondary and tertiary prevention, but actions should be taken in primary prevention as well.

#### **POLAND**

The key issue regarding the problem of sexual violence in Poland is primary prevention, that is, multidimensional activities addressed to the entire society, whose goals are to create the appropriate conditions for sexual development of children and adolescents and promoting proper forms of relationships between children and adults, including their sexuality. Analysis of the effectiveness of prevention actions show that sex education is an important form of sexual violence prevention as a measure to protect children. Although majority of adults in Poland support that children should be educated, from early ages, about recognizing and avoiding bad touch, it is controversy related to the sexual education of children, especially realized by educational institutions which are included in the social discourse in Poland. They are concerned on the content and methods of sexual education, the boundary between education and sexualization and the age of children, such educational messages can be addressed.<sup>8</sup>

According to the report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, published in 2014 "Violence against women: an EU-wide survey", 1 in 10 women (12%) experience, a certain form of exploitation sexual or other event before completing 15 years old in Poland. This kind of act is usually performed by an adult (8%) and touching the genital organs or breast of a child (5%). According the Report of Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, in 2014, 4.2% of respondents knew families in their environment in which sexual violence against children occurred. In 2014, 1.1% of respondents declared that in childhood they experienced sexual violence in the family. In the case of men, only 0.2% of respondents declared that in childhood they experienced sexual violence in the family. Among women, this was 2%. Among women,

Regarding legal interventions, reports from the Police in 2017, showed 1230 cases of sexual violence within the family, reaching 0.74%. According to police statistics from 2013, 106 cases related to rape involved juvenile offenses. In 2009, the Police reported 27 rape cases within Polish schools.

According to Report summarizing the activity of The Polish Nationwide Emergency Service for Victims of Domestic Violence "Blue Line" in 2017, violence was the main topic of the talks. Sexual violence was the subject of conversations in 7.37% of cases. Blue Line consultants received 652 calls from minors. In 2017, specialists of the "Blue Line" began 357 interventions in cases concerning domestic violence. Interventions regarding sexual violence related to 1.65% of cases. In 2017, almost half of the talks were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> M. Sajkowska, Wykorzystywanie seksualne dzieci

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Przemoc wobec kobiet. Badanie na poziomie Unii Europejskiej. Wyniki badania w skrócie, 1. "Violence against women: an EU-wide survey", 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ministerstwo Pracy i Polityki Społecznej, Raport cząstkowy, Badania porównawcze oraz diagnoza skali występowania przemocy w rodzinie wśródosób dorosłych i dzieci, z podziałem na poszczególne formy przemocy wraz z opisem charakterystyki ofiar przemocy i sprawców.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Informacja dotycząca realizacji przez Policję procedury Niebieskie Karty w 2017r.

of informative character. Support was in second place, further legal advice and violence prevention (marginal interest).<sup>12</sup>

Assistance to survivors and victims, including sexual violence, is institutionalized in Poland. Many institutions and bodies create a specific network of help are involved in helping victims of sexual violence, including: Police, Prosecutor's Office, Social Welfare Center, Health Care Institution, Non-Governmental Organizations. Victims who report to specialist organizations receive help. The list of institutions and organizations offering specialized assistance (eg. Through: Municipal Social Welfare Centers, crisis intervention centers, crisis intervention points, consultation points on each at every territorial level) is widely available through the Blue Line programme.

#### SPAIN

In Spain nowadays there are 3,025 reports of crimes related to sexual violence (including rape and other forms). The latest official data on violence committed in Spain reflect a rise of 20% in reported "sexual assault with penetration", so that constitutes an average of more than 4 sexual violations a day, according to the Ministry of Interior. During this year the police have received more than 500 alerts, but half of them were not denounced for different reasons (fear, loneliness, shame, incomprehension of the family, friends and others). The regions with the highest number of complaints falling under this category were first Catalonia, second Madrid and third Andalusia.

Due to this horrible situation, some mechanisms, including legislation, national initiatives and policies have been adopted and put in force, in Spain, to reduce as much as possible the number of victims of sexual violence.

The General Council of the Judiciary (CGPJ), has announced that Spain will following the European Convention of Istanbul, which considers gender-based violence as any kind of violence against women, including trafficking, genital mutilation, rape and aggression.

Mechanics in Spain which try to enforce the legislations, policies and strategies:

- Area of Monitoring and Control of Violence in the Family Environment
- Subcommittee To Study The Reform Of The Gender Violence Act
- Delegation Of The Government Against Gender Violence
- Observatory Against , Sexual And Gender Violence
- Interterritorial Council Of The National Health Service Commission...

Spain has many campaigns and events of awareness and prevention during the whole year, through education of the youngest: The "Against aggressors, zero tolerance" or The 'Against gender violence, the law wins" campaigns... It has also developed a lot of strategies and action plans regarding sexual violence, some of them are the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Raport podsumowujący działalność Ogólnopolskiego Pogotowia dla Ofiar Przemocy w Rodzinie "Niebieska Linia" w 2017 roku.

- The "National Strategy for the eradication of violence against women" is a key instrument for the actions of the public authorities to end the violence suffered by women by the mere fact of being so.
- The Framework Protocol for the Protection of Victims of Trafficking approved on October 28, 2011, develops procedures to guarantee adequate information to victims about their rights and assistance resources, as well as the necessary protection measures, before and during the criminal process.
- The Action Plan for the application of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security, adopted in 2007 contains the follow.

violent sexual crimes
90% of the victims
were girls & women
Eurostat 2015









#Speak4NO
Against Sexual Violence

1 in 5 children victimized 70-85% the perpetrator was known to the victim

Council of Europe 2011

## PART B – NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL STRATEGIES, SOCIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

#### **CYPRUS**

## NATIONAL STRATEGY AND THE MONITORING COMMITTEE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NS – "VOICE"

TITLE	National Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Pornography and the Monitoring Committee and Implementation of NS – "Voice"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy and Monitoring Committee
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Cyprus Government
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	2016-2019
TARGET GROUP	Children and adolescents
LEVEL OF IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State and private funding
AIM	The National Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Child Pornography 2016-2019, sets the policy directions and coordinates the implementation of actions and initiatives to combat sexual abuse and exploitation of children and child pornography at national level. The purpose of charting a National Strategy is to provide protection, support and every assistance, in every way and at every stage to children as vulnerable members of the civil society.
	The Committee is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the strategy, providing support to the institutions and designing concrete actions.
ACTIVITIES	The objectives of the National Strategy, based on which activities are implemented, are defined as the following:

#### A) Pillar 1- PRIMARY PREVENTION

- Reducing abuse and exploitation incidents through prevention strengthening, informing and educating children. Educating and informing professionals who have contact with children (teachers, sports agents, health professionals, civil servants and officials, functionaries of voluntary, charitable and non-governmental organisations).
- Educating and informing parents / guardians of children. Educating and informing professionals in the handling of perpetrators or suspects or people who seek help so that they may not become perpetrators, with the aim of avoiding repeat offences or not committing offences.
- Carrying out interventions and campaigns in the wider community for awareness-raising and information.
- Internet Security: Educating and informing children on the dangers of the internet. Educating and informing parents / guardians on the dangers of the internet. Tackling demand for child pornography. Changing the way the image of children is presented in the society,

#### B) Pillar 2 - SECONDARY PREVENTION

- Responding swiftly and timely to the initial problems before they get worse Training public officers and professionals who have contact with children in order to identify children who are at an increased risk of becoming victims or to identify vulnerable "high risk groups"
- Coordinating the services concerned

#### C) Pillar 3 - TERTIARY PREVENTION

- Tackling incidents after they have occurred
- Coordinating the services concerned
- Creating multidisciplinary teams, training public servants and professionals who have contact with children to identify victims,
- Specialising public officials to investigate and respond to incidents (Police, social services, mental health services, lawyers)
- Specialising public and private health professionals in the long-term support and treatment of victims and perpetrators,
- D) Pilar 4 RESEARCH Implementing a system to record incidents, Conducting scientific research
- E) Pilar 5- EVALUATION Quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness and the attainment of the objectives of specific actions.

## LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

Committee: http://www.foni.org.cy

#### **CYPRUS POLICE**

TITLE	Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Government Department
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office, Crime Combating Department, Cyprus Police
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Any person, despite age, gender, ethnicity.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To register cases of violence, report, proceed to investigation of cases and provide support to victims.
ACTIVITIES	Sees to all matters that concern dealing with prevention, repression and handling of domestic violence and child abuse. The main duties and responsibilities of the Office include the following:
	1. Monitors cases/incidents of domestic violence and child abuse that are reported in Police Stations all over Cyprus in collaboration with the investigators as well as with professionals from other relevant Services.
	2. Cooperates with other relevant (governmental and not) agencies for better and more effective handling of the incidents.
	3. Maintains an electronic registry of all incidents of domestic violence that are reported to Police Stations all over Cyprus. Relevant statistics are issued and published on an annual base, and they are accessible by the web page of Cyprus Police.
	4. Informs the Attorney General of Cyprus on incidents of domestic violence that are reported to Police Stations and are further reported to Police Headquarters.
	5. Appropriately trained members of the Office take at the specialized facilities of the Office or of other Police Divisions video-recorded statements, mainly from minor victims and/or witnesses, in collaboration with the investigators.
	6. Promotes the organisation of educational seminars in cooperation with

	the Police Academy aiming at the basic and specialized training of Police members. To this purpose, the Office published a manual $o\pi$ handling domestic violence incidents.
	7. Represents the Police in social events, seminars, conferences or meetings in Cyprus and abroad to inform the public or other professionals on domestic violence and child abuse. For public awareness purposes, the Office publishes and distributes awareness material. At the same time, campaigns are organised to enlighten the public o $\pi$ the subject of domestic violence and child abuse.
	8. Reviews criminal files and submits opinions regarding the further handling of each case.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.police.gov.cy/police/police.nsf/All/24387A257E85837CC22578 A900271B1A?OpenDocument

#### **CYPRUS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

TITLE	Teacher's Manual for the Recognition and Management of Children's Sexual
	Abuse Incidents
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Guide / Manual / Toolkit
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Coordination Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Sexual Violence and Exploitation of Children, Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	2017-Today
TARGET GROUP	Educators, Psychologists, Teachers, Professionals actively involved with children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	The Guide contributes to more effective treatment and appropriate approach to issues related to identification and management of incidents of child sexual violence by all involved in the educational process.
ACTIVITIES	The Guide contains chapters containing information to raise awareness, share information and educate on the following issues:  • Definition of child sexual violence

	What is not considered as sexual abuse of children - Consensual activities among minors
	Consequences of sexual abuse in children
	Perpetrators of sexual abuse of minors
	Online child abuse and internet violence of minors
	Sexual development of children
	Stages of sexual development - Expected age behaviours
	Behaviour of children of a sexual nature that may be troublesome
	Management of child sexual violence cases within school
	Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Prevention within schools
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.moec.gov.cy/dde/odigies_scholikis_chronias_2018_19/sexoual iki_kakopoiisi_encheiridio_diadikasion.pdf



Photo by Kiki Hadjigeorgiou, a volunteer, at #Speak4NO Challenge Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

#### **FRANCE**

#### **INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION**

TITLE	First Inter-Ministerial Plan to Mobilize and Fight Against Violence Against Children (2017-2019)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategic Plan
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Inter-Ministerial Commission
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	2017 - 2019
TARGET GROUP	Children, Adolescents, Young People
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
	The Plan aims to raise awareness around physical and sexual violence, through different kind of actions, divided under 4 Axes
	To improve knowledge and understand the mechanisms of violence
	To raise awareness and promote prevention
AIM	To provide training on identification of cases
	To Support child victims of violence
	To improve the medical care of child victims of violence
	To reflect on the limitation periods for sexual crimes committed against minors
	To pilot and evaluate the Plan
	AXIS 1 – Activities
	Annual organization of the statistical census and publication of results
ACTIVITIES	Identification of operations by different institutions involved in the violent deaths of children within of the family#
	Systematic analysis of the children's living conditions

#### **AXIS 2 - Activities**

- Promotion of education without violence and support of families in the exercise of their parenthood
- Prevention of exposure of minors to pornography.
- Public awareness raising through information campaigns on violence against children
- Dissemination tools on sexual violence for parents and children
- Education of parents and professionals about shaken baby syndrome

#### **AXIS 3 - Activities**

- Establishment of doctors in all hospitals, referring to violence against children
- Mobilization of professionals in contact with children and provision of in the detection and management of violence against children
- Training of professionals on the impact of violence on children.
- Strengthening links between emergency numbers 119 and 3919.

#### AXIS 4 - Support child victims of violence

- Strengthening the consideration of victims of incest and violence during childhood in the health and social telephony network.
- Promotion of the development of Child Hearing Assistance units for victims of violence.
- Development of child-talk training.
- Rethinking the management of specific care for psycho traumatisms related to domestic violence during childhood.
- Development of immediate hospital care for children during domestic murders in the family home.
- Management of follow-up plans.
- Evaluation of the plan implementation.

### LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

- https://www.memoiretraumatique.org/assets/files/v1/Documentspdf/2017-1er\_Plan\_VIOLENCES\_ENFANTS\_VF.pdf
- http://media.eduscol.education.fr/file/Action\_sanitaire\_et\_sociale/52/ 8/guide\_prevention\_violences\_sexuelles\_144528.pdf
- https://nexem.fr/app/uploads/2018/03/2018-03-02\_journee\_nationale\_mobilisation\_et\_lutte\_contre\_les\_violences\_faites aux enfants-support com.pdf

#### **GREECE**

#### **MUNICIPALITIES AROUND GREECE**

TITLE	Shelters and Support Centres for Abused Women
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	16 Municipalities around Greece - Ioannina, Athens, Thessaloniki, Iraklio, Chania, Parta, Korintho, Alexandroupoli, Veria, Kordelio Thessaloniki, Kozani, Corfu, Larisa, Lamia, Tripoli and Rhodes
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	Women victims of violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To support young girls and women who are victims of verbal and physical abuse, including sexual violence, by providing various services, including shelter.
	According to UNCHR reports of 2013, there are 16 shelters across the country that are located in Ioannina, Athens, Thessaloniki, Iraklio, Chania, Parta, Korintho, Alexandroupoli, Veria, Kordelio Thessaloniki, Kozani, Corfu, Larisa, Lamia, Tripoli and Rhodes (Coordinator 26 Apr. 2014).
	Development of personal action plans for support and recovery of victims.
	Provision of basic housing needs for victims, approximately for 2 months
ACTIVITIES	• Provision of support services by social workers, psychologists, lawyers and others.
	Organization of awareness raising events on domestic, sexual, physical and verbal violence against women and how to combat it.
	Production of videos urging victims to break their silence and take the decision to talk.
	Expected impact and effectives: Results are very optimistic. Even though year after year the number of the women who ask for help is rising, support services are considered effective with positive impact.

WEBSITE	http://www.katafygiogynaikas.org/
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#### SOCIAL PROTECTION, EDUCATION CULTURE DEPARTMENT, LOKRON MUNICIPALITY

TITLE	Community Sexual Violence Prevention Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Programmes
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Social Protection, Education and Culture Department, Lokron Municipality
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	Local
FUNDING SOURCE	European programme ESPA 2007-2013 and ESPA 2014-2020 and State funding
AIM	To prevent sexual violence against children and adolescents
	Workshops at schools, in association with parents and guardians
	<ul> <li>Collaboration with public bodies to raise awareness of citizens and parents on sexual violence prevention and protection of children and adolescents.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Design and implementation of employment groups with pedagogical character in schools.
	Expected impact and effectives: Connection of citizens with relevant departments and increase referrals to more specialised competent services. Avoid pathological and violent behaviours towards children but also to others. Dealing with bullying of school violence and domestic violence. Individual-family sessions.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.dimos-lokron.gov.gr

#### **POLAND**

#### **POLISH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE	Platform for Action Against Sexual Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Polish Government
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	2016-2020
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	<ul> <li>To prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women, and set up an adequate coordinating and monitoring mechanism for this purpose.</li> <li>To provide provisions protecting victim's rights.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Presents and suggests new procedures for the police and medical facilities dealing with victims of sexual violence, and provisions protecting victims' rights.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.ms.gov.pl/Data/Files/_public/ppwr/krajowy_program/krajowy-program-przeciwdzialania-przemocy-w-rodzinie-na-lata-2014-2020.pdf

#### **SPAIN**

#### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

TITLE	Monitoring and Control of Violence in the Family
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS)
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	March 2012- Today
TARGET GROUP	Every victim of sexual abuse
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To provide suggestion on the different approaches and methods within the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) toolbox and assess their strengths and weaknesses.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Monitoring and analysis, in the police field, for the treatment of domestic violence, promoting initiatives and measures aimed at combating the social problem that this type of violence supposes.</li> <li>Organization of conferences and campaigns</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.social.gov.tt

#### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

TITLE	National Strategy for the eradication of violence against women and children
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy
AUTHORITY OR	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS)

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	2013-2016
TARGET GROUP	Vulnerable victims of sexual violence, focused on women and children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	To provide a regulatory framework under which measures are inscribed, characterised by two fundamental aspects: the coexistence of international, national and autonomous region regulations and the existence of different legal instruments
ACTIVITIES	The Strategy represents the fundamental cornerstone of the government's actions to combat sexual violence and presents a stable action plan.
	It consists in putting material and human resources into operation in a coordinated manner to achieve the aim.
	It strengthens prevention in the broad meaning of the term, through measures aimed at raising the visibility of the problem.
	• It intensifies detection, through measures aimed at fostering the early identification.
	Impact and effectiveness: Nearly 100,000 women currently have active police assistance. The number of inmates serving prison sentences for violence off has been increasing since 2009, and now exceeds 6,000 inmates
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.violenciadegenero.msssi.gob.es

#### **OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

#### **MINISTRY OF INTERIOR**

TITLE	National Strategy of Preventing Violence Against Children
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Ministry of Interior
COUNTRY	Czech Republic
DURATION	2008 - 2018
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To remove the fragmentation of primary prevention programmes, thus helping to increase their effectiveness.
ACTIVITIES	The Strategy includes long-term legislative, organizational, technical and educational tasks and steps of preventive nature. The Ministry of Interior coordinates the work of other ministries involved in fight against commercial sexual abuse (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of Education etc.) and main NGOs. <sup>13</sup>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://eucpn.org

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> http://eucpn.org/sites/default/files/content/download/files/po\_cz\_sc\_policy1c\_201409.pdf

## **ESTONIA**

#### **KRIMINAALPOLITICA.EE**

TITLE	The Strategy for Preventing Violence in 2015–2020'
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Criminal Policy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Kriminaalpolitica.EE
COUNTRY	Estonia
DURATION	2015-2020
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	<ul> <li>To tackle violence against children, domestic violence (intimate partner violence), sexual violence and trafficking in human beings.</li> <li>To discuss violence prevention three prevention levels encompassing universal prevention, victim protection and work with consequences of violence.</li> <li>To raise awareness and educate the general public.</li> <li>To focus on people at risk of becoming a victim or committing an offence.</li> <li>To work with consequences of violence, offering support measures to victims as well as interventions concerning perpetrators of violence.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Supports activities:</li> <li>Promoting awareness of violence and thereby shaping attitudes condemning violence.</li> <li>Preventing risk behaviour and violence among children and youths.</li> <li>Increasing the awareness among sectoral specialists and thereby increasing their role in noticing violence.</li> <li>Awareness raising of international recommendations.</li> </ul>

	Protecting and supporting violence victims corresponding to their needs.
	Developing support system of violence victims.
	Improving the legal protection of violence victims.
	Promoting proceedings of violence cases are more victim-friendly
	Supporting the resolution of violence cases in a network
	Training the staff of law enforcement authorities and attorneys to prevent secondary victimization
	Promoting suggestions for more effective investigation of violence cases
	Correcting the supervision system concerning labour mediators and employers
	Providing treatment of perpetrators of violence in the community and in prisons and under probation.
	Expected impact and effectiveness: It is envisioned that apart from decreasing violence by 2020, the strategy will help a) reducing reducing the societal and gender-based inequality, b) to implement and provide the prevention programmes and services in all of Estonia, c) to ensure the internet safety of children, d) to promote active involvement of different parties in the prevention of violence
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.kriminaalpoliitika.ee/sites/krimipoliitika/files/elfinder/dokume ndid/strategy_for_preventing_violence_for_2015-2020.pdf

#### **MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

TITLE	Victim Support Act
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Ministry of Social Affairs
COUNTRY	Estonia
DURATION	2006- Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Victims of trafficking in human beings and sexually abused minor
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding

AIM	To maintain or enhance the provision of support to people who have fallen victim to criminal offence, negligence or mistreatment or physical, mental or sexual abuse	
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Activities include the following:</li> <li>Provision of psychological support and counselling to victims;</li> <li>Assistance to victims in communicating with state and local government authorities and legal persons.</li> <li>Insuring safe accommodation;</li> <li>ensuring catering;</li> <li>ensuring access to necessary health services;</li> <li>providing necessary material assistance;</li> <li>providing necessary translation and interpretation services for receiving the services provided within the framework of victim support services;</li> <li>providing other services necessary for physical and psycho-social rehabilitation of victims.</li> </ul>	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	<ul> <li>https://www.sm.ee/en/gender-equality-and-equal-treatment</li> <li>https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/Riigikogu/act/502012017002/con solide</li> </ul>	

## WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic, or otherwise directed, against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work (WHO)

#ReactActPrevent #Speak4NO Sexual Violence





## **GERMANY**

#### **INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ISSUES**

TITLE	Independent Commissioner for Child Sexual Abuse Issues
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Government Constitution
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Independent Commissioner for Child Sexual Abuse Issues
COUNTRY	Germany
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Victims and survivors of sexual violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To oversees issues and concerns of victims and survivors and their relatives, for experts from a practical and scientific background, as well as for everyone in politics and society who are engaged in the fight against sexual violence.
	Supports the implementation of the recommendations of the Round Table for "Child Sexual Abuse".
	<ul> <li>Monitors of the recommendations of the Round Table and in particular observing the implementation and further development of protection concepts in organisations and institutions.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Develops and nationwide distributes the Initiative "No Room for Abuse".
	Supports an independent and systematic Inquiry of child sexual abuse.
	Operates and further develops the Sexual Abuse Helpline and the help portal on sexual abuse.
	• Initiates of scientific studies in the context of child sexual abuse. Raises public awareness and public relations.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://beauftragter-missbrauch.de

#### **HUNGARY**

# Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Ministry of Culture and Education

TITLE	Working Group on Violence against Women
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Ministry of Culture and Education
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	2007-Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Women victims of violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	Established, pursuant to Parliament Resolution No. 45/2003 (IV. 23) OGY on the development of a national strategy to prevent and effectively manage domestic violence, to develop a national action plan on violence against women.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Promote the adoption of a comprehensive gender equality legislation that encompasses a definition of discrimination against women in accordance with the CEDAW and prohibits domestic violence and spousal rape.</li> </ul>
	• Ensure that legislation introduced giving effect to the new Constitution complies with Hungary's international human rights obligations.
	<ul> <li>Develop its national human rights institution to fully adapt it to the Paris Principles, with a legal mandate which is clear and as broad as possible, and with sufficient financial resources.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/hungary/2007/working-group-on-violence-against-women

## **IRELAND**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

TITLE	Policy Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Department of Health
COUNTRY	Ireland – United Kingdom
DURATION	2016 - ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To safeguard children and young people in the statutory, private, independent, community, voluntary and faith sectors.
ACTIVITIES	The Policy outlines how communities, organisations and individuals must work both on an individual and on a partnership level to ensure children and young people are safeguarded as effectively as possible.  Organization of trainings on Child Sexual Abuse — Raising Awareness and Understanding. The training provides an overview of CSA and sexual violence and evidences the long-term impact these traumatic events can have on survivors. It will help participants understand the barriers that exist to disclosure and how they can support and manage this sensitively in their professional or voluntary roles.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/northern-ireland/legislation-policy-guidance/https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/co-operating-safeguard-children-and-young-people-northern-ireland

## **ITALY**

#### **REGION OF PIEDMONT**

TITLE	MOVE UP – Destinazioni Alternative (Alternative Destinations)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Region of Piedmont Municipality
COUNTRY	Italy
DURATION	2009-2014
TARGET GROUP	School-age children
IMPACT	Local impact
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To invite and promote, the development of own experiences with 3 proposed themes, under the project title "Alternative Destinations", within among Piedmontese schools, supporting at the same time respect for diversity, the prevention of violence and the conscious use of new technologies and a common objective to build a better community starting from the very educational system.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>The three experiences proposed were:</li> <li>Changing history of the violence: starting from the vision of a film, participants were asked to discuss in order to bring out the fundamental steps in which violence has developed (in the film) and try to bring out similar stories that we had a personal experience.</li> <li>Anti-Violence Signals: Data on violence against women in the world and in Italy were shown to students and questions were asked about the size and perception of the phenomenon, noting reactions and convictions in relation to the facts.</li> <li>Alternative alphabets against violence: this activity focused on the language of violence. They brought out the repertoires of sentences, jokes, idioms, behaviours that according to the boys involved correspond to an aggressive attitude towards women, men, male and female peers,</li> </ul>

	weaker people.
	Impact and effectiveness: The results, provided based on the participation graphs show a great interest in the initiative and a good reception by the recipients. The project received good feedback from the participating schools, managing to involve students, school managers, professors and parents.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.regione.piemonte.it/web/



## **LATVIA**

## POLICY DEPARTMENT C: CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

TITLE	Violence is No Small Secret. Talk About It!
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Policy Department C: Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
COUNTRY	Latvia
DURATION	April 2013, May 2014 and November 2014
TARGET GROUP	Sexual violence victims
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	To help children and young people to report sexual violence cases, work towards prevention, and reduce effects, through a hotline.
	To raise awareness through a campaign and the development and dissemination of relevant information materials.
	Children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse could call the hotline and report cases of sexual violence and receive professional psychological counselling and support.
ACTIVITIES	Other necessary information is also provided, since "sexual violence" is regulated by the Criminal Law, covered in the definition of crimes against humanity and human trafficking and Chapter 7 on "Criminal offences against morals, and sexual inviolability"10 includes such types of sexual violence as rape and forcible sexual assault.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.gwi-boell.de/sites/default/files/uploads/2010/02/ipol_ida2015510008_en.pdf

## **LITHUANIA**

#### **LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT**

TITLE	The Law of Protection against Domestic Violence - Lithuania
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Legislation
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Lithuanian Parliament
COUNTRY	Lithuania
DURATION	26 May 2011- Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Stating funding
AIM	To formulate a multidimensional approach to domestic violence, violence against women, children, elderly and disabled people
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>To define domestic violence and its forms</li> <li>To define a perpetrator and a circle of victims of domestic violence</li> <li>To make provisions that the public prosecutor could initiate criminal proceedings in cases of family violence</li> <li>To regulate criminal, civil, administrative, police laws and create service provision</li> <li>To collect and analyse data on domestic violence and make reaseach on domestic violence, to examine the results of lessening domestic violence in society</li> <li>To use media in combating domestic violence</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	<ul> <li>http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/- /media/files/un%20women/vaw/full%20text/europe/protection%2 0from%20violence%20law%202011/concept%20coe%20- %20ptc%20against%20dv.pdf?vs=1751</li> </ul>

#### **LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT**

TITLE	National Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Provision of Assistance to Victims for the Period of 2014-2020
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy and Plan
ORGANIZATION	Government of the Republic of Lithuania
COUNTRY	Lithuania
DURATION	2014-2020
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	The National Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Provision of Assistance to Victims for the Period of 2014–2020, aims to ensure the prevention of domestic violence and support victims.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>To approve the following National Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Provision of Assistance to Victims for the Period of 2014–2020</li> <li>To recommend the municipalities, Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Lithuania and Ethics Commission for Journalists and Publishers to participate in the implementation of the Programme.</li> <li>To recognize as being repealed: Resolution No 1330 of 22 December 2006 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of the National Strategy for Combating Violence against Women and its Implementation Action Plan for the Period of 2007–2009 including all the amendments and supplements; 3.2. Resolution No 853 of 19 August 2009 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Violence against Women for the Period of 2010–2012.</li> <li>To raise public awareness about the prevention of domestic violence, train to recognize the manifestations of violence, encourage intolerance to all kinds of violence</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.legislationline.org/

## **LUXEMBOURG**

## **MINISTRY FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

TITLE	Domestic Violence Hurts the Whole Family
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Campaign
ORGANIZATION	Ministry for Equal Opportunities
COUNTRY	Luxembourg
DURATION	2017
TARGET GROUP	Different communities living in Luxembourg
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To raise awareness among different communities, that the phenomenon of domestic and sexual violence, is not limited to the conjugal context, but children who are involved as witnesses of violence, must also be protected.
ACTIVITIES	The campaign shares information on the reform of the law on domestic violence and proposes measures and practices for support to victims and perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence.  Informational brochures are available in seven languages.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://evaw-global- database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/luxembourg/2017/la- violence-fait-du-mal-toute-la-famille

## MINISTRY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OF LUXEMBOURG

TITLE	Inclusion of Violence Against Women in the Gender Equality Plan 2015-2018
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy-Plan
ORGANIZATION	Ministry for Equal Opportunities
COUNTRY	Luxembourg

DURATION	2015-2018
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	<ul> <li>To propose measures focusing on prevention, victim protection, the perpetrators and the partnership with the managers of the sector working under the agreement in the social field.</li> <li>To fight against trafficking of human beings, particularly in the area of sexual exploitation and exploitation in the field of work.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	An inter-ministerial working group was set up in 2016 to work towards ratifying the Istanbul Convention. The ministry of the Equal Opportunities published a National Action Plan, entitled "Prostitution" focuses on a) the development of an EXIT strategy b) sexual and emotional education c) the strengthening of cooperation in the fight against procuring and trafficking in human beings d) the development of a Luxembourg model adapted to the situation of prostitution in Luxembourg. Furthermore, the plan promoted a bill strengthening the fight against sexual exploitation criminalised by the criminal code the Luxembourg, through amending: 1) the Code of Criminal Procedure 2) the Penal Code EXIT b) Sexual and emotional education c) Strengthening cooperation in the fight against procuring and trafficking in human beings d) Developing a Luxembourg model adapted to the situation of prostitution in Luxembourg.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://mega.public.lu/fr/publications/publications-ministere/2015/panegalite-2015/06385_Broch_Plan_Egalite_Femmes_Hommes_2015-2018_Eng_06-2015-Web.pdf



#### **MALTA**

# VICTIM SUPPORT MALTA, MINISTRY FOR FAMILY AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY, MINISTRY FOR HEALTH, AND MINISTRY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

TITLE	Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Victim Support Malta, The Ministry for Family and Social Solidarity, the Ministry for Health, and the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
COUNTRY	Malta
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	Local, with the possibility of being replicated in other hospitals.
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	To provide immediate health and other services to victims of sexual violence.
	The team operates on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week on call basis from Mater Dei Hospital. Victims of sexual assault can call at hospital at any time in order to access the following services:
	1. Medical Check up
	2. Police Intervention
ACTIVITIES	3. Social Work Services
ACTIVITIES	Following services at Mater Dei Hospital, all victims are also entitled to:
	4. Free Psychological Services / Counseling
	5. Free legal representation / consultation
	A number of support services are also available depending on individual case requirements. Victims are free to access whichever services they wish to utilize whilst refuting the rest.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/MDH/Pages/MDH-Sexual-Assault-Response-Team.aspx

## **NETHERLANDS**

#### **DUTCH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE	National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Government Informational Report
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Dutch Government
COUNTRY	Netherlands
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	The report 'Effective prevention' presents interventions designed to prevent sexual violence against children, with the focus on their 'effectiveness'.
	Based on findings, the National Rapporteur presents four recommendations. Recommendations included in the Report:
	RECOMMENDATION 1 - Invest in effective interventions that prevent sexual violence. These interventions must encompass every form of sexual violence, including the prevention of online sexual violence and the prevention of sexual violence between peers and within relationships of dependency.
ACTIVITIES	RECOMMENDATION 2 - Choose interventions that effectively prevent sexual violence against children. The National Rapporteur recommends that all schools in primary, secondary and special education choose an effective intervention in meeting their statutory duty.
	RECOMMENDATION 3 - Ensure that information about the quality and effectiveness of interventions is uniform. State which interventions are not-certified or have not been evaluated. In this way schools will be better equipped to distinguish between interventions based on their quality and effectiveness, which will make it easier for schools to use certified

	interventions.
	RECOMMENDATION 4 - Take measures to protect 16- and 17-year-olds against the risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of sexual violence.
	The National Rapporteur recommends adopting measures to encourage schools to continue providing effective information relating to the prevention of sexual violence to students in higher secondary education and in secondary vocational education.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.dutchrapporteur.nl/binaries/BNRM- Effective%20prevention%20(summary)pdf_tcm24-287118.pdf



#### **PORTUGAL**

# PORTUGUESE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DISABILITY AND ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY

TITLE	Preventing and Signalling Sexual Violence Against Children – Policies and Standards for Child Care in Europe
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Portuguese Secretary of State for Disability and Assistant to the Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity
COUNTRY	Portugal
DURATION	2011-Today
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To underline how all programs contained in it have helped to reduce the danger of exposure to sexual violence of minors.
	The combat against all forms of child violence needs to be integrated into a broader social policy. Its multidimensional and interdisciplinary nature requires a comprehensive approach in order to develop common guidelines for the intervention at all levels of relevant key state sectors and entities dealing with children's issues.
ACTIVITIES	Portuguese Mechanisms and associated strategies and programs require a multi-sector and interdisciplinary approach since there is no simple explanation for sexual violence. Benefits and programs can make a difference at the prevention level.
	Measures included:
	<ul> <li>Pregnancy allowance is a monthly benefit granted to pregnant women at the beginning of the 13th week of gestation. It aims to encourage motherhood by compensating for the inherent increased costs during pregnancy</li> </ul>
	The "Born citizen" program promotes children's right to a name and to

	social protection. The program provides for the civil registration of all newborn babies at health units. This procedure makes it possible to identify risk situations early on, combat trafficking and monitor and coordinate information from three different areas – health, social security and justice
	The rehabilitation process for child victims of sexual abuse can take place only after the abuse has been reported to the proper authorities or to the services responsible for assessing the validity of evidence.
LINK(S) FOR	https://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/Source/PublicationSexualViolenc

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Photo by a volunteer, at #Speak4NO Challenge
Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

#### **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

# COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, NATIONAL MINORITIES AND GENDER EQUALITY

TITLE	National Strategy for Protection of Children from Violence (NAPD 2013-2017)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Government Strategy
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Committee for Children and Youth of the Government Council for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality
COUNTRY	Slovakia
DURATION	2013-2017
TARGET GROUP	Children, adolescents and young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	The strategy is an essential tool for a targeted and coordinated approach to implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Slovakia and its optional protocols on the national level.
	The strategy defines several strategic objectives, including the establishment of a special unit for tackling violence against children – the National Coordination Centre, which operates under the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family.
ACTIVITIES	Other goals include creating monitoring systems for child protection, adopting violence prevention measures, lifelong learning and launching campaigns on the issue.
	• The foundation of the Coalition for Children of Slovakia, which appears to be a suitable partner for the State in designing legislative documents and policies.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.employment.gov.sk/files/slovensky/ministerstvo/konzultacne- organy/rada-vlady-sr-ludske-prava-narodnostne-mensiny-rodovu- rovnost/vybor-deti-mladez/napd-eng.pdf

## **SLOVENIA**

#### **GOVERNMENT OF SLOVENIA**

TITLE	Resolution on the National Programme for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men (2015-2020)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy and Resolution
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Government of Slovenia
COUNTRY	Slovenia
DURATION	2015-2020
TARGET GROUP	Girls and boys, young women and men, women with physical impairments, older women and men, mentally challenged persons, and others.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	The purpose of the National Programme is to define the key area-specific objectives and measures of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia aimed at achieving gender equality in the Republic of Slovenia in the 2015–2020 period.
ACTIVITIES	The Resolution on the National Programme for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men represents a strategic document of the Government defining the objectives, measures and key policy makers in the area of gender equality in the particular spheres of life of women and men in the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2015–2020.
	The new National Programme focuses on eight priority areas: equal economic independence, reconciliation of work, private and family life, ensuring a knowledge-based society without gender stereotypes, social inclusion, health, balanced representation of women and men, violence against women, and gender equality in foreign policy and international development cooperation. It presents the basic activities and statistical trends recorded during the previous National Programme and specifies the objectives and measures aimed at overcoming the key challenges in these areas.

Activities promoted and achieved in Slovenia, in the area of the prevention and response to violence against women included awareness campaigns targeted at the professional and general public. Assistance programmes for victims and education and training courses for police, social work centres, non-governmental organisations, teachers and school counsellors dealing with various forms of violence against women (family violence, sexual violence, trafficking in human beings) contributed to better and more efficient work with female victims of violence. Besides the key institutions responsible, such as the MDDSZ, MNZ-P and MIZŠ, the participation of nongovernmental organisations played a very important role in these activities. These activities contributed towards improving the framework governing the treatment of women who have experienced violence and of perpetrators of violence, with a particular focus on protecting vulnerable groups and strengthening inter-ministerial and interdisciplinary cooperation. Expected impact and effectiveness: Studies and analyses were carried out on the impacts of the legislation on the work of institutions dealing with violence and on the incidence of violence in the private sphere and in relationships; they showed that the number of cases of family violence detected, identified and dealt with by institutions is on the increase.

http://www.mddsz.gov.si/fileadmin/mddsz.gov.si/pageuploads/dokumenti

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TITLE	Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Projects
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Interministerial Working Group of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia
COUNTRY	Slovenia
DURATION	18 October 2018 – EU Anti-Trafficking Day every year
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding

AIM	To raise awareness on human trafficking and to encourage everyone involved to work harder in the fight against this occurrence. At the same time to increase people's awareness on other forms of exploitation, alos, particularly forced labour and labour exploitation
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Organization of specialized projects every year to combat this form of sexual violence. Projects of 2018:</li> <li>The "Za-govor" (Speak Up) project focused on providing information, advice and advocacy for victims of labour exploitation and forced labour, and identifying and assisting victims of human trafficking. It was carried out by the Workers Advocacy association, which has been informing the public about specific violations for several years, and seeking solutions at the systems and legislative levels.</li> <li>The second project was carried out by the DrogArt association, which once again opened the "Escape Room" in Ljubljana on 16 October, in which visitors were able to have a first-hand experience of the trap of exploitative labour. If they wanted to escape from the room, they have</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	to resolve various situations that simulate exploitative labour conditions.  http://www.vlada.si/en/projects/fight_against_trafficking_in_persons/prev ention_of_trafficking_in_human_beings/18_october_eu_anti_trafficking_d ay/18_october_european_anti_trafficking_day/



## **SWEDEN**

#### **GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN**

TITLE	National Strategy to Prevent and Combat Men's Violence Against Women
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Strategy
ORGANIZATION	Government of Sweden
COUNTRY	Sweden
DURATION	2017-2027
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	With a long-term strategy and a targeted action plan, the Government is laying the foundation for increasingly goal-oriented and coordinated action on men's violence against women. Developing violence prevention measures is particularly important. These measures must reach all groups in society and be developed in a variety of arenas.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Increased and effective preventive work to combat Violence</li> <li>Improved detection of violence and stronger protection for and support to women and children subjected to violence</li> <li>More effective crime-fighting.</li> <li>Improved knowledge and methodological development.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.government.se/4ac3ba/contentassets/4bbb1643e427432 682464d4559c41027/fact-sheet_national-strategy-to-prevent-and- combat.pdf

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

TITLE	Guide to Inter-Agency Working to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategic Guide
ORGANIZATION	Department of Education
COUNTRY	United Kingdom
DURATION	March 2015 - Today
TARGET GROUP	Youth workers, Educators working closely with children
IMPACT	United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland)
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To provide joined guidelines in regard to sexual violence prevention.
ACTIVITIES	This guide serves as a guidance for people working with children and set out how organisations and individuals should collaborate to protect children and prevent abuse. One of the amendments of this update include the necessary to provide services to children at risk of sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation (Chapter 1, Section 17)
	<ul> <li>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/syste m/uploads/attachment_data/file/592101/Working_Together_to_Sa feguard_Children_20170213.pdf</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	<ul> <li>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/syste m/uploads/attachment_data/file/591903/CSE_Guidance_Core_Doc ument_13.02.2017.pdf</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/syste m/uploads/attachment_data/file/591905/CSE_Guidance_Annexes_ 13.02.2017.pdf</li> </ul>

#### **GOVERNMENT OF SCOTLAND**

TITLE	National Action Plan to Prevent and Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	National Action Plan
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Government of Scotland
COUNTRY	Scotland
DURATION	2016 - ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State Funding
AIM	To share information and raise awareness on what child sexual exploitation (CSE) is what the scale of the problem is, and what the government is doing about it.
	The National Action Plan outlines the government's strategic approach to preventing and tackling CSE and details 44 actions which should be taken by the Scottish government and other national organisations.
	Other activities included the following:
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Publication of the Booklet "Yes You Can! Working with Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, by Sarah Nelson and Sue Hampson. The Booklet includes important tools and methods people working with survivors of childhood sexual abuse can utilize to help them become better listeners. This activity increased the competences and skills of youth workers, especially those working with survivors of child sexual abuse.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Prevention Child Sexual Abuse: Evaluating and implementing a European model of Stop It Now!: provision of information, advice, support and guidance to help prevent child sexual abuse, utilizing an anonymous telephone/email helpline. Development of an evidence-based toolkit providing guidance for the successful implementation of Stop it Now!</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk/resources/YesYouCan.pdf

# PART C – SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMMES AND GOOD PRACTICES - CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

