



# NEWSLETTER #1

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Initiating the CQ4DVCI project: Kick off Meeting in Larissa

Certification and Qualification: Coordinators for Domestic Violence Strategic Intervention (CQ4DVCI) is a 30 month project (October 1st 2019 – 31st/3/2022) co-funded by ERASMUS+, was officially launched in Larissa in November 28th-29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The project's kick off meeting hosted representatives of partner organizations, that is APOSTOLI, DIMITRA, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence, Catharsis, ACTA and Diakonija Latvia, gathered to review the project's goals and objectives, to discuss the outputs and decide on the details of the methodology and the mode of operation.

CQ4DVCI is here to build on experience and know-how of experts on the area of gender-based violence and domestic violence regarding the definition of the role of the **Coordinator of Domestic Violence**. The contribution of professionals on gender-based violence and the broader social sector from all four partner countries will be valuable for the definition of the Coordinator's



profile that will ultimately lead to the development of a specialized curricula and a pilot on line training.

Given their well-established status and their expertise in the areas of social care & support, health including mental health, and women’s and family affairs, the participant organizations are expected to attract a capable number of quality professionals to participate in the pilot training. These professionals will be the first ones to undertake a certification process that will lead to their European accreditation for the role of Coordinator of Domestic Violence.

Through their social service facilities, partners are committed to ameliorate their services for women in need and victims of gender-based violence. The activation of the role of the accredited Coordinator will be essential and critical to that end. Moreover, partners are committed to further disperse their know how at a local and national level by extending their networking and partnership with Local Authorities, Health Care Departments, and other relevant services addressed at women and families.

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### November 25<sup>th</sup>, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

On the occasion of the Intl Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women a Joint Statement was issued by Council of Europe Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić, France’s European Affairs State Secretary Amélie de Montchalin, on behalf of the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, and Parliamentary Assembly President Liliane Maury Pasquier

For more extensive information please consult the Council of Europe website:



<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence-against-wom-1>

## **A Statement by the European Commission and the High Representative on Stopping Violence Against Women**

On the occasion of the Intl Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the European Commission has issued a statement.

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement\\_19\\_6300](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_19_6300)

The statement makes a specific mention on the European Commission's measures toward ending violence against women, namely *The EU's Victims Rights Directive* ensuring more and better rights for victims of crimes and specialized support for victims of gender-based violence. The H.C. informed about the E.U.'s concluding process of accessing the Istanbul Convention. Moreover, the European Commission's Right, Equality and Citizenship Programme funds projects on the prevention of gender-based violence, support of victims, training and capacity building of professionals and services.

## **"Orange the World": the 2020 UNiTE Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence**

From November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 the UN System is being running a 16 days series of activities dedicated to the Campaign "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!", an international yearly initiative against women's and girls violence initiated back in 1991. The campaign is under U.N.'s Secretary General *UNiTE by 2030 Campaign to End Violence Women* including awareness raising, advocacy and exchange of knowledge around the world. This year's



“Orange the World” campaign is called *Generation Equality Stands Against Rape*, calling the world to learn further and take steps against rape culture.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

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