

## **Proposal for JUST/2014/SPOB/AG/VICT**

### **Action Grant to support victims of violence and crime**

#### **Title of project: *Sharing a training Euro-Med model to support GBV victims***

**Description of proponent institution:** Ismu is an independent scientific organization that promotes studies, research and projects on the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society with focus on international migrations. On average each year around 20 projects are active and implemented also in collaboration with other partners – national or international ones. The Interdisciplinary approach is one of the main characteristics of ISMU Foundation: several researchers belong to different Universities in Italy and this guarantees a wide approach to migration, integration and anti-discrimination issues. ([www.ismu.org/en](http://www.ismu.org/en))

#### **Daphne strand – victims of gender-based violence: general presentation of project**

The focus of Project proposal we would like to develop with partners support is the following: actions aimed to increasing intervention capacity of professionals operating involved in supporting migrant gender violence victims. More in details:

- a. Actions will consist in experts and peers training and awareness-rising interventions targeted to healthcare and law enforcement operators as well as of specialist profiles cooperating with them. Actions focus on health and wellbeing of victims;
- b. To increase intervention capacity of these professionals means to make them able to care of victims needs using a multi-disciplinary approach, specific techniques and all the locally available resources;
- c. A special focus is dedicated, on one hand, to the health of women victims of violence such as traumas and the consequences on the health status in the medium and long term (depression, physical and psychological problems, drug use and drug abuse, alcoholism ... ); on the other hand, we put attention to health systems, to welfare policies and support to

women victims of violence, included regular and irregular migrant women. In analyzing these issues we will use a comparative perspective on the Countries of the Mediterranean which will be partners in the project.

d. Gender violence victims target will be mainly focused on migrant women.

The project will be developed in two years in four countries in the Euro-Mediterranean area. The Euro-Mediterranean area share common paths regarding the welfare systems and immigration processes and flows, and also with respect to the economic crisis that has proved harder than in other European countries; it is therefore interesting to compare practices and intervention policies implemented in these Country to support women victims of violence.

**Duration:** 2 years

**Planned start date:** 01/01/2016

**Priority:** DAP-victims of gender-based violence: developing targeted and integrated support for victims of gender-based violence, including with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence or victims of violence in close or intimate relationships;

### **General aim**

The project's general aim is to construct and share training model to increase the skills of healthcare and law enforcement operators as well as of specialist profiles cooperating (From now on we will use healthcare and law enforcement staff) with them in recognizing symptoms and social conditions as indicators of gender based violence (GVB), in order to support women victims of violence, with particular regard to migrant women.

### **Specific aims:**

- To develop in beneficiaries adequate skills (diagnosis skills, communication skills, caring skills, case management skills) for the identification of the victims through indicators of physical and psychological wellbeing, especially with regard to violence indirect effects (such as depression, alcoholism, drugs abuse, etc.); for the recognition of the risk of increased exposure of migrant women to gender violence, both in relation to their migration path (e.g. risk of violence during the journey and/or living conditions in their country of origin) and living conditions in

immigration country included legal status (e.g. refugees, women subject to exploitation, gender discrimination, undocumented women etc.);

- To enable beneficiaries in using local networks of services and organizations which usually support GVB victims, in order to increase the chance of women to get out from violent contexts;
- To define a Training Transnational Meta-model (with the form of *Guidelines for Training Modules to Support GBV Victims*), evidence-based, validated and shared among Partners;
- To define at the end of the project implementation the conditions and the contents of a Euro-Mediterranean Protocol to combat GBV to support victims.

## Methodology

These aims will mainly be achieved through specific training actions target<sup>1</sup> to health professionals (especially those who work in the emergency room) and law enforcement as well as through the definition of a training transnational meta-model. The Project methodological design will be inspired the follow principles:

- a. A training multidisciplinary approach (psychological, ethno-psychiatric, socio-anthropological, juridical, medical);
- b. Peer-training based learning methods (the peer-trainers will be recruited from the local networks);
- c. Place-based networks valorisation (for training implementation and for the following model definition);
- d. Bottom-up logic for the meta-model definition.

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<sup>1</sup> Also other target beneficiaries will be included in the project depended on partner local situation (E.g. health care professionals working in hospitals but not in the ER, psychologists working for the Police but not Police officers).

## Work-streams and activities

The project will be structure in 5 work-streams:

0. Management and coordination of the project;
1. General theoretical framework definition and problem-setting ;
2. Training operational design and delivery (activities: training needs identification with the involvement of expected target-groups; peer-educators identification; training and awareness-raising actions design and implementation; training and awareness-raising actors and locally relevant resources networking);
3. Training Transnational Meta-model definition (with the form of *Guidelines for Training Modules on Supporting GBV Victims*)
4. Project results dissemination will be implemented as follows:
  - a. Feedback local session;
  - b. Communication and diffusion of the project's main products and results throughout the website;
  - c. Production and diffusion of brochures contain main Project qualified elements and outcomes, as well as the website references.
  - d. Presentation the *Guidelines for Training Modules on Supporting GBV Victims* to the DG-Justice Gender Equality a Bruxelles.