#### **CYPRUS**

#### SOCIAL POLICY AND ACTION ORGANIZATION

TITLE	React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence Through Youth Work
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Social Policy and Action Organization (Coordinator) in partnership with United Societies of Balkans (Greece), StowarzyszeniePromocjiZdrowia i Profilaktyki "HOPP" (Poland), Association Building Bridges (Spain) and D'Antilles Et D'Ailleurs (France)
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	24 months
TARGET GROUP	<ul> <li>NGO Board Members, Directors, Managers.</li> <li>NGO staff, researchers, practitioners, experts, specialists.</li> <li>Youth leaders/workers/ volunteers coaches, mentors, coordinators.</li> <li>Active volunteers of youth NGOs, providing support and assistance in youth initiatives.</li> <li>Children, adolescents and young people</li> <li>f) Public authority stakeholders, government officials, policy makers involved in the youth sector.</li> </ul>
IMPACT	European
FUNDING SOURCE	Erasmus+ Programme of the EU
AIM	To provide youth NGOs with innovative comprehensive tools and means, to successfully and effectively adopt, plan, and implement prevention policies, strategies, programmes and practices aiming to combating sexual violence against children, adolescents and youth, based on primary prevention approaches including information sharing, awareness raising, education, training, networking and cooperation, using non-formal learning tools and

	methods.
	1) Through project activities 7 intellectual outputs will be produced:
	1) Guide entitled "SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION THROUGH YOUTH WORK: STRATEGIES, PROGRAMMES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN EUROPE".
	2) Online Youth Awareness-Raising Campaign
	3) Package of E-Learning Training Modules entitled "REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGH YOUTH WORK – PART A:YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS"
	4) Package of E-Learning Training Modules entitled "REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGH YOUTH WORK – PART B: INDIVIDUALS"
EXPECTED ACTIVITIES IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS	5) Interactive E-LEARNING AND TRAINING PLATFORM ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION THROUGH YOUTH WORK. All E-Learning Training Modules developed and the publications, before in the project will be uploaded on the Platform.
	6) Strategic Action Plan "REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES". The Strategic Action Plan will include conclusions, policy recommendations, legislation amendments, based on proposals, suggestions, ideas expressed by all participants of Round Table Discussions organized in each partner country and the open access Online Discussion Forum.
	7) R.A.P.S.V. INFO CENTERS (REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE INFO CENTERS). The Centres will provide information, and raise awareness on sexual violence prevention strategies, policies, programs and practices and services will be provided on a personal and online levels.
	Expected impact and effectiveness:
	<ul> <li>The professional implementation of the project activities, the performance of project partners, as well as the high quality outputs and results produced will attract the interest of other community stakeholders and generate interest in establishing solid collaboration with youth NGOs in combating serious issues like sexual violence, and other social related problems.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Youth work will be taken more seriously by stakeholders in public bodies and educational institutes.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Awareness-raising campaign activities against sexual violence since they will be ongoing for 24 months, will have a great impact on all target groups, especially young people, and protection measures will be adopted for protection.</li> </ul>
	Other members of communities, including parents and educators will be specified greatly on the urgent people for joint practical actions on

sensitized greatly on the urgent need for joint practical actions on preventing sexual violence to increase the protection of children and

young people. They will become more responsive to calls for collaboration by youth NGOs and other stakeholders and get actively involved in prevention programs. • All target groups will become more aware on the need for enhancing policies, legislations, directors in all sectors of the society to protect children and young people from sexual violence. This will include starting from youth organizations, educational institutes, schools and others directly involved with children and young people. Policy makers will take more seriously the issue of which protection policies and measures should be undertaken by all stakeholders involved in educating, teaching, training children and young people, including youth NGOs and proceed with legislative amendments in endorsing sexual violence prevention measures obligatory in each of these entities. • Sexual violence prevention policies and protocols should be adopted by all stakeholders working with children and young children, realizing that primary prevention approaches work as a positive and strong catalyst in stoping sexual violence from occurring. • Effective programs and good practices will generate from project results, from NGOs and other stakeholders, including programs for education of children from really young ages, rehabilitation programs for young offenders, sexual education programs in schools to promote healthy sexual behaviors, more effective support programs for victims to

overpass obstacles and re-integrate into the society and lots of others.

#### SOCIAL POLICY AND ACTION ORGANIZATION

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

www.reactactprevent.com

www.socialpolicyaction.org

TITLE	R.A.P.S.V. INFO CENTERS - REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE INFO CENTER
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Info Centre - Programme
ORGANIZATION	Social Policy and Action Organization
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	2019-ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All citizens

IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	European and private funding
AIM	To focus on primary prevention, mostly methods and tools to share information and raise awareness on sexual violence prevention strategies, policies, programs and practices and services will be provided on a personal and online levels.
	Awareness raising campaigns
ACTIVITIES	Development and distribution of information material for sexual violence prevention
	<ul> <li>Provision of consulting on sexual violence prevention on a personal level.</li> </ul>
	Sexual violence primary and secondary prevention on various target groups.
	<ul> <li>Organization of training workshops for professionals working with children, adolescents and young people to enhance skills and abilities on sexual violence prevention methods.</li> </ul>
	Establishment of networks with other stakeholders for collaboration.
	Any other action which is decided to be important on sexual violence primary prevention
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.socialpolicyaction.org

#### THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION AND HANDLING VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY

TITLE	Circle of Change
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Project Coordinator: Cyprus Police  Project Partners: SPAVO / Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS), Enoros Consulting Ltd.
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	2 years – 2017-2019

TARGET GROUP	Front-line Professionals (i.e. police officers and other civil servants);  2.Teachers, educators, pedagogues & educational staff, policy makers & related stakeholders, professionals & researchers working in IPV/dating/sexual violence in adolescents. Will act as multipliers as well;  3.Adolescents (boys and girls) between 12 – 16 years old;
	<ul><li>4.Potential victims or/and victims of violence;</li><li>5.Young women and men 18-35 years old;</li><li>6.General public;</li></ul>
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Co-funded by the program Justice of the European Union
AIM	<ul> <li>To develop a training program for the first-line professionals,</li> <li>To educate and raise the awareness of teenagers and teachers and</li> <li>To raise the awareness of the community and especially of women, concerning their rights and the available support services.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Organization of a series of Theatrical Workshops to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence.</li> <li>Formulation of training material/package for various groups of front-line professionals (i.e. police officers and other civil servants) and implement training workshops.</li> <li>Conduct and evaluation of the following activities targeting to prevention of IPV/DV/SV, on the basis of the materials developed (National Gender Equality Awareness Raising against IPV-II Packages – GEAR IPV): a) teachers' training seminars, aiming at their capacity building to implement awareness raising interventions with adolescents; b) awareness raising workshops with adolescents at schools and settings with vulnerable/high risk groups of children/adolescents by the trained teachers.</li> <li>Conduct an awareness-raising media campaign on violence against women.</li> <li>Training of 200 front-line professionals, 125 teachers and related professionals from all major cities in Cyprus and</li> <li>Empowerment of 625 adolescents through 25 student implementation workshops.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.domviolence.org.cy

#### PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION OF SINGLE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

TITLE	Sexual Violence Prevention Programme
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Programme
OGANIZATION	Pancyprian Association of Single Parents and Friends
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Victims of sexual violence, or people at risk of sexual violence
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To implement successfully the designed sexual violence prevention programme to protect single parent families and also provide support to victims
ACTIVITIES	Referral to a psychologist, escorting the victim to the police for complaint and protection, legal representation, information of competent bodies eg Commissioner for Equality, Commissioner for the protection of the rights of the Child, concluding pleadings regarding the Community Protection Treaty of children and the Human Rights Treaty.
	Expected impact and effectiveness: To support as many people to report cases to the police, to move away from threatening environments, to claim their space by removing the perpetrators, to create a police protection regime, and to inform parents and children for prevention.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://singleparentscy.org/index.php

#### HOPE FOR CHILDREN CRC POLICY CENTER

TITLE	Sexual Violence Prevention Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
OGANIZATION	'Hope For Children' CRC Policy Centre

COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and adolescents
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State and private funding
AIM	To prevent and combat sexual violence against children
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Education Awareness</li> <li>Provision of social support to children</li> <li>Rehabilitation Centre</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.uncrcpc.org

# HOPE FOR CHILDREN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, WELFARE AND SOCIAL INSURANCE

TITLE	Children's House
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
OGANIZATION	Coordination of activities: Hope For Children' CRC Policy Centre
	Monitoring and financing of the operation of the building: The Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	Ongoing since 2018
TARGET GROUP	Children 0 to 18 years old, victims of sexual violence
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	Established to undertake the forensic investigation of cases of sexually abused and exploited children from the moment a sexual violence case is

	reported at the Police.
ACTIVITIES	The Children's House provides a wide holistic range of psychological, social and rehabilitation support services, focused on the interdisciplinary and interdepartmental approach, ensuring cooperation between the various stakeholders in a child friendly environment, which offers holistic services for the child and its family under one roof. All references that come to the Children's House receive personalised services that are consistent with the best interests of the child.
	The services provided in the child's home are: Forensic interview medical examinations social support and rehabilitation psychological evaluation psychological support and treatment family therapy and counseling parents Efforts are also made to raise public awareness through informative lectures and prevention programs through experiential workshops in children.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.uncrcpc.org

#### YOUTH CENTER CYPRUS ORGANIZATION

TITLE	#NotYouToo – Prevention, Not Punishment#
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
OGANIZATION	Youth Centre Cyprus Organization
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	3 days
TARGET GROUP	All
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	European Programme
AIM	To raise awareness among young people on the issue of sexual harassment, recognition and prevention of such situations.
ACTIVITIES	3-day Seminar on the issue of Sexual Harassment. Speakers represented stakeholders actively involved in the field of prevention and treatment of sexual harassment situations. During the seminar non-formal educational methods were implemented, including role-playing, working groups,

	awareness raising and information, prevention proposals among volunteer groups, youth organisations.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.cyprusyouth.org

#### **CYPRUS FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	Sexual Education Programme
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Programme
OGANIZATION	Cyprus Family Planning Association
COUNTRY	Cyprus
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, adolescents, young people
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding, European funding, Private Funding
AIM	To educate children and young people to prevent sexual harassment and the trait of sexual violence
ACTIVITIES	Training, experiential workshops, campaigns, information Training of about 2000 adolescents in 2018
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.cyfamplan.org

#### ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION AND HANDLING OF VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY

TITLE	Empowerment Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
OGANIZATION	Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family
COUNTRY	Cyprus

DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding, European funding, private funding
AIM	To empower children and young people
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Provide emotional and psychological support to victims and families</li> <li>Provide training and awareness raising on sexual violence occurring within the family environment</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.domviolence.org.cy/



Photo by a volunteer, at #Speak4NO Challenge Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

## **FRANCE**

#### **FRANCE VICTIMES**

TITLE	FRANCE VICTIMES PROGRAMMES
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	France Victimes
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Adolescents 12-18 years old and Young people 18-35 years old
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Diverse according to the organisations
AIM	<ul> <li>To raise public awareness about the phenomenon of sexual violence and expose the possibilities of existing care.</li> <li>To address cases of reports (modalities etc.) of sexual violence against minors.</li> <li>To provide practical support to victims</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Provide practical support to victims, all types of victims, including sexual violence.  On an ad hoc basis: training of partners and awareness of target audiences.  Free speech and identify the structures to contact for any need for help and support.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.france-victimes.fr

#### **ASSOCIATION L'ANGE BLEU**

TITLE	Sexual Violence Prevention Policy
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy

ORGANIZATION	Association L'Ange Bleu
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Adolescents and young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Spontaneous donations and insufficient personal funding to meet the needs expressed (victims, pedophiles).
AIM	To act upstream by providing help and support to those who seek help whether they are victims or pedophiles in distress.  To avoid first acting out and recidivism as the key to preventing sexual abuse of children and adolescents. It also provides weaning solutions to addicts to child pornography.
ACTIVITIES	A holistic approach for sexual violence prevention, using communication methods, like dialogues, discussions in friendly environment, peer-to-peer support, and personal rebuild methods. For victims and perpetrators.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.ange-bleu.com

## **ASSOCIATION COEUR D'ENFANTS**

TITLE	Association Coeur D'Enfants
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy, Strategy, Project
ORGANIZATION	Association Coeur D'Enfants
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State and Private Funding
AIM	To promote children rights, as well as protection from harmful

	situations, including sexual violence.
ACTIVITIES	Provision of tutoring sessions to children.  Psychological support to victims.  Legal support to victims.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.ascej.ch/

#### **ASSOCIATION PLAISIR D'ENFANT**

TITLE	My Body and Me. The Relationship With Others.
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy, Strategy, Project
ORGANIZATION	Association Plaisir D'Enfant
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	12 months
TARGET GROUP	Children ages 0-12 years old from different socio-cultural backgrounds. Some facing violence at home.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Voluntary services
AIM	To sensitize and prevent sexual violence.
ACTIVITIES	Education and awareness workshops, as extracurricular activities.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://plaisirdenfance.com

#### **ANESTAPS**

TITLE	Different projects and actions with different partners
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Projects
ORGANIZATION	ANESTAPS
COUNTRY	France

DURATION	12 months
TARGET GROUP	Adolescents
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Voluntary service
AIM	Sensitize young people on the issues of violence / harassment. To be able to listen and act on this issue.
	<ul> <li>Participate with partners and create projects on these issues.</li> <li>Establishment of Trusted People at events. Propose awareness times during events and training.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Collaborate with the Ethics and Sport Committee and other stakeholders. Be known to young people as an ambassador who can respond to their requests and accompany them on these issues.
	Train the network of associations to adopt prevention policies. Offer training to young people who would like to become ambassadors and promote sexual violence prevention.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://anestaps.org

#### GENERAL COMMISSARIAT OF JUDICIARY POLICE AND ECPAT FRANCE

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TITLE	L'Exploitation Sexuelle des Enfants (Sexual exploitation of children) – Guide of Good practices
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Guide
ORGANIZATION	General Commissariat of Judiciary Police and ECPAT France
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	2015
TARGET GROUP	All
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	State funding
AIM	To raise the awareness of policemen to sexual violence, to help them detect victims and initiate investigations.

ACTIVITIES	Guide regrouping a presentation of the facts linked to sexual exploitation of children for commercial means and good practices.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.infomie.net/IMG/pdf/livret_bpm_ecpat_2015.pdf

#### **PARCOURS LE MONDE**

TITLE	Parcours Le Monde Prevention Measures
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Parcours Le Monde
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	2 months
TARGET GROUP	Children 12-18 years old
IMPACT	Local
AIM	Raise awareness among youth and youth workers
ACTIVITIES	Non formal education, games, videos to share information and raise awareness, contributing towards reducing cases of violence.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.parcourslemonde.org



Photo: Chantier international en Islande, Parcours Le Monde

## **GREECE**

#### THE SMILE OF THE CHILD

TITLE	Next to Every Child Victim of Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategies, Policies, Programmes
ORGANIZATION	The Smile of the Child
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	All children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To address in a holistic way every form of violence against children. This is achieved through a number of services extended over three main pillars: Prevention, Intervention and Therapy.
	PREVENTION ACTIVITIES
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Prevention and awareness among Children, Teachers, Parents and Guardians. The interventions are carried out by a specialized team of psychologists of the Organization in kindergartens, primary schools and high schools nationwide.</li> </ul>
	• Operation of a European Helpline for Children and Adolescents 116111. A team of specialized psychologists and social workers are available to provide support to every child and adult on issues that concern them.
	INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES
	The recognized National Helpline for children SOS 1056, available for every child and adult for the provision of support on issues of their concern.
	The 1056 Helpline plays a key role in addressing situations of violence that children are faced with (Physical, Sexual & Psychological Abuse, Neglect, Bullying and Trafficking).
	Direct Intervention for children at immediate risk. When a child is at immediate risk the primary goal is to transport it safely to a

protected environment with a Social Worker or Psychologist using the Organization's vehicles. The second step is to cooperate with all the competent actors so as to find a solution for the child. • Direct intervention is carried out by specialized Social Workers and Psychologists of the Organization. • Homes for children victims of any form of violence - The Organization operates 11 Homes nationwide in order to protect children victims of any form of violence and provide them with a safe living environment where they can enjoy everything necessary for their healthy physical, mental, emotional and social development. • The Child Advocacy Centre (CAC) to ensure a child-friendly justice. The specially designed facility operates in a building of the Organization, where children are involved under full protection in legal procedures as victims or witnesses. • Daycare Homes to provide care for children, whose families face serious problems and to provide support to children and the families in an effort to strengthen them and ensure the proper and health development of the children. • The House of the Child, a Day Center for the Provision of Customized Mental Health Services to Children and Adolescents, victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, victimized minors, children involved in bullying incidents and generally children who have recently or in the past have been exposed to severe psychotraumatic experiences and suffering resulting to mental health, adaptation or behavioral problems. LINK(S) FOR

# INFORMATION

https://www.hamogelo.gr/gr/el/andreas/

#### THE SMILE OF THE CHILD

TITLE	CONVEY - Counteracting sexual Violence and harassment: Engaging Youth in schools in digital education on gender stereotyping
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	CESIE (IT), The Smile of the Child (GR), "Hope For Children" (CY), Sexual Violence Centre Cork (IE), Gender Alternatives (BG), Westminster City Council (UK)
COUNTRY	Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Ireland, Bulgaria, United Kingdom

DURATION	2,5 years
TARGET GROUP	Young people (aged 14 to 18 )
IMPACT	European
FUNDING SOURCE	Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Programme of the European Union.
AIM	To educate on gender stereotyping and sexualization in digital media, using a simulation game to promote gender equality, sexual education and digital media literacy.
	<ul> <li>Development of peer-to-peer approaches to education and awareness-raising on sexual violence and harassment against women by training young people on the effects of gender stereotyping and sexualisation in digital media;</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Education and contribution to behavioral change of young people in the field of sexual violence, harassment and gender stereotyping by developing an educational simulation game and a pilot creative program of gender equality and sexual education, critical digital media literacy;</li> </ul>
	Foster respect of women's rights and dignity in schools through a train-the-trainer program for teachers on the prevention of gender stereotyping and sexualisation in the digital society
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://conveyproject.eu

#### **GIA TA PAIDIA MAS**

TITLE	Protection and Support of Abused Children
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Gia ta Paidia Mas
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	Children, adolescents
IMPACT	National

FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To support neglected and abused children and provide them asylum or financial help if it is necessary, with the collaboration of the authorities and the lawyer's association.
ACTIVITIES	Provision of support services to victims.  Development of seminars for adolescents, aged 13-18 to raise awareness and share information on what is sexual violence, and when it occurs and how to handle the different cases.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.facebook.com/yiatapediamas/

#### **ELIZA – SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN**

TITLE	1st Nationwide Campaign for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children – "Safe Touches" program
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	ELIZA – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	2016-2019
TARGET GROUP	Preschool-age children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Charities. Private funding. State funding
AIM	<ul> <li>Exclusive purpose to protect and promote the rights of children, who have suffered or run the risk of suffering neglect or abuse.</li> <li>To raise awareness through the education of children, parents, and teachers.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	"Safe Touches" represents an innovative program for the prevention of sexual abuse of children ages 5-9. It is considered the 1st Nationwide Campaign for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Greece, launched in 2016 as part of ELIZA's overall mission for the prevention and elimination of incidents of child abuse and neglect.  The campaign commenced with the implementation of two national programs. During the first part of the campaign mostly physicians

(medical students, residents and specialists in all areas of paediatric care), participated in a training course for the management of cases of children where there is suspected physical abuse. The program's target is the proper and early identification of signs of abuse.

The second part of the Nationwide Campaign for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is the "Safe Touches" program for the prevention of sexual abuse, This program focuses primarily on young children, parents and teachers. For young children:

- Helping children distinguish between a 'safe' and a 'not safe' touch from an adult.
- Developing communication and assertiveness skills to protect themselves and learn how to ask for help from trusted adults, to stop or prevent abusive situations

For parents and educators:

- Becoming aware of and learn about the phenomenon, the symptoms and cases of sexual abuse and be able to identify the factors that increase the risk
- Informing and providing counseling for better communication with children and the course of actions necessary, in the event that an incident of sexual abuse is disclosed

During the implementation of the program, special focus is placed on the training of primary and preschool teachers as well as parents. Furthermore, in the event of a disclosure and a child being identified as a victim of sexual abuse, the appropriate authorities are notified and all procedures required by Greek law are followed.

# LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

http://eliza.org.gr/en/drasis/prolipsi-sexoualikis-kakopiisis/

#### **HELLENIC YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

TITLE	Teen Healthy Relationships
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Project
ORGANIZATION	Hellenic Youth Participation
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Teenagers, adolescents

LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Voluntary Services
AIM	<ul> <li>To raise awareness among teenagers</li> <li>To exchange good practices in sexual violence prevention</li> <li>To promote active citizenship on sexual violence prevention actions among young people.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.hellenicyouthparticipation.com

## **SOLIDARITY NOW**

TITLE	Child and Family Support Hubs
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Solidarity Now
COUNTRY	Greece
DURATION	4 months
TARGET GROUP	Young people
LOCAL OR NATIONAL IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	UNICEF
AIM	<ul> <li>To work towards prevention and confrontation of gender violence, in general through the targeted management of the relevant cases,</li> <li>To provide specialised legal counselling and support, as well as</li> </ul>
	sharing information strengthening activities carried out in the area Safe for women.
ACTIVITIES	The programme includes case management full procedures, review and appropriate referrals, accordingly, including psychological support, legal counselling and the taking of relevant legal actions, information and empowerment activities.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.solidaritynow.org

## **POLAND**

#### **INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY - POLISH PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	Blue Line - Emergency Service for Victims of Domestic Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Victim Support Service Line
ORGANIZATION	Institute of Health Psychology - Polish Psychological Association
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	1995 - Today
TARGET GROUP	Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	National and European Funding
AIM	To play an important role in counteracting domestic and sexual violence and contributing to the development of a broad stream of counteracting domestic violence in Poland.
ACTIVITIES	The Polish Nationwide Emergency Service for Victims Of Domestic Violence "Blue Line" has been run by the Institute of Health Psychology Polish Psychological Association. Activities include:
	<ul> <li>The blue line phone - hotline especially for victims of domestic violence; interdisciplinary assistance program for people involved in domestic violence and initiating modern methods of domestic violence prevention; information center;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Operation and development of the nationwide agreement of people, organizations and institutions supporting the family violence victims "Blue Line";</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Education and trainings for all the public services; training of representatives of various professions and organizations;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Operation and provision of Ambulance support. It concerns both supporting macro solutions and improving work with individual victims or perpetrators of domestic violence.</li> </ul>
	Publication of bi-monthly magazine NIEBIESKA LINIA, which deals with the phenomenon of interpersonal violence, in particular in the family (but also in school, work environment, peer groups).

