



Coordinators of domestic violence strategic interventions: project sustainability in Romania through partnerships and developing victims support services



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CQ4DVCI: Sustainability through partnerships & victim support services

1. DV interventions: Legal framework in Romania
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1. DV interventions: Legal framework in Romania

- DV prevention and intervention: objective of national interest (DV=public health issue Law 217/2013 on preventing and combating DV)
- Law no. 174/2018 completed existing legal framework and ensured its alignment to Istanbul Convention: victim-centered approach, prevention, emergency intervention measures in situations of immediate risk
- Law 146/2021: electronic monitoring within judicial procedures and penal law (applicable for DV cases). Piloted first in 3 counties, then national level
- Legal framework progressed, but more focused intervention is needed to coordinate the response of different institutions → CQ4DVCI responded to a national need

2. CQ4DVCI: Partnerships and Networking

- During project implementation: 43 different organizations (schools, medical units, local councils, social assistance units, child protection units etc)
- High level of interest for training on DV
- High engagement of practitioners from different fields
- Requests received for 2nd course on *Coordinators of domestic violence strategic interventions* (planned September 2022)
- Schools requested dedicated training on DV topics for didactic staff and school councilors (psychologists)
- CQ4DVCI: facilitated the network to continue the training dissemination

3. CQ4DVCI: Victim support services (legal protection)

- Gap identified by practitioners during project: judiciary psychological expertise to support the victim during legal proceedings
- Very low access of victims to judiciary psychological expertise (cost, limited number of experts etc)
- CATHARSIS and partners: to develop a project concept on training and developing the network of practitioners Norway Grants or Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme: developing the national network of experts and providing free judiciary psychological expertise for DV victims
- Next step: training for judiciary personnel, programs for aggressors

3. CQ4DVCI Sustainability

- Solid network of organizations which will continue the collaboration in the area of DV
- Training materials created during the project: new session to be organized, materials to be used during CATHARSIS workshops and courses
- CATHARSIS and partners: working together to address identified gaps (judiciary psychological expertise, training for judiciary staff, programmes for aggressors) for DV victims
- Information, workshops, training activities in schools
- CATHARSIS e-training platform → transition to digital tools to allow a wider access for practitioners to training materials



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