

HERA



Name: Improving Police Management on Domestic Violence by Women's Empowerment

Acronym: HERA

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Project: Domestic violence against women is an integral and universal problem, many times a hidden problem, even in European society. Hundreds of women are killed and many more abused in Europe each year and Police Forces are one of the key stakeholders involved in avoiding it.

Depending on first intervention in a case of domestic violence (which is usually carried out by Police Forces), it results in many more interventions or in no more interventions.

Current Police Force must be focused on preventing crime, being not only a reactive force, so it entails to be interested not only about the offender but about the victim.

Once exposed the situation, the Project wants to improve the police service and coordinate police work and police relations with other social institutions involved in this topic. It should be done by creating European standards about police management of domestic violence (DV) because it would allow to integrate European Policies and best practices, sharing best expertise in all Europe, and at the same time victimization will be avoided and women attention will be improved.

Regarding this aim, the Project wants to build the work on the basis of an innovative approach about the victim, empower abused women in order to lead by themselves the process to follow for recovering their lives and overcome the situation. Their decision capacity disappears while they are being abused and it is necessary to help them on recovering it. The project proposes to do it by their empowerment and leadership but with the assessment and support of the police officers. Police Force must be next to the woman, checking the procedure but allowing the victim to be an active part of the recuperation process, not only the passive object of the measures to be implemented. This is necessary to recover her self-esteem and to build her own future. She must decide about her future and how to build it.

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Cesena's Budget: 27.513 €

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Coordinator of Project: Valencia's Municipal Police- Valencia's Council

Partners:

Valencia's Municipal Police- Valencia's Council

West Yorkshire Police (Great Britain)

Brasov's Police and Social Service (Romania)

Cesena's Council (Italy)

Conselleria de Governació- Valencia's Region (Spain)

Valencia Community Association (Spain)

"XXI Century Rhodopa Mountain Initiative" National Association (Bulgaria)

Information Centre for Woman (Lithuania)

Social Service Agency " Family Crises Centre", Riga City (Latvia)

Cesena's Council Sector: Culture Sector- Project Unit "Woman"

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