	The "Blue Line" publishes the results of research, descriptions of diagnostic and intervention procedures as well as descriptions of specific activities.
	Impact and effectiveness: Every year to the "Blue Line" come a few hundred people, over 5000 call the Blue Line Phone - hotline especially for victims of domestic violence and more than 5000 people send emails.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.niebieskalinia.pl/

#### **INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY - POLISH PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	Crime Victim Support Centre
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Support Centre
ORGANIZATION	Institute of Health Psychology - Polish Psychological Association
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	2009 - Today
TARGET GROUP	Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	National and European Funding
AIM	To provide support to victims of crimes of domestic and sexual violence
ACTIVITIES	The Crime Victim Support Centre at the Health Psychology Institute of PPS has been providing support for victims of crime against the person or their health, who are unable to struggle through judicial proceedings on their own and need psychological support to regain their professional, personal and social stability. The Centre offers free-of-charge psychological, legal and financial support. The Centre also provides telephone Legal and Psychological Helpline for victims of crime.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.niebieskalinia.pl/

#### **EMPOWERING CHILDREN FOUNDATION**

TITLE	The Empowering Children Foundation
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TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Structural Support Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Empowering Children Foundation
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	1992-Today
TARGET GROUP	Children, parents, caregivers, professionals, communities, and organisations
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Government and European
AIM	To protect children from abuse and to minimize the effects of the abuse experience.
AllVI	To supporting parents so that children can get the best possible care and parenting from them.
	The Child Protection Policy of the Empowering Children Foundation is rooted in the Polish law, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and good practices from Poland and abroad. Activities include:
	<b>DIRECT HELP</b> : The Empowering Children Foundation supports children and their families, providing help in situations of abuse.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Offer psychological and legal help to children who have experienced abuse (physical, emotional or sexual abuse, neglect, cyberbullying) and to their families.</li> </ul>
	• Support to parents of young children (0–6) who for different reasons are not well prepared to care for and raise their children in a conscious and safe way.
	<ul> <li>Support to children in overcoming the trauma related to the experience of abuse and to regain self-confidence and to start enjoying life again.</li> </ul>
	<b>HELPLINES</b> : The Empowering Children Foundation provides telephone help for children and teenagers in difficult life circumstances, and for adults — parents and professionals working with children. The Empowering Children Foundation's helplines are available free of charge from all landline and mobile phones in Poland.
	Consultants listen, support, intervene and provide information in situations related to children and their safety. The phone

conversations with children and young people concern a variety of problems. Some of them are very serious and require immediate intervention. Others may seem trivial but they are always related to young children's need to have contact with a friendly adult who will listen to them and give them advice.

- Adults tend to contact when they are concerned about a child –
  when they think the child's safety may be threatened, when they
  suspect abuse or want to undertake intervention or learn more
  about a particular problem.
- Educational activities: Education on preventing and counteracting child abuse may significantly contribute to reducing violence against children.

**CHILDREN:** Learning groups, develop lesson plans, e-learning courses, publications, and multimedia materials to help children understand various threats and know how to deal with them and how to stay safe.

**PARENTS & CAREGIVERS:** Conduct meetings and workshops, develop articles and publications, and make educational videos to help parents learn more about the problem of child abuse, know how to respond, and improve their skills to be able to support their children in the best possible way.

**PROFESSIONALS:** Conduct training, organise conferences, and create specialised publications, e-learning courses and materials for working with children, young people, and parents.

**SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS**: By organising social campaigns about various aspects of child abuse, public awareness is raised on abuse-related risks, increase people's sensitivity to the problem and improves their ability to respond to abuse in an appropriate way. They work toward making adults realize they are morally responsible for children and helping them respect and protect children's rights. Based on expert opinions and assessments, the Empowering Children Foundation's social campaigns are developed by teams of experts who combine knowledge about child abuse with social marketing expertise.

# LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

https://fdds.pl/

#### **EMPOWERING CHILDREN FOUNDATION**

TITLE	Canee.net – Interactive Informational and Training Platform for Professionals	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Online platform	

ORGANIZATION	Empowering Children Foundation
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	2001-Today
TARGET GROUP	Children, parents, caregivers, professionals, communities, and organisations
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	OAK Foundation
AIM	The project is dedicated to the problem of abused and neglected children in Central and Eastern Europe.
ACTIVITIES	Dissemination of information about child abuse, neglect prevention and treatment in Eastern Europe.
	<ul> <li>Provide a forum for Eastern European child protection professionals to share knowledge, research and experiences.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Promote best practices and multidisciplinary cooperation between professionals working in the areas of medicine, education, psychology, social work, law enforcement, and judicial reform.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Help in building professional networks and cooperation among organizations and individuals working for the benefit of abused and neglected children.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Recognize outstanding individuals and organizations that work to establish polices, programs and services that protect children, strengthen families and build effective and efficient child and family welfare services.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://canee.net/about_us

## **EMPOWERING CHILDREN FOUNDATION**

TITLE	E-Learning for parents and professionals in the project "We protect children against sexual abuse"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Empowering Children Foundation (formerly Nobody's Children Foundation)

COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children victims of sexual violence
IMPACT	Central and Eastern Europe
FUNDING SOURCE	OAK Foundation
AIM	The proposed e-learning method guarantees broad range of effect, in particular reaching geographically underprivileged individuals, i.e. parents and professionals from little towns and villages.
	The added value of the project is that it demonstrates and teaches how to use ICT in education.
ACTIVITIES	Such educational resources are scarce, both in terms of formal and informal education regarding protecting children against sexual abuse. The e-learnings provide information on how parents can talk to children about their bodies, safety, dangerous situations, to improve their protection against sexual abuse, and how to react when children face dangerous situations online and in the real world (including legal intervention).
	These e-leanings were prepared within the project "We protect children from sexual abuse - innovative tools increasing the knowledge and competences of parents and professionals in the area of the protecting children from sexual abuse".
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://canee.net

# NOBODY'S CHILDREN FOUNDATION, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN, GRAY WORLDWIDE WARSAW

TITLE	Campaign on the sexual exploitation of children "Bad touch"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Campaign
ORGANIZATION(S)	Nobody's Children Foundation, Children's Rights Ombudsman, Gray Worldwide Warsaw
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	12 months

TARGET GROUP	Children, parents, professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To raise social awareness on the issue of sexual violence prevention to protect children. One of its main objectives is to make it clear to parents and carers that it can occur anywhere anytime and not only to those "marginalized".
ACTIVITIES	The "Bad Touch" campaign is run by the Nobody's Children Foundation and Children Rights Ombudsman. First edition of the campaign in 2002 made many people realize how serious and not at all uncommon is the problem of sexual abuse of children, yet still a lot remains to be done to tackle it. The slogan of the campaign - "Children hurt by the bad touch want to be invisible" - reflect the organizers idea of reaching to children who are not able to cope or ask for help themselves.
	Several hundred partners from all over Poland implement activities targeted at professionals and parents. Recipients of the campaign made available educational materials about the problem of sexual abuse (brochures, leaflets, posters, e-learning modules).
	As part of the campaign, the Nobody's Children Foundation launched the portal www.zlydotyk.pl, devoted to the sexual abuse of children. Parents and professionals can find information in the form of e-learning - how to diagnose a problem, how to prevent it and how to support a child who has experienced sexual violence.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.zlydotyk.pl

## POLSKIE STOWARZYSZENIE EDUKACJI PRAWNEJ

TITLE	Girls Using Violence – Intervention and Prevention
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Polskie Stowarzyszenie Edukacji Prawnej
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	February 2013-February 2015
TARGET GROUP	Groups with fewer opportunities and young people experiencing violence.

IMPACT	International impact. Project partners: Poland, Spain, Wales, Germany, Norway, Sweden, England
FUNDING SOURCE	Daphne, European Commission
AIM	<ul> <li>To develop tools and forms of support for vulnerable groups and people experiencing violence.</li> <li>To disseminate knowledge on the phenomenon of the use of physical violence by girls aged 10 - 19 years.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	The project implements a variety of activities related to the prevention of violence: seminars, conferences, analytic work, survey, exchange of good practices.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://podrugie.pl/daphne/ http://www.psep.pl/index.php?site=/daphne/

# FUNDACJA DAJEMY DZIECIOM SIŁĘ

TITLE	Polityka Ochrony Dzieci Fundacji Dajemy Dzieciom Siłę
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy
ORGANIZATION	Fundacja Dajemy Dzieciom Siłę
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Vulnerable groups and people experiencing violence.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	<ul> <li>To sensitize all FDDS employees and associates to the importance of taking action to protect children from harm;</li> </ul>
	To indicate of the scope of individual responsibility for the safety of children under the care of FDDS
	To undertake adequate intervention in the case of hurting children,
	To define educational, preventive and intervention activities aimed at ensuring children safety,
	To develop a work culture based on children's rights and continuous

	learning in the organization.
ACTIVITIES	Intervention in case of suspected child abuse.  The foundation provides psychological, legal and psychiatric help. This assistance takes the form of direct individual and group help (including consultations, crisis intervention, therapy, diagnosis, workshops, support groups) as well as indirect help (telephone, online).  Prevention of child abuse.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://fdds.pl/empowering-children-foundation/

# **GROUP OF SEX EDUCATORS "PONTON"**

TITLE	CAŁA PRAWDA O EDUKACJI SEKSUALNEJ – The Whole Truth About Sexual Education
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Group of Sex Educators "PONTON"
COUNTRY	Poland
DURATION	3 months
TARGET GROUP	Young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To help empower young people to embrace adolescence and adulthood with confidence by improving their knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights through education and advocacy.
ACTIVITIES	The group of Sex Educators "PONTON" runs extensive research projects on the state of sexual education in the country. These studies help reinforce and deliver advocacy messages and educate the community on good standards of gynaecological care, especially for young women, LGBTQ women and women with disabilities.
	It also organises awareness and advocacy campaigns on sexuality education, sexual violence, sexually transmitted infections, unwanted and teen pregnancies. Ponton advocates on a national and regional level in order to include comprehensive sexuality and relationship education into the mandatory school curriculum.

	Development of reports including the report "What does sex education in Poland really look like?". For three months, the organization collected from young people e-mails with descriptions of their experiences with sex education in schools. Over 600 letters were sent.  On the basis of email distribution, "PONTON" formulates policy
	recommendations for youth to the Ministry of National Education. Youth calls eg. For prevention of sexual violence, knowledge of assertiveness and sexual orientations.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.ponton.org.pl







Story photo by volunteers, at #Speak4NO Challenge
Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

## **SPAIN**

#### **VICKI BERNADET FOUNDATION**

TITLE	Vicki Bernadet Foundation Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Vicki Bernadet Foundation
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Parents, Educators, Professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide comprehensive care, prevention and awareness programmes against sexual violence within the family environment.
ACTIVITIES	The activities implemented under the Foundation are included under the following:  • Therapeutic and Legal Care Service  • Training and Prevention Service  • Communication and Promotion Service  The Therapeutic and Legal Care Service: Attention at the social, psychological and legal level to all people directly or indirectly affected by a situation of child sexual abuse. This service is made up of an interdisciplinary team of professionals with a long history in dealing with the problem of Child Sexual Abuse (ASI). Since its inception, the Foundation has set as one of its priorities the treatment of victims of childhood sexual abuse and their families; and offers its services to the communities of Catalonia and Aragon, through the delegations of Barcelona and Zaragoza.  The Training and Prevention Service: Specialized training aimed at professionals who work with children and adolescents or with people with disabilities, with special emphasis on those groups that have a high responsibility in the protection of children. Prevention is carried out at all levels, with special attention to those vulnerable groups and at risk of social exclusion, carrying out training and preventive actions,

aimed at minors, educators and family members or tutors.

The Foundation works online with educational centers, both formal and non-formal education, with the aim of collaborating in the drafting of internal protocols for the detection and prevention of situations of child sexual abuse (ASI). This networking also extends to cases of abuses through the internet, collaborating with organizations nationwide that have high experience in the proper use of social networks.

The Communication and Promotion Service: Within the communication tasks, our goals are to strengthen the Foundation as a source of information for the media, to sensitize the population about the importance of preventing and responding properly in the face of suspicion of an abusive situation and establishing a bridge with society through the media, the web and social networks. From the Foundation, it is geared towards accessing new communication and participation tools through the Internet, as well as designing awareness campaigns that incorporate cultural, pedagogical and / or social events that facilitate communication and expand our social base

Collaboration with the local, autonomous and state media has allowed society to start talking about sexual abuse abiertamente, to stop being a taboo and to recognize it as a serious child mistreatment that happens, most of the time, in the heart of families.

# LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

www.fbernadet.org

#### **FUNDACIÓN RANA**

TITLE	Sexual Violence Prevention in Educational Centres
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Projects
ORGANIZATION	Fundación RANA
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and Adolescents
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To raise awareness on sexual violence and share information on

	prevention and protection.
ACTIVITIES	Awareness raising on children's rights and the right to their own body, how to recognize risky behaviours and situations, know how to distinguish between good and bad secrets, learn to ask for help and identify trustworthy people, promote respectful and non-dependent affective relationships, know what sexual abuse is and what are its characteristics and consequences and know the stages of referral to a case or suspected sexual abuse.
	Two programs are being implemented in the Organization's educational centres
	a) Storytelling for children from 6 to 11 years old. Professionals work a story on which children can reflect - Analysis of cases of abuse situations with adolescents from 12 to 16 years old to create a space for debate in which young people lose the fear of talking about situations that can pose a risk
	b) Organization of training workshops for professionals working with children in different fields (education, sports, leisure, health and others), in order to gain the necessary skills, knowledge, expertise to detect and act in a case of sexual abuse and know the cases of referral and attention.
	c) Furthermore, awareness and sensitization discussions related to sexual violence, with families are being organized to approach the problem.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.fundacionrana.org

# FUNDACIÓN PARA LA CONVIVENCIA ASPACIA

TITLE	Programa de Prevención de la Violencia de Género y Sexual en Jóvenes Tutelados de la Comunidad de Madrid: Sin Género de Dudas
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Fundación para la convivencia Aspacia
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	12 months
TARGET GROUP	Young people from 12 to 18 years of age living in the network of supervised centres of the Community of Madrid

IMPACT	Local
FUNDING SOURCE	Between 2014 and 2017: annual subsidies charged to the IRPF of the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality. In 2018: subsidy from the Community of Madrid charged to the regional income tax.
AIM	<ul> <li>To favour the construction of a non-sexist and non-violent identity among in adolescence, bringing them closer to a life free of violence.</li> <li>To reduce sexist prejudice in adolescents, diminishing negative</li> </ul>
	attitudes and discriminatory behaviour based on macho beliefs.
	To increase competencies for the detection of gender violence and sexist beliefs.
	To enhance personal resources and behaviour patterns that allow more autonomy, independence and responsibility in one's life.
ACTIVITIES	The project contributes towards the enhancement of skills for autonomous living and prevention of gender and sexual violence in young people from 12 to 18 years of age living in the network of supervised centres of the Community of Madrid, through the dissemination of knowledge.
	Workshops are designed and implemented with total duration of 8 hours, distributed in 4 sessions of 2 hours, during which professionals work for the empowerment of young people.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.fundacion-aspacia.org

# **FUNDACIÓN ASPACIA**

TITLE	ASPACIA
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy and Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Fundación Aspacia
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	2013-Today
TARGET GROUP	Victims of sexual violence Professionals and experts working with victims.

IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	<ul> <li>Defend human rights.</li> <li>Promote equality.</li> <li>Offer assistance and tools.</li> <li>Foster a change in aggressive people.</li> <li>Promote interculturality and diversity.</li> <li>They work on primary assistance, education, prevention, creating awareness and researching.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>They work both independently and in cooperation with the local, regional and national government. They carry out courses and workshops in schools, high schools, prisons, youth centres. Activities include: <ul> <li>Courses on equality among men and women in prisons to tackle gender violence.</li> <li>Projects promoting the proper usage of new technologies, prevention of gender and social violence on social media.</li> <li>Bullying prevention and skills development in youth centres and children's shelters in the region.</li> <li>Different impact campaigns (ads, videos) to raise awareness on gender and sexual violence under the names "Dibuja la línea" (Draw the line) or "No es no" (No means no).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Awareness activities in schools and youth centers related to bullying, cyberbullying, violence, etc.</li> <li>Empowerment of women, teenagers and youngsters who have been victims of violence through the development of their skills.</li> <li>Provision of primary assistance to victims of gender violence, sexual violence, bullying, violence within the family, etc.</li> </ul>
EXPECTED RESULTS	https://fundacion-aspacia.org

#### **AYUNTAMIENTO DE ALFAFAR**

TITLE	Campañas contra la prevención de violencia sexual. Punto Violeta durante eventos patronales.
TYPE OF SEXUAL	Programme

VIOLENCE PREVENTION	
ORGANIZATION	Ayuntamiento de Alfafar
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	Local
FUNDING SOURCE	Alfarfal town hall
AIM	To prevent, raise awareness and educate among all, especially young people, against sexual violence.
ACTIVITIES	The Youth Centre collaborates with the City Council of Equality and organize awareness actions regularly. Among these actions the following are being organized: a Violet Point during the patron Saint's festivities, awareness workshops for the youth population, and others.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.alfafar.es

## AIDEJOVEN -ALIANZA INTERNACIONAL PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LOS JÓVENES

TITLE	Forma parte de alguno de los proyectos que desarrollamos de promoción de la tolerancia e inclusión en el ámbito escolar
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	AIDEJOVEN -Alianza Internacional para el Desarrollo de los Jóvenes
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Adolescents, Young People, Parents, Educators, other Professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Community of Madrid
AIM	To promote integration and tolerance within the school environment

ACTIVITIES	The activities contribute towards sexual violence prevention and protection of victims.
	• Training of young people to enhance skills, abilities competences and increase possibilities for Employment.
	• Projects of socio-educational intervention, including sexual violence.
	Employment and entrepreneurship projects.
	• Training of professionals in the social and educational field.
	Informal education.
	Intercultural mediation projects.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.aidejoven.org

# FUNDACIÓN RANA (RED DE AYUDA A NIÑOS ABUSADOS)

TITLE	PROGRAMA DE PREVENCIÓN ABUSO SEXUAL A NIÑOS NIÑAS Y ADOLESCENTES
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Fundación RANA (Red de Ayuda a Niños Abusados)
COUNTRY	Spain
DURATION	2010-today
TARGET GROUP	Children under 6 to 16 years of age, educators and professionals working with children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Autonomous, insular and local public subsidies Agreements with private entities Donations from individuals and private entities Activities to raise funds Partners
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	<ul> <li>children and adolescents such as education, sports, leisure and free time, health, police, social services and future professionals in these areas. Informational sessions with families.</li> <li>Psychological therapy sessions offered to adults who were victims of sexual abuse in their childhood and / or adolescence.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.fundacionrana.org



Photo by Iro Kourmpasi, a volunteer, at at #Speak4NO Challenge, Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

# **OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

## **BELGIUM**

#### **SOS PARENTENFANTS NAMUR**

TITLE	EntrAdo therapeutic group
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	SOS Parentenfants Namur - Therapeutic group for adolescents who are sexually abusive
COUNTRY	Belgium
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Youth author of sexual crimes on other youth
IMPACT	NATIONAL
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	The EntrAdo therapeutic group is a prevention of recidivism that takes into account the adolescent process in which sexual abuse takes place. EntrAdo aims to bring to young perpetrators of sexual abuse:  Better understanding of the meaning of this passage to the sexual ac  Better self-image and self-knowledge  Better socialization
ACTIVITIES	The provision of support to young people follow 6 stages:  1. The request, either from the parents, or from a mandate by an administrative authority.  2. Admission interviews.  3. Therapeutic group sessions.  4. An individual assessment of the young person at mid-term and at the end of the process.  5. A final interview with the young person, his parents and constituents.  6. The sending of a succinct report to the mandating authority if the intervention falls within this precise frame.

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://sosparenfants.be/entrado.html
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# DEPARTMENT OF SEXOLOGY AT UQAM, THE QUEBEC REGROUPEMENT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ASSAULT CENTERS (RQCALACS)

TITLE	Empreinte – Agir ensemble contre les agressions à caractère sexuel - Imprint - Working Together Against Sexual Assault
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION(S)	Department of Sexology at UQAM, the Quebec Regroupement of Sexual Assault and Assault Centers (RQCALACS)
COUNTRY	Belgium
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Youth author of sexual crimes on other youth
IMPACT	NATIONAL
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To reduce social tolerance for different forms of sexual violence.
ACTIVITIES	Empreinte is a new sexual assault prevention program for high school students, their parents and school staff. In order to achieve this goal, three complementary components have been developed:
	Six classroom workshops addressing six important themes in an interactive and dynamic way with young people.
Activities	Training for school staff, teachers and non-teachers.
	<ul> <li>Uploading video clips for parents addressing the same topics as classroom workshops. The goal of these capsules is to get parents to create opportunities for communication with their youth about preventing sexual violence.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.programmeempreinte.com/

## **BULGARIA**

#### **COMMUNITY CULTURE CENTRE**

TITLE	Children Against Trafficking
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Community Culture Centre
COUNTRY	Bulgaria
DURATION	6 months
TARGET GROUP	Youth workers, youth leaders, volunteers
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Erasmus+ European Programme
AIM	To prevent sexual violence through awareness raising and information sharing
ACTIVITIES	Organization of a workshop targeting sexual violence prevention.
EXPECTED IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS	Awareness raising
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.trudovec.com

## **ALLIANCE FOR PROTECTION FROM GBV**

TITLE	Sexual Violence Prevention Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Funding Programme
ORGANIZATION	Alliance for protection from GBV - Network of 11 NGOs working on the protection of domestic violence victims
COUNTRY	Bulgaria
DURATION	Ongoing

TARGET GROUP	Bulgarian NGOs active on women rights
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
	To support the Bulgarian women's human rights organizations working to raise gender awareness of society and for recognition of women's rights as human rights.
	<ul> <li>To strengthen Bulgarian NGO capacity to work on women's and girls inclusion and empowerment, and improve their skills for mobilizing local resources for their sustainable development.</li> </ul>
	To support alternative and innovative women's initiatives.
AIM	To support independent monitoring of government's commitments and initiatives related to gender equality in Bulgaria.
	To support cooperation between NGOs working on gender equality on national and local level.
	• To promote a new vision for philanthropy as an instrument for social change.
	To support the civil society development in Bulgaria as a precondition for irreversibility of the democratic process.
ACTIVITIES	Bulgarian Fund for Women (BFW) is the only indigenous donor in Bulgaria that raises funds and gives grants to local NGOs working to advance women's and girls' rights, eliminate gender stereotypes, gender-based violence and discrimination, achieve gender equality in all spheres of life and make a social change.
	They provide support and empower local NGOs working on gender issues and empower girls and women by involving them in our network and making them active participants and drivers of the social change.
	Bulgarian Fund for Women raises funds from local and foreign donors through various initiatives. Thus, they support the development of a donation culture and a new vision of philanthropy as a tool for social change. Raised funds are invested directly in the activities of small NGOs across the country.
	Bulgarian Fund for Women is working for the development of the women's movement and individual philanthropy in Bulgaria. Their thematic priorities are the: political and economic empowerment of women and girls; eliminating violence against women; working with children and young people to overcome gender stereotypes; empowering groups of women who suffer from multiple discrimination.

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://bgfundforwomen.org
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#### **CENTRE FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

TITLE	Centre for Inclusive Education
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy
ORGANIZATION	Centre for Inclusive Education
COUNTRY	Bulgaria
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and adolescents
IMPACT	Local
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To promote successfully Child Safeguarding Strategies in educational institutes including protection from Sexual Violence
ACTIVITIES	Activities include: education and training on sexual violence prevention, and awareness raising activities. Provision of support to schools in adopting a Child Safeguarding Strategy.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.cie.bg

#### "OPEN DOOR" ASSOCIATION- PLEVEN AND ASSOCIATION NAIA - TARGOVISHTE

TITLE	European project "Early Marriage – Culture or Abuse?"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	"Open door" Association - Pleven and Association NAIA – Targovishte
COUNTRY	Bulgaria
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Young people, especially women, who are victims of gender-based violence and discrimination

IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	European Commission (Daphne Programme) and Gender Alternatives Foundation
AIM	<ul> <li>To help young people, especially women, who are victims of gender-based violence and discrimination</li> <li>To raise awareness of parents about the risks of "forced marriage" during the childhood</li> <li>To develop partnerships with institutions for joint activities in working with families whose children continue the tradition of early cohabitation.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Activities include:</li> <li>Free of charge services, represent victims in national and international courts and lead trainings with young people.</li> <li>The youth program consists of trainings and awareness raising campaigns in the rural areas of Plovdiv region and concern the topics of human rights in particular prevention of violence, including sexual violence, discrimination, sexual and reproductive health and rights.</li> <li>Frequently cooperation with state services such as Police, Social Assistance Directorate and Child Protection Department.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://hasp-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/HRV-in-Bulgaria.pdf http://genderalternatives.org/en/176-sexual-violence-against-children-and-young-people-in-bulgaria

#### **BLACK SEA ACADEMY FOR PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE**

TITLE	Black Sea Academy for Prevention of Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Black Sea Academy for Prevention of Violence
COUNTRY	Bulgaria
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Professionals working with children

IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To build the skills of different professionals for improving and strengthening their awareness and work in the field of Gender Based Violence.
ACTIVITIES	The main goal of the Black Sea Academy is to develop and present training programs for GBV specialization for building and upgrading the skills of the specialists-social workers, psychologists, lawyers, policemen, magistrates and other experts who in their practice work with the problems of GBV. The Black Sea academy is designed for training for professionals in Bulgaria and in near future will develop anddeliver courses also for professionals from other countries. The training duration is 1 year minimum or until the acquisition of the necessary knowledge and skills. The training is conducted on the basis of a training programme, validated by the Alliance for protection against GBV. The training sessions are conducted in training centers in the Black Sea towns in Burgas and Varna. Practical activities are conducted at the centers in the different cities and towns, where the NGO members of the Alliance are situated. The main training elements of the Black sea academy are the following: Modules under the form of seminars and lectures for acquiring specialized knowledge on GBV and consulting. The programme consists of two participatory modules of 5 days each and the rest of the training hours from the curriculum are under the form of e-learning (including training materials, presentations and papers).
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://hasp-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/HRV-in- Bulgaria.pdf



Youngsters fight violence with knowledge. (https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/grantmaking-and-support/)

## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

#### **NATIONAL SAFER INTERNET CENTRE**

TITLE	National Safer Internet Centre
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Platform, Programme
ORGANIZATION	National Safer Internet Centre
COUNTRY	Czech Republic
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, teachers, parents, social workers and LEA staff
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To promotes safer use of the internet among children and youth through educational competitions, seminars and conferences organised during the year.
ACTIVITIES	Hot-line  Hotline - Reporting of Illegal Content - Receives and evaluates reports and data about illegal material with sexually abused children on the Internet. On the basis of contractually established cooperation with the Czech Police, they prevent their further dissemination via the Internet. In co-operation with the international hotline network, INHOPE is opposed to the spread of illicit Internet content on an international level. Website: <a href="https://www.stoponline.cz">www.stoponline.cz</a> Help line - The help line addresses a wide range of inconveniences associated with using online technology. It provides free online, telephone and personal counseling services to help children, teenagers, parents, carers and teachers get advice on how to deal with unwanted online contacts, behavior and content (meeting temptation, cyberbullying, sexting, etc.). Website: <a href="https://www.pomoconline.cz">www.pomoconline.cz</a> Educational Center - The Education Center encourages children, their parents and teachers to make the best use of the internet, providing them with the appropriate digital resources (libraries) and educational tools that they create and disseminate in collaboration with third

	www.bezpecneonline.cz
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.saferinternet.cz

# ÉLEKTRA, ZS - THE CENTER FOR THE HELP OF WOMEN SEXUALLY EXPLOITED IN CHILDHOOD

TITLE	ELEKTRA
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Élektra, zs - The Centre for the Help of Women Sexually Exploited in Childhood
COUNTRY	Czech Republic
DURATION	2013-Today
TARGET GROUP	Women and men victims of sexual violence in childhood
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private and European funding
AIM	To help women and men victims of sexual violence in childhood.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Offers expert counseling, individual and group psychotherapy to women and men who have been victims of sexual violence in childhood or adulthood, their partners and relatives.</li> <li>Organizes educational events for teachers, doctors, social workers and other social and health professionals.</li> <li>Provides technical assistance on a) an individual basis, in a safe environment by running the therapeutic process only with the participation of the client and psychotherapist b) group therapy in women participation psychotherapist and c) couple therapeutic relationship with the therapist enters a woman (or man), together with their partner (partner)</li> <li>Offers supportive therapy for family members, partners / victims of sexual violence .</li> <li>Provides advice on internet, e-mail, telephone and correspondence, - serves primarily to provide basic information on issues, to establish a relationship, to provide support and motivation to resolve the</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Crisis intervention to provide immediate assistance.</li> <li>Videotraining of interactions the technique works with video recordings and by strengthening the positive elements of behavior based on their analysis, the client can influence family relationships, especially towards children.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://centrumelektra.cz

## **PERSEFONA Z. S. ORGANIZATION**

TITLE	Persefona Z.S.
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Persefona z. s. Organization
COUNTRY	Czech Republic
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Victims of domestic and sexual violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide a long-term and complex support to victims of domestic violence, sexual abusing and raping for persons over 18 years old and to people who tries to help to the victims
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Activities include:</li> <li>Provision of comprehensive, long-term aid to adult victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual abuse in the South Moravian Region, including legal, psychological and social work aid.</li> <li>Development of a therapy program for violent persons within Brno and the South Moravian Region.</li> <li>Provision of counselling and therapeutic support to persons who have difficulties dealing with their own aggression in relationships. This involves preventive measures against the eventual collapse of a family or partner relationships, as well as means to help people make sure their violent behaviour does not recur in other relationships.</li> </ul>

	Provision of professional legal and social work counselling to the victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual abuse.
EXPECTED IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS	During 2014 Persefona provided counseling to a total of 369 persons through 844 in-person consultations, 1 191 telephone consultations and 1 054 e-mail consultations.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.persefona.cz



Photo by Anna Christou, a volunteer, at at #Speak4NO Challenge, Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

#### **DENMARK**

## **DIALOG MOD VOLD (DIALOGUE AGAINST VIOLENCE)**

TITLE	Dialog Mod Vold (Dialogue against violence)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Treatment Programme
ORGANIZATION	Dialog Mod Vold (Dialogue against violence)
COUNTRY	Denmark
DURATION	2002-now
TARGET GROUP	Perpetrators of domestic violence, their partners and children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Cooperation agreements with the Danish Prison and Probation Service and the Municipality of Copenhagen.
AIM	<ul> <li>To train professionals regarding sexual violence prevention.</li> <li>To break the negative social heritage and help children at risk of being placed outside the home to stay safe in the home.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Dialogue against Violence teaches professionals in municipalities, kindergartens, police, etc. In addition, we offer sparring, supervision and risk assessment (SARA-Spousal Assalut Risc Assessment).  Impact and effectiveness: 74% of practitioners who have been treated in Dialogue Against Violence have grown up in homes with violence (DMV, 2016). 40% of women who experience domestic violence are unemployed or retired.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://dialogmodvold.dk/

#### **BRYD TAVSHEDEN – BREAK THE SILENCE**

TITLE	BrydTavsheden (Break the silence)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	BrydTavsheden (Break the silence)

COUNTRY	Denmark
DURATION	2003-now
TARGET GROUP	Kids and youngsters that are affected by violence and people who have direct contact with those affected. Mainly affected by violence within their families or gender-based violence.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide support to children victims of gender-based violence
	<ul> <li>Bryd Tavsheden's work is carried out by a strong social and voluntary commitment, working to break the taboo about child violence and charity violence.</li> </ul>
	BrydTavsheden works closely with schools, high schools, universities and other education centers to develop workshops or present activities and contests that make the kids and youngsters reflect on the issue of violence and how it can be tackled.
	They offer distance and personal assistance to those affected by different types of violence.
	<ul> <li>They create awareness among youngsters through their service of attending any education center to talk and debate on different topics related to violence.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Their campaigns are of national reach thanks to the support of the Ministry of Equality and other organizations and foundations.
	• Their campaign/contest "Creative Contest" is promoted in the entire country. The pieces that the students create to participate in the contest are used to raise awareness: posters, videos, essays, etc.
	Impact and effectiveness: Up to now BrydTavsheden has attended more than 80,000 kids and teenagers. They visit up to 60 education centers every year to develop workshops and handle out information on violence prevention.
	For the "Creative Contest" 2016, in which all classrooms of students aged 12 to 16 can participate every year, BrydTavsheden received 254 applications.
	Up to now they have met more than 80,000 kids.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.brydtavsheden.dk

## **ESTONIA**

## **ESTONIAN WOMEN'S SHELTERS UNION**

TITLE	Women's Shelter
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Shelter
ORGANIZATION	Estonian Women's Shelters Union - The Estonian Women's Shelters Union is an association of non-profit organisations acting in public interests which joins organisations dedicated to providing shelters' services for victims of violence against women.
COUNTRY	Estonia
DURATION	March 2016- Present
TARGET GROUP	Young women who have experienced physical, psychological, economic and sexual violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Charity and private funding
AIM	To provide practical support to young women survivors of any kind of violence.
	<ul> <li>A safe, confidential space for healing and recovery after being abused or during times of fear.</li> </ul>
	Temporary accommodation if needed.
	Psychological counseling and emergency assistance.
	Legal counseling.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Assistance in dealing with appropriate agencies like the police, social services departments and others.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Information on handling legal matters like court processes, divorce and child protection issues, etc; and if need be, and also legal consultations.</li> </ul>
	Support in setting up a new life.
	Possibility to return to the shelter whenever needed to discuss next steps to be taken
LINK(S) FOR	http://www.naisteliin.ee/index.php?keel=2&id=187

## **ESTONIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Eesti Seksuaaltervise Liit / Estonian Sexual Health Association
COUNTRY	Estonia
DURATION	2016-2022
TARGET GROUP	Strategy responds to social, political and demographic global trends including discrimination against girls and women
IMPACT	International
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	Works in conjunction with IPPF Member Associations in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden to adapt, adopt and translate printed and video material, and to produce full education packs, focusing on sex education for young people.
	Training workshops for teachers and peer educators around the country.
	Galvanize commitment and secure legislative, policy and practice improvements.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Engage women and youth leaders as advocates for change. Enable young people to access comprehensive sexuality education and realize their sexual rights.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Engage champions, opinion formers and the media to promote health, choice and rights. Deliver rights, based services including for safe abortion and HIV</li> </ul>
	Enhance operational effectiveness and double national and global income. Grow the base of volunteers and activist supporters.
	Impact and effectiveness: 100 governments respect, protect and fulfil sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality. 1 billion people to act freely on their sexual and reproductive health and rights.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.ippf.org/about-us/member-associations/estonia

#### TARTU WOMEN'S SHELTER- TARTU NAISTE VARJUPAIK

TITLE	Tisova
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Shelter
ORGANIZATION	Tartu Women's Shelter- Tartu Naiste Varjupaik
COUNTRY	Estonia
DURATION	1.09.2017 - 31.08.2020
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To design an interactive training programme that provides active and innovative learning opportunities to educate key groups about violence against older people, especially women
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Development of an analytical report on the experiences of female elderly victims of abuse and state practices targeted at them;</li> <li>Organization of a training/intervention programme on how to identify and provide support to older victims of abuse. The training programme will be administered twice each in Finland, Estonia and Greece reaching at least 120 people;</li> <li>Implementation of an online Educational Program (MOOC), based on training program reaching at least 200 participants and available on University of Tartu webpage after the project end.</li> <li>Organization of training train workers/volunteers of senior centers and older people to identify and provide assistance to elderly victims of abuse.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://naistetugi.ee/en/projects/tisova/

## **GERMANY**

## PREVENTION NETWORK "KEIN TÄTER WERDEN"

TITLE	Prevention Project Dunkelfeld
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Prevention Network "Kein Täter Werden" (Meaning: Don't offend)
COUNTRY	Germany
DURATION	2015-Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and youth below 18
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide clinical and support services to individuals who are sexually attracted to children (pedophiles and hebephiles) and want help controlling their sexual urges, but are otherwise unknown to the legal authorities.
	Free and confidential treatment option at all of its sites for people seeking therapeutic help with their sexual preference for children and/or early adolescents. In the context of the therapy, the affected persons receive support so as to prevent sexual offending in the form of both direct contact and indirectly via the consumption or production of child sexual abuse images (so-called child pornography) on the internet.
ACTIVITIES	Round Table discussions on sexual abuse calls for victims aid fund. Elaboration of recommendations linked to the lengthened of the statute of limitation for claiming damages and awareness raising.
	Impact and effectiveness: After treatment, beneficiaries reported reductions in emotional loneliness, emotion-oriented coping, emotional victim empathy deficits, offense-supportive attitudes, coping self-efficacy deficits, and sexual preoccupation, thereby indicating an increase in sexual self-regulation.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.dont-offend.org

#### **CARITAS**

TITLE	Child Protection Policy Framework
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy
ORGANIZATION	Caritas
COUNTRY	Germany
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and their families
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide a child protection policy framework for members, their children and other beneficiaries
ACTIVITIES	Code of Conduct is composed by rules, regulations and statements adopted by the organization's staff and volunteers to protect children and young people from abuse and sexual exploitation
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.caritas- germany.org/internationalaid/principlesandguidelines/child- protection-sexual-eploitation

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ISSUES

TITLE	The Initiative "No Room for Abuse"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Independent Commissioner for Child Sexual Abuse Issues
COUNTRY	Germany
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Institutions and organizations in contact with children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding

AIM	To promote that all institutions and organisations in Germany, such as schools, nurseries, homes, sports clubs, clinics and churches introduce protection concepts for prevention and intervention.
ACTIVITIES	Support institutions and organizations in Germany to become sexual violence prevention centers. Strengthens full-time staff and volunteers in their role as a competent contact person, with whom children and adolescents can find support and someone to confide in. If prevention and intervention measures are developed with care and customized to the individual institutions, the scope for potential perpetrators is limited and the culture of attentiveness is improved.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.kein-raum-fuer-missbrauch.de

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ISSUES

TITLE	The Initiative: "Schools against Sexual Violence"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
AUTHORITY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Independent Commissioner for Child Sexual Abuse Issues
COUNTRY	Germany
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Institutions and organizations in contact with children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To break down insecurities and, by means of prevention and intervention measures.
ACTIVITIES	"Schools against Sexual Violence" is an initiative of the Independent Commissioner of the federal government in cooperation with the 16 Ministries of Culture of the German federal states. With this initiative, the more than 30,000 schools in Germany are to be provided with technical support and encouraged to develop concepts to protect.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.schule-gegen-sexuelle-gewalt.de

#### **HUNGARY**

#### **EUCPN- EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK**

TITLE	Hungarian Policy on Sexual Crime
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Network
ORGANIZATION	EUCPN- European Crime Prevention Network
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	18 October 2013- 2023
TARGET GROUP	Victims of Sexual Violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To strengthen security, law and order, to reduce crime, mitigate the negative impact of committed offences and to provide protection for families and individuals, ultimately to improve citizens' sense of security.
ACTIVITIES	Legislative, organisational development, training tasks, promoting societal actions in the area of crime prevention.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	<ul> <li>https://eucpn.org/sites/default/files/content/download/files/po_hu _sc_0.pdf</li> </ul>

#### **WOMEN'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION BUDAPEST**

TITLE	Survivors Speak up For Their Dignity
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Women's Rights Association Budapest
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	2006
TARGET GROUP	Women and Children

IMPACT	Local
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	<ul> <li>To address the problem of women survivors of domestic violence having a low self-esteem as a result of the ongoing violence and previous socialization.</li> <li>To address the low level of consciousness among (younger) women on what a balanced, democratic, human rights based relationship is.</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	Mobilizing women survivors of violence to become involved in providing victim support.
	<ul> <li>Production of a Manual on how to set up, lead and sustain peer-support groups and networks of such groups for women victims and potential victims of violence has been written, published and distributed in 150 hard copies/country in English and in 200 copies. Organization of a promotional campaign directed towards the intermediary groups about the availability of the Manual and the leaflets and calling attention to the subsequent campaign ran for 3 months in each partner country.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Heightened feeling of self-determination in victims of violence by a mobilization and prevention campaign in each country directed towards the direct and indirect beneficiary groups ran for 1-3 months (depending on the country) encouraging them to reach out and form their groups with the help of the Manual.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	<ul> <li>https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne-toolkit/en/content/survivors-speak-their-dignity-%E2%80%93-supporting-victims-and-survivors-domestic-violence</li> <li>https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne-toolkit/en/content/nane-womens-rights-association-budapest</li> </ul>

## **HUMAN-NET Foundation**

TITLE	Szexiskola Sex School
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	HUMAN-NET Foundation
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	Ongoing

TARGET GROUP	Young people 14-18 years old
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	National funding
AIM	The sessions aim at sex education, sexuality, and also how to strengthen young people to be able to say no, and only being involved into sexual relationships when they feel secured.
ACTIVITIES	The programme involves a set of lectures and non-formal education methods, it has several occasions, 20 hours altogether. It is part of a larger project for families. The programmes provides the opportunity to young people to become sexually more confident, liberated, and conscious young people, who also take care for safe sex and sexual protection and to realize the difference from sexual violence, as well as work towards prevention.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.humannet.hu

#### **KÁVA DRAMA - THEATRE IN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	The Playground of violence-analysis and handling of social programmes with the usage of drama-pedagogical and theatrical tools
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Káva Drama - Theatre in Education Association
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	2009
TARGET GROUP	Children and youngsters across Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary
IMPACT	National and Neighbour Countries
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To create complex theatre in education and drama programmes in order to analyse moral and social problems through action with participants. The overall goal of the project was the elaboration and realisation of Drama/Theatre in Education Programmes and the training of artistic-pedagogical method promoting sexual violence prevention.

ACTIVITIES	Creation of a complex drama/theatre in education programmes. Organization of training workshops on sexual violence prevention using methods and tools utilizing theatre and drama. Development of educational pack. Organization of Conferences. All elements of the project were evaluated with the target group together with the implementing professional project team. The participating children gave very positive feedback on all three performances, meaning that the project successfully achieved its goal.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne- toolkit/en/content/playground-violence-analysis-and-handling-social- programmes-usage-drama-pedagogical-and

## MAGYARORSZÁGI TERRE DES HOMMES ALAPÍTVÁNY

TITLE	Mario II - Protect Children on the Move
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Magyarországi Terre Des Hommes Alapítvány
COUNTRY	Hungary
DURATION	1st of January 2013 and the 30th of March 2015
TARGET GROUP	Migrant Children
IMPACT	Central and South East European countries
FUNDING SOURCE	Co-funded by the European Union
AIM	Joint action to protect Central and South East European migrant children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking in Europe.
ACTIVITIES	The project Mario was implemented in 16 countries (both within and outside the EU) with the participation of 19 NGOs. Hungary professionals having received trainings on identification of foreign child victims of trafficking started to refer (for the first time) cases of potential victims to competent services. Most of participants in transnational meetings confirmed the importance of building contacts. In total 4 bi-lateral collaboration frameworks, were set up and shared with all participants through follow up reports.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne-toolkit/en/content/mario-ii-protect-children-move-joint-action-protect-central-and-south-east-european-migrant

## **IRELAND**

#### **ONE IN FOUR INSTITUTION**

TITLE	One in four. Sexual abuse from surviving to living
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Programmes
ORGANIZATION	ONE IN FOUR INSTITUTION
COUNTRY	Ireland
DURATION	2003- today
TARGET GROUP	Women and men victim of sexual abuse
IMPACT	National, but known to many countries because of multiple conferences organized
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To reduce the incidence of sexual abuse by intervening in key areas of the cycle of abuse. We do this through psychotherapy, advocacy and prevention services.
ACTIVITIES	One in Four offers a range of vital services. At One in Four, they know the impact that child sex abuse can have on a person's life. They help victims begin their journey into self-acceptance and discovery and guide them from surviving to living, through therapy, advocacy and prevention. One in Four opened its doors in 2003 to provide professional support to men and women who had experienced childhood sexual abuse.  They have developed extensive experience and skills in working with
	their clients and are in demand to provide training to other organisations and professionals. They regularly speak about their work at international conferences.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.oneinfour.ie/

#### **SAFE IRELAND**

TITLE	SAFE IRELAND Programmes
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TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Safe Ireland
COUNTRY	Ireland
DURATION	1998-now
TARGET GROUP	Primary assistance to women and children.
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	Safe Ireland has a clear ambition: to end domestic and sexual violence and make Ireland the safest country in the world for women and children. Over the years, the purpose evolved: the main focus is on creating the social change needed to end domestic violence.
ACTIVITIES	Safe Ireland works with community organisations to bring attention to the issue of abuse. They have been working with its members across Ireland for nearly two decades to improve the services available to women and children. Since 2012 Safe Ireland has invested in researching domestic violence they work closely with 37 frontline services, throughout Ireland, to achieve this.
	Primary prevention. With experts and a building evidence base they are working to identify what drives and contributes to domestic violence. From this knowledge base we are testing scalable solutions to help create the conditions where abuse will be eliminated. Their approach to a) change social behaviour and attitudes, b) establish a comprehensive response to domestic violence, c) cultivate leadership at all levels in Irish society, d) expand the evidence base of causes, prevalence and impacts of domestic violence so we can deepen our understanding of the complexities of the problem and e) communicate our understanding of the problem and enhance all our capacity to respond to it.
	They implemented a national <b>Man Up</b> campaign, highlighting the role of men in ending domestic abuse. This campaign has successfully been working to achieve a cultural shift in Ireland to create the conditions where false social norms are disrupted so that more men can feel confident to speak out against male violence against women.
	They have also helped hundreds of professionals, including judges, government advisors, gardaí, lawyers, policy makers and politicians better understand coercive and controlling behaviour and how to respond to it.

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION RESULTS	https://www.safeireland.ie
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#### **COUNTY LIMERICK YOUTH THEATRE**

TITLE	Children First E-learning Programme Youth Theatre Ireland's Child Protection Awareness Programme
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	County Limerick Youth Theatre
COUNTRY	Ireland
DURATION	1 week-2 years
TARGET GROUP	Children, Young People
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Arts office Limerick City and County Council
AIM	To introduce sexual violence prevention through the programmes of the organization.
ACTIVITIES	The County Limerick Youth Theatre (CLYT) is a not-for-profit organisation run by a voluntary committee. It has a part-time artistic director who facilitates workshops and directs productions. Young people formulate the initiative of Limerick Arts Office, an ensemble interested in drama, theatre and related activities. Members are aged from 4-30 years old. They run an outreach department working with Limerick school and community groups, participate in national events through NAYD and international European theatre and drama training and are also involved in Erasmus+ projects. County Limerick Youth Theatre is committed to a young-person centred approach in their work. They undertake to provide a safe environment and positive experience, the welfare of the young person being of paramount importance. They adhere to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017). We have developed policies and procedures to ensure this commitment is enshrined in all aspects of the youth theatre. This Welfare and Child Protection Policy gathers all policies and procedures that relate to work with young people.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.fqdrama.wix.com/colyt

## **ITALY**

#### **UNICEF**

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TITLE	A commitment to the Rights of Children and Adolescents – Un'impegno per idirittidell'infanzia e dell'adolescenza
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy Plan, Policy Recommendations
ORGANIZATION	UNICEF - Italia
COUNTRY	Italy
DURATION	2008
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Unicef
AIM	Document to address various issues on sexual violence and prevention and to recommend specific actions.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>In particular UNICEF-Italy recommends a series of actions, such as:</li> <li>In terms of sexual violence, a precise monitoring activity is carried out and the coordination of the activities of Public Administrations related to the prevention, assistance and protection of minors from sexual abuse is strengthened.</li> <li>In regard to intra-family violence, it is proposed to carry out systematic and not sporadic investigations on the phenomenon, including cases of assisted violence, and support projects for families in difficulty through the activation of the entire network of local services.</li> <li>On violence in schools it is proposed the continuation of the Antibullying campaigns activated by the Ministry of Public Education, encouraging the active participation of children at every stage of the campaign and providing, in particular, activities to support children, both authors and victims of episodes of scholastic violence and education in the logic of peaceful conflict resolution;</li> <li>In the matter of trafficking we suggest the preparation of</li> </ul>
	instruments of monitoring related to the implementation of the law

	n. 228/2003 "Measures against trafficking in persons".
	<ul> <li>In the process it is proposed to make appropriate changes to the criminal trial system in the parts in which it does not provide adequate assistance to the minor victim of any kind of violence; to enhance the use of the listening tool in the identification of cases of ill-treatment and of the most hidden violence, respecting child- friendly methods (quick times, protected auditions, reduction of number of plays, etc.)</li> </ul>
EXPECTED IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS	Ten years later, it is possible to notice a development of Italian legislation in the sense desired by UNICEF; for examples with regard to the Supervisor of the Childhood, the law on unaccompanied migrant minors, the reception of important international documents and conventions. Being a document of a recognized and authoritative agency connected to the United Nations, has certainly had a good level of attention on the part of the main stakeholders.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.unicef.it/Allegati/Un impegno per diritti.pdf

## Sexual Violence is not only about Men against Women



Photo by Antonis Adamou, a volunteer, at #Speak4NO Challenge, Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

## **LATVIA**

#### **SHELTER "SAFE HOUSE"**

TITLE	Support Programme of the Society Shelter "Safe House" - Operation for Prevention of Human Trafficking in Latvia
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme, Shelter
ORGANIZATION	Shelter "Safe House"
COUNTRY	Latvia
DURATION	July 2013- 16.12.2015
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To increase the role of the society in human trafficking prevention activities on national level, by increasing the institutional capacity of the society and ensuring support activities for its operation.
ACTIVITIES	Provision of training to Helpline specialists and development of the awareness raising visual material, in collaboration with the company AS Drogas (www.irdarbs.lv), including informative banners and posters, which were distributed in 28 branches of the State Employment Agency and sent to more than 600 schools, 46 youth and children educational centres.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.patverums-dm.lv/en/societys-shelter-safe-house-action-support-programme-to-reduce-human-trafficking-in-latvia

## **CENTER AGAINST ABUSE "DARDEDZE"**

TITLE	Center Against Abuse "Dardedze"
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	NGO, Strategy, Policy, Programmes, Support Centre
ORGANIZATION	Center Against Abuse "Dardedze"
COUNTRY	Latvia

DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, adolescents, parents, professionals, educators
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	Latvian NGO fighting against violence towards children to prevent child abuse in Latvia and to provide direct help to children exposed to sexual, physical, emotional abuse and neglect.
ACTIVITIES	The organization actively works towards preventing child abuse in all levels, and provide support and help to victims, raise awareness, educating society and identifying high risk cases and intervention at early stages providing help to families with children at risk.
	<ul> <li>Helping abused children and families: A team of professionals including social workers, psychologists, psychotherapist, vocational, therapist, art therapist, lawyer always works using multi-disciplinary approach, engaging all responsible parties for the best outcome of the case that would be in the best interests and needs of a child.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"Dzimba safety program" Child abuse prevention program: Dzimba is a cartoon figure teaching safety rules and instructions on personal safety, in relationships with both strangers and people children know, with adults and peers. The program includes visits in schools and meetings with children, teachers, parents, as well as safety summer schools.</li> </ul>
	• <a href="www.dzimba.lv">www.dzimba.lv</a> : A specially designed web site to keep in touch with children who attend the programs, or plan to attend, as well as parents and educators.
	<ul> <li>Courage to be Friendly - Anti bullying program: This is a special program designed to help schools and other child related institutions and organizations to build child friendly environment, develop anti-bullying policy and intervention plan in case bullying takes place.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Guardian angel - Child abuse prevention and early intervention program for families at risk with young children: Guardian angel is a community based prevention program for young parents with children 0-3 years old. This program is for new parents (parents at risk), providing education in child development, parent and child relationships, and adult relationships;</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.centrsdardedze.lv

## **LUXEMBOURG**

#### **RED CROSS LUXEMBOURG**

TITLE	Riicht Eraus
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Red Cross Luxembourg
COUNTRY	Luxembourg
DURATION	2011
TARGET GROUP	Perpetrators of violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	The service's objective is to reduce domestic and sexual violence by working with the person at the source of it.
ACTIVITIES	Riicht Eraus offers advice and support to the perpetrators of violence. The sessions enable the person concerned to a) incorporate non-violence as a basic attitude in their behavior, language, and, if possible, way of thinking, find specific strategies that affect a lasting change of behavior, c) formally support the steps of the person who wants to change, d) improve the capacity for conflict management and self-confidence, e) create a positive view of a caring relationship with a spouse as well as with the family.
	The consultations are provided in French, English, Portuguese, Luxembourgish, and German. Open to all perpetrators of violence: men, women and adolescents (at least 17 years old) without discrimination of any kind. Priority is given to those who have committed domestic violence. The client contacts the centre for a psychological consultation.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.croix-rouge.lu/en/riichteraus/

#### **INFOMANN**

TITLE	infoMann
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	InfoMann: act Together asbl
COUNTRY	Luxembourg
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children and adults
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To contribute towards the diversification of masculine roles and attitudes, in an increasingly open and evolving society. Equal opportunities for all and just and respectful social relationships require the commitment of all, and therefore of men as well.
	Interventions at various favoring the perception of oneself, the reflection of one's roles and attitudes, the assertion of oneself in respect for the other, the commitment of one's responsibilities, for oneself and the others. These interventions are offered at various levels and in a variety of settings
	psychosocial counselling for men in difficulty
	promotion of peer groups between men
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>development of reflexive and affirmative skills for boys and adolescents, "Ech kämpfe fair!"</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Promotion of sexual and emotional education "Let's talk about sex " for boys and teenagers</li> </ul>
	Organization of working groups around all these topics and related
	International cooperation around the salvation of men
	Management of some shelters for men experiencing domestic violence
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.infomann.lu/index.php/infomann-home

## **MALTA**

#### **FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES**

TITLE	Supportline 179
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Foundation for Social Welfare Services
COUNTRY	Malta
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Any victim of sexual violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide support to victims.
ACTIVITIES	Supportline 179 is a 24-hour free telephone service run by a team of professionally trained volunteers offered by Agenzija Appogg. It provides immediate, confidential support to callers of any age, who require assistance both in day-to-day and crisis situations. It also provides information on social welfare services and referral systems to those callers who require further assistance. Supportline 179 receives calls on situations of child abuse, domestic violence, and drug/alcohol/gambling problems, amongst others.  Moreover, all calls received on the EU Emotional Support Helpline 116 123 and EU Child Helpline 116 111, are also dealt with by the Supportline 179 team.
	The EU Emotional Support Helpline 116 123 offers emotional support to callers suffering from loneliness, those who find themselves in a state of psychological crises, and those who require emotional support due to various life situations they might be encountering.
	The EU Child Helpline 116 111 offers help and support for children and young people. The services enables children and young people to find solutions to their problems and links them to others services and resources.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://fsws.gov.mt/en/appogg/Pages/support-line-179.aspx

#### **FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**

TITLE	Child Web Alert
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	The Foundation for Social Welfare Services
COUNTRY	Malta
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	Children
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide a secure and confidential environment to report websites which host online child abuse.
	The Foundation for Social Welfare Services is a catalyst for change and development in the social welfare sector in Malta, consistent with the real and emerging needs of children, families and the community to avoid social exclusion. In particular, among his projects a telephone line was launched which provides a secure and confidential environment where the public can report websites which host online child abuse. The foundation uses its expertise to work with partners to:  • Disrupt the availability of child sexual abuse content hosted anywhere in the world
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Protect children who are victims of sexual abuse from repeat victimization and public identification</li> </ul>
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Prevent internet users from accidentally stumbling across child sexual abuse content</li> </ul>
	Aģenzija Appoġġ's Hotline Team has multiple roles. It operates the online reporting system which receives online reports related to child pornography.
	The Team participates actively in awareness campaigns by local media and organises awareness events and carries out internet safety education programmes in schools to promote the use of the helpline and hotline. Moreover, the team:
	Receives and asses reports related to Child Indecent Material online.

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	htt	ps://fsws.gov.mt/en/onlineabuse/Pages/overview-abuse.aspx
	•	Collaborates with the Cyber Crime Unit – Malta Police Force
	•	Participates in International meetings such as Insafe meetings and Inhope meetings.
	•	Participation in info days for families.
	•	Supports the identified victims.
	•	Receives calls related to cyberbullying, grooming, hacked profiles, sexting and addiction through the 179 helpline.

## **VICTIM SUPPORT MALTA**

TITLE	Not just offenders: Youth as a victim of crime
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Victim Support Malta
COUNTRY	Malta
DURATION	2014
TARGET GROUP	Professionals in contact with young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	The Malta Community Chest Fund
AIM	To provide a comprehensive resource in the area of young victimization of sexual violence in Malta and raise awareness for prevention.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>The project is encompassed by:</li> <li>a Research Paper, Not Just Offenders: Youth as victims of crime, is primarily intended as a local basic resource in the area of youth victimization.</li> <li>an awareness raising campaign – mainly through (a) a nationwide distribution of a set of posters and (b) the use of social media networks, such as Facebook, and mailshots.</li> <li>3) the delivery of training to, mainly but not solely, persons, professionally trained or otherwise.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://victimsupport.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/VS4Y.pdf

## **NETHERLAND**

#### **YOUTH INSTITUTE**

TITLE	Combating Child Abuse and Neglect in the Netherlands
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Netherlands Youth Institute
COUNTRY	Netherlands
DURATION	2011-2012
TARGET GROUP	Children, young people
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Daphne IIi – European Commission
AIM	To generate relevant knowledge on current strategies for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Europe.
ACTIVITIES	The project involved the design and organization of a study, based on which a Report was published. The study was organized in different chapters dealing with issues related to childhood and the prevention of all types of abuse against children. Here we will report the study related only to the chapter dealing with violence and child abuse. Three steps of government action are concentrated on the detection, reporting and stopping child abuse.
	It focused on interventions and strategies that are targeted at preventing and the treatment of child abuse. It will compare the strategies of 5 European countries.
	The output of the project was a manual with data on what works in preventing and the treatment of child abuse and it also has a research strand with the experiences of parents and children regarding their experiences with programmes. All professionals working with children have the responsibility (but not the obligation) to detect problems. They are expected to notice concerns on child abuse and neglect, to consult colleagues, parents and/or child, if necessary ask advice or report at the Advice and Reporting Centre (AMK)s on Child Abuse and share information with others within the legal possibilities.
LINK(S) FOR	https://www.nji.nl/nl/Download-NJi/Publicatie-NJi/(301995)-

INFORMATION	Daphne_report_Netherlands.pdf

## **PORTUGAL**

#### **NO BULLY SYSTEM**

TITLE	No Bully System
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	No Bully System
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	School-age children, parents, educators, other professionals.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To organize and implement a series of interventions to stop bullying in all forms and protect children.
	The No Bully System is a step-by-step set of interventions to prevent and stop bullying in school and after-school programs. It guides school staff through a series of interventions for responding to bullying and all forms, including sexual violence. There are four levels (or degrees) of action:
	• Level 1. Prevent & build an inclusive school culture: The school joins with parents to prevent student bullying and cyberbullying through building a culture where every student is accepted for who they are.
ACTIVITIES	• Level 2. Interrupt and refer to a Solution Coach: All teachers and staff interrupt student disrespect and aggression and refer ongoing incidents of bullying or harassment to a school Solution Coach.
	• Level 3. Implement an empathy-building action plan: If a pattern of intolerance is apparent across the entire class or grade, the Solution Coach implements a plan to create a culture of acceptance.
	• Level 4. Hold a Solution Team and follow up: The Solution Coach convenes a Solution Team of students to bring the bullying to an end and follows up with students stuck in the role of bully or target.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.nobully.pt/en/

## **NORWAY**

#### **MARIE PLAHTE ACTIVITY CENTRE**

TITLE	Sex - What are the Boundaries	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme	
ORGANIZATION	Marie Plahte Activity Centre	
COUNTRY	Norway	
DURATION	Ongoing	
TARGET GROUP	Young people	
IMPACT	National	
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding	
AIM	To offer sexual education to young people between 10-18 years old based.	
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Awareness raising and information sharing regarding sexual education and related issues.</li> <li>Operation of a free clinic, with a nurse available where young people can take pregnancy tests;</li> <li>Receive prescribed contraceptive pills and condoms.</li> <li>Provision of consultancy and support.</li> </ul>	
	Organization of sexual education and training seminars.	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.baerum.kommune.no	

## **ROMANIA**

#### **BREAKING THE SILENCE ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

TITLE	Breaking the Silence about Sexual Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Network of Organizations
ORGANIZATION	Network of Organizations initiated by Association for Liberty and Equality of Gender – A.L.E.G. in 2014 and includes over 15 organizations in Romania.
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	2014-Today
TARGET GROUP	NGOs around Romania
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To encourage citizen action in the promotion of women's rights and to support civic actions lobbying against sexual violence in an attempt to stop this phenomenon.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Citizen actions against sexual violence trough the encouragement of the network:</li> <li>Flash-mob: very brief singular action organized in a public space aiming to trigger a reaction of the public. The message of the action is posted briefly, then the group disperses.</li> <li>Sit-in: a protest or public awareness action where one occupies a defined location (perimeter) in order to cause a change, a reaction, a transformation through messages or merely through one's presence there.</li> <li>Protest march: public protest action announced in advance both to the public and to the authorities whose aim is to make a problem visible and to attract supporters both through slogans and speeches and through the large number of participants.</li> <li>Online petition: this is a civil action tool which gives one the chance to react to a negative reality and to attract supporters who are dissatisfied with the same reality from farther away. The petition may be sent to the public authorities who play a role in settling that</li> </ul>

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.violentadegen.ro
	• Feminist Debates: a form of expression for the women's rights organizations, feminist activists and other allies on various topics of interest. One example is the series of feminist debates organized at the Women of Matasari Festival or at the Gender Equality Festival.
	<ul> <li>Open letter: this is a public action tool which contains claims or demands, discloses abuses or draws alarm signals about a situation, a particular case or a social reality with the aim of triggering reactions from the authorities and informing the public about abuses, injustice or ignored dangers. This tool targets a wider public and may be published in the press (example: Open letter of the Breaking the Silence about Sexual Violence Network to the Bucharest Police).</li> </ul>
	problem and may be distributed by the media. (example: Avaaz – Eliminate rape from the criminal offences covered by the Mediation Law).

## PROACTIV PENTRU COMUNITATE

TITLE	We Live in Harmony
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy
ORGANIZATION	ProActiv Pentru Comunitate
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	12 months
TARGET GROUP	Adolescents
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To reduce adult language and violence in schools
ACTIVITIES	Awareness campaign with school psychologists. Approximately 500 children are expected to benefit positively.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.procomunitate.ro

#### ASOCIATIA PSIHOLOGILOR PROFESIONISTI DIN ROMANIA

TITLE	Sexual and Reproductive Health. Knowledge Beats Taboo
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Policy
ORGANIZATION	Asociatia Psihologilor Profesionisti din Romania
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	6 months
TARGET GROUP	Adolescents
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Erasmus+, European Commission
AIM	Raising capacities and competences to work with young people in topic of sexual and reproductive health through the trainings for volunteers and youth workers
ACTIVITIES	Organization of training courses and seminars to raise knowledge on sexual reproduction/health, sexual discrimination and other related issues.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.apsipro.ro

#### **BICE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SAVE THE CHILDREN ROMANIA**

TITLE	Fight Against Sexual Abuse
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	BICE in collaboration with the Save the Children Romania
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	2014-today
TARGET GROUP	Young people

IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private and European funding
AIM	The programme has several objectives: To promote resilience and recovery in child victims of sexual abuse and to provide proper counselling support, to aid the resilience and recovery of children.
ACTIVITIES	The "Fight against sexual abuse" programme in Romania includes various activities: Implementation of different methods of support for child victims of sexual abuse, Psychological and therapeutic counselling for child victims of sexual abuse, Listening attentively to child victims, taking their age and trauma into account, Training of professionals who will in turn train other professionals from various sectors (boarding schools, orphanages, social centres, child brigades, police stations, homes). In total, over 1,600 people — children and adults — benefit directly from activities against sexual abuse in Romania
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://bice.org/en/fight-against-sexual-abuse-in-romania/

#### **BICE**

TITLE	LEAP Project – Together Against Sexual Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	BICE forms an international network of 80 organizations around the world committed to the defence of the dignity and rights of the child.
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	November 2015 – November 2017
TARGET GROUP	Young people, professionals
IMPACT	International
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	The project's main aims were to build the capacity of specialist support services to develop safe, ethical, participatory practice with young people affected by sexual violence; to empower and enable children and young people affected by sexual violence to develop knowledge, skills and capacities.
ACTIVITIES	LEAP project was coordinated by the International Centre: Researching

Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking (IC) at the University of Bedfordshire in the UK and is implemented in partnership with Barnardos SECOS (UK), Terre des Hommes (Romania), PULSE Foundation (Bulgaria), Stichting Alexander (Netherlands), Terre des Hommes Regional Office for South East Europe and in association with EuroChild.

The project activities:

- Development of an evidence-based training program for sexual violence specialist support services to promote participatory practice with children and young people affected by sexual violence
- Building capacity and sustainable professional support networks to promote participatory rights-based approaches to supporting children and young people affected by sexual violence
- Development of a life skills and leadership toolkit for children and young people affected by sexual violence and train Youth Facilitators to co-deliver the toolkit with Country Partner Staff
- Enable children and young people affected by sexual violence to develop their knowledge, skills and capacities
- Support child and youth-led projects which will enable children and young people to share their views through creative tools such as film and art which will help protect other children and young people and challenge stigma
- Building of evidence-base on how to support and involve this group in advocacy through research and evaluation
- Facilitation of European knowledge exchange through the dissemination of freely accessible tools and resources.

Each of the four implementing country partners (Barnardos SECOS in the UK, Terre des Hommes in Romania, PULSE Foundation in Bulgaria and Stichting Alexander in the Netherlands) established a Country Advisory Group which provided advice on the direction of the activities in country, ensuring that children and young people are involved safely and ethically and that plans are implemented in line with the original project description.

## LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

http://www.tdh.ro/tag/leap-against-sexual-violence-en/?lang=en

#### **BICE**

TITLE	Sexual Abuse: An Interregional Program to Fight Against This Scourge
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes

ORGANIZATION	BICE
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	Children, Parents, Professionals, Educators
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Different funding sources
AIM	To ensure effective prevention and child protection and to provide long-term support of child victims of sexual abuse.
	The programmes are structured around the following pillars:
ACTIVITIES	1. Training programmes and acquisition of fundamental skills on child abuse. BICE offers its partner organizations training programmes to improve the fight against sexual abuse.
	2. Prevention of sexual abuse: These sessions allow children to acquire skills and reflexes that protect against sexual abuse. The sessions are held in schools, recreation centers, and the children's neighborhoods. They also take place in partner institutions.
	3. Child protection education: Events (workshops, campaigns, meetings) help educate the child's family and the general public on the seriousness and consequences of sexual abuse. They aim to encourage in-depth behavioural changes regarding violence against children. Local seminars, training courses and the next BICE international congress are also opportunities for awareness-raising.
	4. Shelter and support for children: BICE and its partners provide direct support to child victims of sexual abuse. Children are accommodated in special centers where they are cared for and given psychological support to help overcome their trauma. In certain cases, children can receive legal assistance, and for older children, vocational training where needed.
	5. Advocacy against sexual abuse: The aim of BICE and its partners' advocacy is to exert an influence on local, national and international authorities and institutions, to bring about changes in legislation and public child protection policies.
	6. Research and Publications: Field work is subject to good practice guidelines, which are summarized in publications on prevention and support for child victims of sexual abuse. A handbook on the implementation and evaluation of resilience will also be developed.

LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://bice.org/en/fields-projects/topics/sexual-abuse/
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#### **DAR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

TITLE	Awareness Within Secondary Education in Romania
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Dar Development Association
COUNTRY	Romania
DURATION	48 months
TARGET GROUP	High-school student
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	World Bank
AIM	To raise awareness on sexual violence, and reflect in the learning result of students and /or alteration of their behaviour.
ACTIVITIES	Sexual violence and prevention activities are integrated in a project implemented with secondary education in Romania, regarding the personal development of high-school students.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.darassociation.org



Photo by volunteers for the #Speak4NO Challenge of the Youth Awareness Raising Campaign React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence

#### **TURKEY**

# ADIYAMAN GENÇLİK VE KÜLTÜR DERNEĞİ(ADIYAMAN YOUTH AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION)

TITLE	Where Are You When There is Violence
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	ADIYAMAN GENÇLİK VE KÜLTÜR DERNEĞİ(ADIYAMAN YOUTH AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION)
COUNTRY	Turkey
DURATION	2 hours per week
TARGET GROUP	Volunteers, trainers, local governments of the Adıyaman and support of projects.
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To help and train young people on sexual violence prevention and also to provide support to victims and survivors.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Provision of support to victims and survivors.</li> <li>Peer to peer training</li> <li>Dissemination of information and awareness raising to parents 'associations in primary and secondary schools on sexual violence prevention.</li> <li>Training on non-formal and peer education, awareness raising, advocacy, policy recommendation, support to victims etc. they're all coordinated together.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.sikane.org

# **SLOVAKIA**

# SLOVAK SAFER INTERNET CENTRE (SK SIC) AWARENESS CENTRE

TITLE	Safer Internet Day (SID)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Slovak Safer Internet Centre (SK SIC) Awareness Centre
COUNTRY	Slovakia
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Parents and Teachers
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To inform children, parents and teachers about better and safer use of the internet, building on enhanced digital resource centres (repositories), from which specific awareness toolkits and services are adapted and deployed, in cooperation with third parties (schools, industry).
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>The awareness centre intends to:</li> <li>Devise awareness campaigns and resources targeting children, parents, grandparents, teachers and social workers on how to give children the digital skills and tools they need to take advantage of the internet and to navigate safely online, promoting awareness of parents and children about online quality content and experiences, and make the associated resources available through their services.</li> <li>Evaluate the impact of the awareness campaigns on the target groups and provide qualitative and quantitative feedback at European level through the core service platform.</li> <li>Establish and maintain partnerships and promote dialogue and exchange of information with key players (government agencies, private entities, user organisations, education stakeholders) at national and international levels.</li> <li>Furthermore, the localized theme of the 2018 event organized was "Sexual abuse of minors - Who's next?", with the main partner of the event the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. The key activities</li> </ul>

of the SID event included the presentation of a brand new video produced by the Slovak Safer Internet Centre (SK SIC) (titled "Who's next"), introduction of a professional research focused on forensic psychological aspects of child sexual abuse, introduction of another research related to sexting, and promotion of the national hotline (https://stopline.sk/sk/uvod/) and helpline (http://pomoc.sk/).

- 1) Helpline: The SK SIC operates a national online helplines service for reporting aimed at helping vulnerable and endangered children, also within the cyber space and new technologies threats since 2008. More specifically, the Slovak helpline undertakes to:
  - Offer one-to-one conversations, online and/or by telephone, with trained helpers in real time to give advice and support to parents and children on issues related to their use of online technologies.
  - Ensure that reporting mechanisms are interoperable both with the core platform and with reporting via service providers such as social networking services.
  - Provide qualitative and quantitative feedback at European level through the core service platform.

Hotline: Since 2010, the SK SIC also operates the Slovak hotline Stopline.sk for receiving and managing reports and data on online illegal child sexual abuse. The Slovak hotline:

- Operate a hotline to receive information from the public relating to illegal content in respect of child pornography, racism and xenophobia.
- Undertake a preliminary assessment of the legality of the content reported and trace its origin, and forward the report to the appropriate body for action (ISP, the police or corresponding hotline) including systematic notice to the host provider of content assessed as child pornography.
- Ensure compatibility with data formats of the core platform and provide statistics required for measuring the impact and effectiveness of the network.
- Tight collaboration with INHOPE network and the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.

# LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION

https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/slovakia/sid

# **SLOVENIA**

# KRIZNI CENTER ZA ŽENSKE

TITLE	Crisis Center
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Support Center
ORGANIZATION	Krizni center za ženske
COUNTRY	Slovenia
DURATION	2011- Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All victims
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide an immediate support to victims of violence (domestic and sexual), at a safe place in a secret location, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
ACTIVITIES	The Crisis Center is located in a secret location that cannot be given to anyone, and offers individual accommodation for up to one month, and, exceptionally, even longer, unless suitable and long-lasting accommodation is found. The Crisis Center is open to women and children.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.drustvo-zenska-svetovalnica.si/nasilje-nad-zenskami

### **SLOVENIAN PHILANTHROPY**

TITLE	Combating Trafficking in Human Beings – Expansion of Information is a Weapon Against Exploitation
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Project
ORGANIZATION	Slovenian Philanthropy, the Association for the Promotion of Volunteering
COUNTRY	Slovenia

DURATION	2016
TARGET GROUP	Migrant and asylum seekers
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	The project aimed at providing information to refugees and applicants for international protection, migrant workers, other workers and the general public on trafficking in human beings, its potential dangers, how to recognise it, on the potential relationship between exploitation with forced labour and trafficking and mechanisms that help workers to prevent exploitation.
	The project activities provided easier integration of applicants for international protection who due to language barriers and unfamiliarity with the laws could be recognised as potential victims of trafficking in human beings.
ACTIVITIES	Furthermore, a campaign entitled "Stop trafficking in human beings" was organized with 200 posters and leaflets printed. The leaflet addressing refugees and applicants for international protection was printed in 3,900 copies (900 in Slovenian, 1,000 in English, 1,000 in Farsi and 1,000 in Arabic). 1,100 copies of the leaflet Stop exploiting migrant workers, prepared in 2015 and which addressed migrant workers and workers posted abroad, were reprinted. These leaflets were in English, Albanian, Bulgarian, Bosnian, French, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian and Slovenian.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.vlada.si/en/projects/fight_against_trafficking_in_persons/prevention_of_trafficking_in_human_beings/raising_the_awareness_of_migrant_workers_and_asylum_seekers/

# ASSOCIATION KLJUČ' AND CENTRE FOR PSYCHO-SOCIAL HELP FOR REFUGEES BY THE SLOVENE PHILANTHROPY

TITLE	Introduction of mechanism to connect help and protection of victims of trafficking in human beings and/or sexual violence in asylum procedures in Slovenia (PATS)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Association Ključ' and Centre for Psycho-Social Help for Refugees by the Slovene Philanthropy

COUNTRY	Slovenia
DURATION	2002-2005
TARGET GROUP	Potential victims of human trafficking
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	The pilot project PATS aims to offer potential victims of trafficking in human beings, intensive individual awareness about the danger of trafficking in human beings and introduces the possibilities to seek protection and help in their language or in the language they understand.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Activities implemented:</li> <li>professional worker is daily present in the lodging quarters (five days a week/4 hours per day)</li> <li>conversations take place with the help of an interpreter, which contributes to the introduction and awareness of the project</li> <li>applicants get especially acquainted with elements of criminal offences in the trafficking in human beings and/or sexual violence</li> <li>Attention paid to the fact that having the status of a »victim« does not stop the asylum procedure</li> <li>inform the potential victims about possible access to help and protection in the Republic of Slovenia and the states in the region and that they can find help in the moment when they recognize themselves as one or another victim of abuse</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.vlada.si/en/projects/fight_against_trafficking_in_persons/prevention_of_trafficking_in_human_beings/raising_the_awareness_of_migrant_workers_and_asylum_seekers/

### **SWEDEN**

# ROKS, THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS AND YOUNG WOMEN'S SHELTERS

TITLE	Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Roks, the National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters
COUNTRY	Sweden
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Women
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	Aims at safeguarding the common interests of the shelters in their work against male violence towards women.
ACTIVITIES	Roks strives to shape public opinion, and actively works to make the public aware of the reality that the shelters face, as well as conduct outward dialogues around the issues concerning the shelters. There are currently around 100 women's and young women's shelters within the organisation.
	THE WOMEN'S SHELTERS - Each shelter is independent with its own working methods. However, what all the shelters have in common is an emergency helpline where women and young women can call if the need support. All callers can choose to remain anonymous should they so wish, and no one is registered.
	The women's shelters offer support based on the individual needs and wishes of each woman. The women working at the shelters provide conversational support and advice and can also go along as support when visiting the police, lawyers and social services for example. Many shelters also offer sheltered housing for women and their children.
	A number of shelters also have a separate legal hotline. Some shelters have text telephones to cater for women with impaired hearing. Other shelters specialize in receiving adults subjected to incest.

	THE YOUNG WOMEN'S SHELTERS - There are approximately 30 young women's shelters within Roks, of which around ten are independent organisations. The young women's shelters work in much the same way as the women's shelters, but turn to younger women who, for example, have been subjected to threats, ill-treatment and sexual abuse, or, for some other reason, need to talk to another girl. They also actively work towards making the public aware of the girls' living conditions. The Young Women's shelters have their own web site at www.tjejjouren.se
	In 2017 in total 58 women's shelters and 36 young women's shelters operated by Roks, with great impact on beneficiaries.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.roks.se/om-roks https://www.roks.se/om-roks/verksamhetsberattelser

# **KVINNOJOUREN FRIDEBORG**

TITLE	Cooperation Against Trafficking in South-East Baltic (CATSEB)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	Kvinnojouren Frideborg
COUNTRY	Sweden
DURATION	2006
TARGET GROUP	Women, men, girls and boys who are exposed for trafficking
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private and european funding
AIM	To provide support to victims and to raise awareness.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>raise the competence and awareness about trafficking in human beings and how to work against it and to find methods to protect and give the victims support</li> <li>make the co-operation at regional level successful multisectoral networks will be established at the local level of every city that is</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	part of the regional network  https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne- toolkit/en/content/cooperation-against-trafficking-south-east-baltic- catseb

# **UNITED KINGDOM**

#### THE WISH CENTRE

TITLE	Harrow Shield Project
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Resource Guide
ORGANIZATION	The Wish Centre
COUNTRY	England
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	The project targets work with boys and girls 13-19
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding, donations.
AIM	The Harrow Shield Project aims to prevent violence against women and girls in Harrow and to ensure when it does occur that it is recognised early to reduce the impact on the victims.
ACTIVITIES	The Harrow Shield project focuses on preventing violence in the first instance; improving access to support, identifying and protecting young women at risk and improving the response to perpetrators.
	The Harrow Shield project organizes a range of events, campaigns, specialist support and training to increase awareness and understanding of sexual violence; decrease the number of young victims in Harrow; increase reporting of violence; and reduce offending by young perpetrators.
	At the end of the Harrow Shield the Sexual Violence and Youth People: A Resources Guide for Teacher was published. This guidance document has been compiled as a guide for teachers and professionals working in schools or youth agencies in Harrow who may need to prevent or respond to young people experiencing or at risk of sexual violence. It aimed at professionals who are non-specialist sexual violence professionals.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://thewishcentre.org.uk

#### **ONE IN FOUR**

TITLE	One in Four Programmes
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes
ORGANIZATION	One in Four specializes in supporting survivors of sexual violence and abuse, and particularly survivors of child sexual abuse and trauma.
COUNTRY	England
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Survivors of sexual violence
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To support survivors to work through the trauma of abuse, helping them to transform and rebuild their lives.
	The work is delivered through services for survivors, training for professionals such as counselors and therapists, and work with children and young people in schools, and with teachers and support staff.  Services for survivors include:  Long-term, low cost Counseling for men and women over 18 years  Psycho-education groups and workshops  Advocacy and help with reporting abuse
	• Resources
ACTIVITIES	Survivors Voices
	Professionals - Specialist training is offered, in understanding and working with the dynamics of people who have experienced child sexual abuse and trauma including developing resources for professionals.
	Schools – Provision of supports to school staff around disclosure, identifying children who may be experiencing sexual abuse as well as trainings for pupils around boundaries, healthy relationships and consent. They also provide counselling for children in schools.
	Resources - One in Four has a range of resources for survivors and professionals to improve support for survivors. The aim is to support

	survivors through the trauma of sexual abuse, with practical, safe exercises to help them manage their symptoms and overcome the impact of abuse.
	Survivor's voices - One in Four gives survivors of child sexual abuse their voice. Through written personal accounts, artwork and poetry we support survivors to express the impact of their experiences and share these to educate and inform others about how a history of child sexual abuse can shape adult lives.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.oneinfour.org.uk

### **MOPAC AND NHS ENGLAND**

TITLE	Sexual Violence Against Children & Young People The London Sexual Violence Needs Assessment 2016 for MOPAC & NHS England (London)
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy and Action Plan
ORGANIZATION	MBARC with Imkaan for MOPAC and NHS England (London)'s Health in the Justice Team.
COUNTRY	England, United Kingdom
DURATION	2016
TARGET GROUP	Professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	MOPAC and NHS England
AIM	MOPAC and NHS England jointly commissioned MBARC to deliver both a needs assessment on sexual violence and a needs assessment on child sexual exploitation (CSE). These were designed to better understand the scale of these issues, the service response and the extent to which this response provided the range of support needed by victims and survivors to cope and recover.
ACTIVITIES	The needs assessments were drawn from an extensive review of current research literature, the testimony of more than 100 organisations working in London and the reports have benefited from the direct engagement of more than 100 victims and survivors in the needs assessment process.  The findings of the needs assessment have coincided with the
	development work begun by MOPAC for the new Police and Crime

	Plan. This provided MOPAC with an opportune time to outline in the Plan how we will work with regional, local and delivery partners to improve the survivor/victim experience.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sexual_violence_agains t_children_young_people_needs_assessment_report_2016.pdf

### **LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION**

TITLE	Stop it Now! UK and Ireland
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Lucy Faithfull Foundation
COUNTRY	England
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Parents, Professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To prevent the sexual abuse of children.
ACTIVITIES	Stop it Now! is a helpline and advice service which provided advice and support to actual or potential perpetrators, their family, and the public.  Activities support adults to play their part in prevention through providing sound information, educating members of the public, training those who work with children and families and running our Freephone confidential Helpline.  The Helpline is available to:  adults worried about the sexual behaviour of other adults or children and young people  those worried about their own sexual thoughts or behaviour towards children, including those with concerns about their online behaviour  friends and relatives of people arrested for sexual offending, including internet offending  any other adult with a concern about child sexual abuse - including survivors and professionals

	In June 2014 an independent evaluation of the Stop it Now! Helpline, conducted by specialist researchers from NatCen Social Research, was published. The report has been described as 'overwhelmingly positive' with findings showing that the Helpline provides a valuable contribution to tackling child sexual abuse by helping people who have sexual thoughts, feelings and behaviour towards children manage their behaviour, and by assisting all callers to be informed about how to protect children and young people from risk of harm.Currently, in Europe two Stop it Now! programmes are in operation, one in the UK, which has been run by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation since 2002, and one that was launched in the Netherlands, by de Waag, in April 2012.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.natcen.ac.uk/our-research/research/stop-it-now!-evaluation/

### **LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION**

TITLE	Parents Protect!
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Lucy Faithfull Foundation
COUNTRY	England
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Parents, Professionals
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	To provide an online resource for parents, carers and others who want to do all they can to protect children from sexual harm.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>The Parents Protect! Online resource offers the following:</li> <li>Useful practical information and material on how to protect children from sexual violence.</li> <li>Work with parents to create a family safer plan designed to create a safer environment and a support network for everyone in the family. Children and young people are safer when parents and caregivers take the time to learn about sexual abuse and warning signs.</li> <li>Development of a guide for parents of children and young people</li> </ul>

	who have got into trouble online. It's designed to answer some of the immediate questions one may have after learning that something is happening, or has happened, in a child's online life.
	<ul> <li>Development of awareness raising material and informational leaflets and other publications for sexual violence prevention and protection of children.</li> </ul>
	Provision of useful online resources on the subject.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk

# TRANSFORMATION POWERHOUSE

TITLE	Campaign A Child is Crying
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programme
ORGANIZATION	Transformation Powerhouse
COUNTRY	England
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	All citizens
IMPACT	National
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	Campaign aiming to raise the public's awareness about the realities of sexual abuse, and it's prevalence in every strata of society.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>The campaign A child is Crying is encompassed by various activities, including:</li> <li>Signing of a petition that gathered at the moment 2,606 signatures of persons showing support to victims and taking a stand against abuse.</li> <li>Production of a song and video.</li> <li>Organization of awareness raising events every year.</li> <li>Dissemination of information and resources for awareness.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	www.achildiscrying.org.uk

# PART D. STRATEGIES, PROGRAMMES, GOOD PRACTICES BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL JOINT ACTIONS

#### **COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

TITLE	Kiko and the Hand
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Campaign
ORGANIZATION	Council of Europe
COUNTRY	France
DURATION	In progress
TARGET GROUP	Children aged 3 to 7
IMPACT	International
FUNDING SOURCE	Council of Europe
AIM	The main purpose is to inform parents and children how they can protect from sexual abuse.
ACTIVITIES	Council of Europe made a book, especially designed for children, which was translated in all European languages, to inform them on how they can protect themselves and about gestures which aren't accepted. The book is part of an awareness campaign and events are being organized in different countries, where parents and children participate. Families are informed about that phenomenon and how to handle it and children learnt how to protect themselves and improved their communication with their parents about serious matters such as sexual abuse.  During these event DVDs and books are being distributed to children
	and leaflets to parents.
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/kiko-and-the-hand

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

TITLE	International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategies, Policies, Programmes
ORGANIZATION	International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
COUNTRY	International
DURATION	Ongoing
TARGET GROUP	Children, Parents, Professionals
IMPACT	International
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding
AIM	ISPCAN brings together the range of professionals that work toward the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect and exploitation.
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>ICAST (ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tools) - Systematically gathers information from children, young adults, and parents, in order to understand the extent and depth of child abuse worldwide.</li> <li>International Training Program(ITPI) - Works in countries where lack of resources, cultural resistance or political unrest has prevented the establishment of critical child abuse and neglect (CAN) skills development, protection structures and data collection.</li> <li>E-Learning Courses - In coordination with Augeo Academy, ISPCAN offers e-learning courses on the topic of child abuse and neglect.</li> <li>Multidisciplinary Training Materials - The provision of optimal learning opportunities for professionals working with children and families is key to child protection.</li> <li>Child Maltreatment Medical Curriculum - These materials provide an in-depth introduction to skills that professionals and students in health fields need to provide diagnosis, medical treatment, and advocacy for children who have been abused and neglected.</li> <li>Human Trafficking Resources Database - Database categorizing and summarizing existing resources on labor and sex trafficking of children and adults.</li> </ul>
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.ispcan.org/

# **INHOPE**

TITLE	INHOPE Hotlines	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Programmes	
ORGANIZATION	INHOPE Association and the INHOPE Foundation	
COUNTRY	International	
DURATION	Ongoing	
TARGET GROUP	Victims of sexual violence	
IMPACT	International	
FUNDING SOURCE	Private and European funding	
AIM	<ul> <li>The establishment of effective common procedures for receiving</li> </ul>	
ACTIVITIES	and processing reports  INHOPE is an active and collaborative global network of Hotlines dealing with illegal content online and committed to stamping out child sexual abuse from the Internet.  NHOPE Member Hotlines offer the public a way of anonymously reporting Internet material including child sexual abuse material they suspect to be illegal. The Hotline will ensure that the matter is investigated and if found the beillegal the information will be passed to the relevant Law Enforcement Agency and in many cases the Internet Service Provider hosting the content.  Key functions of INHOPE  Exchange expertise  Support new hotlines  Exchange reports and interface with relevant initiatives  Educate and inform policy makers at the international level	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.inhope.org	

# WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online

TITLE	WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Strategy, Policy, Programmes	
ORGANIZATION	WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online	
COUNTRY	International	
DURATION	Ongoing	
TARGET GROUP	All	
IMPACT	International	
FUNDING SOURCE	Private and European funding	
AIM	To deliver our vision of more victims safeguarded, more perpetrators apprehended and an end to online child sexual exploitation, through the influence, resources and expertise to transform how this crime is dealt with worldwide.	
	The Weprotect Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online is an international movement dedicated to national and global action to end the sexual exploitation of children online. Focused on four key areas to help deliver this vision:	
	<ul> <li>Securing high-level commitment by governments, the technology industry and international and civil society organisations to tackling this crime;</li> </ul>	
ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Support comprehensive national action, through the WePROTECT Model National Response and the Fund to End Violence Against Children;</li> </ul>	
	Galvanising global action by catalysing and driving critical interventions needed to end online child sexual exploitation;	
	Strategy and governance, including securing a long-term future for this initiative and a clear and stable governance structure	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://www.weprotect.org/	

### **HELPLINKS.EU**

TITLE	Helplinks.eu	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Open Online Resource	
ORGANIZATION	No strings attached resource centre.	
COUNTRY	International	
DURATION	Ongoing	
TARGET GROUP	All citizens	
IMPACT	International	
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding	
AIM	To provide important resources on sexual violence and prevention in different countries	
ACTIVITIES	Helplinks.eu is a collection of links to available online and offline help for those that have a sexual interest in children. The list is compiled and updated by the police in various countries. The links provided on the website are for help and prevention purposes only, providing those that want help with their situation — somewhere to start iin their own country and language.	
	The links are collected as a part of a joint police initiative Police2Peer ( <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/partners-agreements/police2peer">https://www.europol.europa.eu/partners-agreements/police2peer</a> ) aiming to limit the distribution of child sexual abuse material in peer-to-peer (P2P) networks.	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://helplinks.eu/	

# PART E – ACADEMIC INSTITUTE RESEARCH STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

#### **CYPRUS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**

TITLE	Strengthening national policies to stop sexual violence against children: A Council of Europe project involving pilot initiatives in Cyprus	
TYPE OF PUBLICATION	Technical Report	
STAKEHOLDER	Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus	
COUNTRY	Cyprus	
DURATION	2014	
TARGET GROUP	Adolescents, young adults, professionals	
IMPACT	National	
FUNDING SOURCE	Council of Europe funding	
AIM	(a) to define the incidence and nature of child sexual abuse in Cyprus, (b) to identify actions already in place and their effectiveness, (c) to provide recommendations action plan.	
ACTIVITIES	The overall motivation for this research was to put Cyprus in a position to ratify and implement the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ("Lanzarote Convention"). The research sample included 2000 adolescents and young adults, 15 to 22 years of age (75% female) recruited from high schools, technical schools, universities and colleges around the country, and 169 professionals from education, health and legal sectors. The adolescents completed online a questionnaire that was based on the ICAST. A different questionnaire was developed for professionals in order to measure their frequency of contact with sexual abuse cases, the types, the procedures.	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/upload/20160512/146304583 5-17512.pdf	

### **GREECE**

# GREECE FRANCOIS-XAVIER BAGNOUD (FXB) CENTER FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS – HARVARD UNIVERSITY

TITLE OF LEGISLATON/ POLICY/PROGRAMME	Emergency within an emergency. The growing epidemic of sexual exploitation and abuse on migrant children in Greece.	
NAME OF AUTHORITY/GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	Francois-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights. – Harvard University	
COUNTRY	Greece	
DURATION	-	
TARGET GROUP	Youth – migrant children	
IMPACT	Both	
ACTIVITIES	This study evaluates the vulnerabilities of distress migrant children on the move in Greece by documenting their experience and focusing on instances of exploitation.  The document analyzes that the forced cohabitation of hundreds of migrants of different cultural backgrounds, genders, and ages in inhumane conditions while facing an uncertain future and potential deportation has predictably generated anger, frustration, and hostility—sentiments that often spill over into acts of violence. Because of inadequate protective systems, women and children, who make up almost a half of the migrant population, face a particularly	
	high risk of such violence.	
EXPECTED IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS	Obviously, the final recommendations are to extinguish these gaps (and others) highlighted in the research study. Being an academic research, It can not produce on its own any results, unless it is implemented by the competent authorities.	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	https://cdn2.sph.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/04/Emergency-Within-an-Emergency-FXB.pdf	

# **FINLAND**

#### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE**

TITLE	Sexual Violence Related Research Programmes	
TYPE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION	Research Programmes	
ORGANIZATION	Sexual Violence Research Initiative	
COUNTRY	Finland	
DURATION	Ongoing	
TARGET GROUP	All	
IMPACT	National	
FUNDING SOURCE	Private funding	
AIM	The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is a global research initiative that promotes good quality research in the area of sexual violence, particularly in low and middle income countries.	
	The Institute builds an experienced and committed network of researchers, policy makers, activists and donors to ensure that the many aspects of sexual violence are addressed from the perspective of different disciplines and cultures. The SVRI believes that prevention efforts and service provision must be informed by sound research and evidence.	
ACTIVITIES	The work of the SVRI is guided by the SVRI Coordinating Group, a group of experts from different disciplines, networks of organisations on sexual violence and global regions. The Sexual Violence Research Agenda identifies focus areas for research, within which 6 broad priority areas are outlined. These are: Priority Area 1: Nature, Prevalence, Social Context and Risk Factors Associated with Sexual Violence. Priority Area 2: Sexual Violence Prevention. Priority Area 3: Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Sexual Violence Services. Priority Area 4: Childhood Sexual Abuse. Priority Area 5: Sexual Violence in Conflict and Emergency Settings. Priority Area 6: Sexual Violence	
LINK(S) FOR INFORMATION	http://www.svri.org/documents/finland	

#### APPENDIX 1 - RESEARCH SURVEY TITLE: SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION BY YOUTH NGOS

Dear Colleagues,

We are conducting a Research Study under the framework of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project REACT-ACT-PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGH YOUTH WORK. The goal of the Research Study is to a) gather data and information on effective policies, programmes, good practices applied by youth NGOs to combat sexual violence against children, adolescents and young people and b) to measure the level of awareness of importance and interest of NGOs to adopt and apply effective sexual violence prevention, advocacy and support policies, protocols and programmes, as part of their responsibilities towards the protection of the mental and physical health of their members, including children, adolescents and young people. The research study is conducted simultaneously in Cyprus, by the Social Policy and Action Organization (coordinator), and in partner countries, Poland by Stowarzyszenie Promocji Zdrowia i Profilaktyki "HOPP", Greece by the United Societies of Balkans, Spain by the Building Bridges Cultural Association and France by D'Antilles Et D'Ailleurs.

Thank you. Project Team React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence Through Youth Work Privacy Policy

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#### **QUESTIONS**

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Q1	Name of Organization *	Essay	
Q2	What is your role in the organization? * a) Founder b) Legal Representative c) Member of the Board d) General Manager e) Officer (paid staff) f) Youth \Worker (paid staff) g) Volunteer	Multiple Choice	
Q3	Type of organisation * a) Non-governmental organization (NGO) b) Educational Institute c) Foundation d) Non-Formal Group of Young People e) Public Entity f) Private Company a) Other	Multiple Choice	
Q4	Size of Organization * a) 1-50 paid staff b) 51-100 paid staff c) More than 100 paid staff d) 1-50 volunteers e) 51-100 volunteers f) More than 100 volunteers	Multiple Choice	

Q5	Target groups of your organization? (you can choose more than 1 option) *  a) Children 0-5 years old b) Children 5-12 years old c) Adolescents 12-18 years old d) Young people 18-35 years old e) People over 35 years old	Multiple Choice
Q6	City *	Essay
Q7	Country *	Essay
Q8	Contact E-Mail *	Essay
Q9	Telephone (incl. the country code)	Essay
Q10	Website *	Essay
Q11	Are you familiar with terms related to sexual violence prevention i.e. sexual violence, sexual harassment, primary prevention and others? *  a) Yes  b) No. In this case would you like to learn more? (Yes + e-mail / No)?	Multiple Choice
Q12	Do you believe it is important for NGOs, especially those active in youth, to adopt and apply sexual violence prevention policies, programmes and practices to protect the children/young people?  *  a) Yes  b) No. Please briefly state the reasons (not obligatory).	Multiple Choice
Q13	Do you apply a Child Protection Policy in your organization?  a) Yes. If you could kindly provide a copy  (info@socialpolicyaction.org  b) No	Multiple Choice
Q14	<ul> <li>What are the reasons you do not apply a Child Protection Policy in your NGO?</li> <li>a) We do not know what a Child Protection Policy is.</li> <li>b) It is not compulsory by the law for us to apply a Child Protection Policy in our premises.</li> <li>c) We were never interested at adopting and applying a Child Protection Policy.</li> <li>d) We heard about the Child Protection Policy, but we do not have the knowledge on how to develop and apply it.</li> <li>e) Other reason.</li> </ul>	Multiple Choice
Q15	Are you interested at adopting and applying a Child Protection Policy?  a) Yes  b) No. Please briefly state the reasons (not obligatory).	Multiple Choice
Q16	Do you consider it important to inform and train your paid/volunteer staff on sexual violence prevention? * a) Yes	Multiple Choice

	b) No. Please briefly state the reasons (not obligatory).	
Q17	Do you have a protocol, or procedure in place for providing immediate support to children or young people addressing you in case of sexual violence/harassment? *  a) Yes  b) No. Please briefly state the reasons (not obligatory).	Multiple Choice
Q18	Do you run sexual violence prevention programmes and activities in your organization? *  a) Yes - Kindly continue with the questionnaire.  b) No. Please proceed to the end and exit the survey. Thank you for your time.	Multiple Choice
Q19	Title of Sexual Violence Prevention Programme	Essay
Q20	<ul> <li>What method of sexual violence prevention do you implement in your NGO? (You can choose more than 1 option)</li> <li>a) POLICY (course or principle of action adopted or proposed or applied)</li> <li>b) STRATEGY (a plan of action designed to achieve aims on a long-term basis)</li> <li>c) PROJECT (a set of measures or activities)</li> </ul>	Multiple Choice
Q21	Duration (in months)	Essay
Q22	Area of impact on beneficiaries  a) Within the NGO  b) At a local level  c) At a national level	Multiple Choice
Q23	Funding Source	Essay
Q24	What are the aims and objectives?	Essay
Q25	What type of activities do you implement? Please provide brief description (educational, awareness raising, training of target groups, advocacy, policy recommendation, support to victims etc)	Essay
Q26	What are the target groups? (you can choose more than 1 option) a) Children 0-5 years old b) Children 5-12 years old c) Adolescents 12-18 years old d) Young people 18-35 years old	Multiple Choice
Q27	What will be the expected impact?	Essay
Q28	Website for more information about the programme.	Essay
Q29	Do you have information material you wish to share with us?  a) Yes - In this case kindly send it to <a href="mailto:info@socialpolicyaction.org">info@socialpolicyaction.org</a> b) No	Multiple Choice
Q30	Do you agree with us publishing publicly information regarding your sexual violence prevention programme through our Project?  a) Yes  b) No	Multiple Choice

# APPENDIX 2 – Online Awareness Raising Youth Campaign entitled "React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence" Challenges

#### **#Speak4No Challenge**



#### **ONLINE PROMOTIONAL POST**

#Speak4NO #Challenge: Using creativity to 'speak' against sexual violence

#### Sharing messages across Europe on how to React, Act and Prevent

Sexual Violence is not just some random news on TV but a real life-threatening phenomenon around the world. Sexual Violence does not recognize gender, color or age and can happen anywhere at any time. The **#Speak4NO Challenge** aims to raise awareness on how to React, Act and Prevent Sexual Violence.

#### The Challenge

Create your own original powerful message against sexual violence and post it on your personal social media account. Then challenge **three** of your friends, by tagging them on your post, to do the same

and send their own message. Use your imagination and creativity to prepare your message which will strongly touch people's heart around the world.

#### How to publish your message

- Create your message: Your message, in English or your native language, should be in the form of an an image e.g. poster, drawing, text, photo, selfie. Be innovative, creative and original.
- Post your message on your social media account (either on <u>facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and or <u>Twitter</u>)
  and tag the page of the campaign
  - Facebook @ReactActPreventSV
  - Instagram @ReactActPreventSV
  - Twitter @ReactActPrevent
- Include the hashtags #ReactActPrevent #StopSexualViolence #Speak4NO Challenge at the end of your post.
- Tag **three** of your friends challenging them to send their own message.
- Messages will be widely disseminated throughout Europe.

#### **Duration**

The challenge will run from August to October 2018 across Europe and you can participate as many times as you wish.

#### Aim of the Campaign

- to challenge young people around Europe to send strong messages against sexual violence, using creative and innovative
- to initiate a strong and ongoing online awareness-raising and prevention wave against sexual violence, attracting the interest of people all around Europe
- to encourage, invite and challenge youth NGOs, from Europe and the rest of the world, to contribute towards initiating a strong European prevention movement against sexual violence
- to foster co-operation, involvement and support by other community stakeholders, including public authorities and educational institutes.

#### The Project: React Act Prevent Sexual Violence Through Youth Work

The Campaign is implemented within the framework of the project <u>React-Act-Prevent Sexual Violence</u> <u>Through Youth Work</u> funded by the Erasmus+, Action K2 Strategic Partnership for Youth, and is being implemented in five EU countries: Cyprus, Greece, Poland, France (including Martinique) and Spain. The Challenge will run simultaneously in all five participating countries.

Learn more about the project by visiting <a href="www.reactactprevent.com">www.reactactprevent.com</a> or the facebook page <a href="mailto:@ReactActPreventSV">@ReactActPreventSV</a>.

### **#TapeltChallenge**



#### **ONLINE PROMOTIONAL POST**

<u>#TapeItChallenge</u> Send a strong video message against sexual violence. Share your message with people all over the World!

According to WHO, Sexual violence is a serious public health and human rights problem with both short- and long-term consequences on women's physical, mental, and sexual and reproductive health. It is a deeply violating and painful experience for the survivor.

#### The Challenge

Create your own original powerful video message against sexual violence and post it on your personal social media account. Then challenge three of your friends, by tagging them on your post, to do the same and send their own message. Use your imagination and creativity to prepare your message which will strongly touch people's heart around the world.

How to publish your message

- 1. Create your message: Your message, in English or your native language, should be in the form of short video or even gif. Be innovative, creative and original!
- 2. Post your message on your social media account (either on Facebook, Instagram and or Twitter)
- 3. LIKE and TAG the page of the campaign
- Facebook @ReactActPreventSV
- Instagram @ReactActPreventSV
- Twitter @ReactActPrevent
- 4. At the same time copy and paste this text, including at end of the post the hashtags#ReactActPrevent #StopSexualViolence#TapeItChallenge

#### Duration

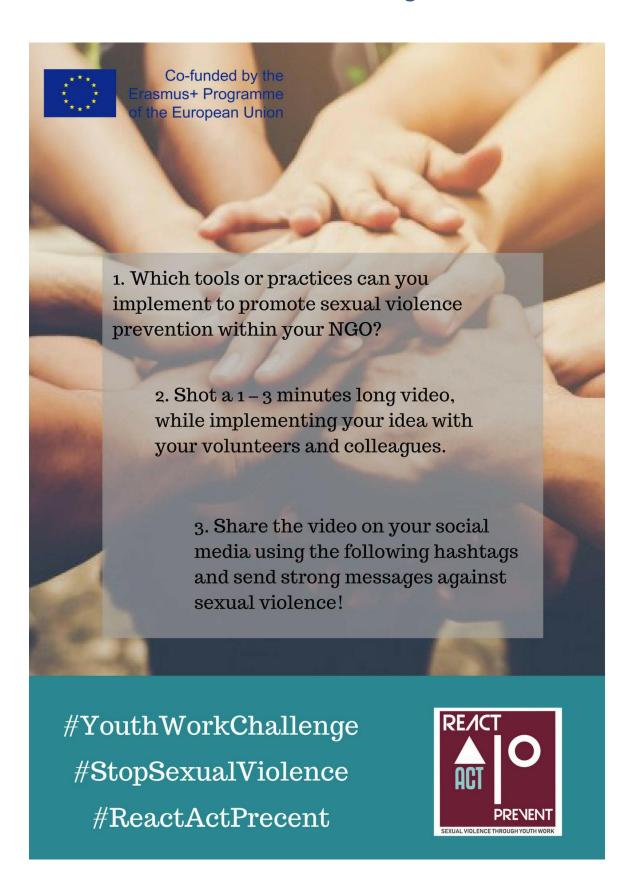
The challenge will run until the end of December 2018 across Europe and you can participate as many times as you wish.

Goal and Aims of the Campaign

The #TapeItChallenge aims to raise awareness of how to React, Act and Prevent Sexual Violence. More specifically

- to challenge young people around Europe to send strong messages against sexual violence, using creative and innovative
- to initiate a strong and ongoing online awareness-raising and prevention wave against sexual violence, attracting the interest of people all around Europe
- to encourage, invite and challenge youth NGOs, from Europe and the rest of the world, to contribute towards initiating a strong European prevention movement against sexual violence
- to foster co-operation, involvement and support by other community stakeholders, including public authorities and educational institutes.

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