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ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR ROMA WOMEN VICTIMS OF GBV

PROJECT PROGRESS

Since our last newsletter, partner organisations attended the second transnational meeting hosted by the Institute for Roma and Minority Inclusion (IRMI), in Wuppertal Germany. During the meeting partners reviewed the content development plan for work package 3 and have since developed two capacity building training programmes for Roma mediators and GBV professionals.

TPM WUPPERTAL, GERMANY

The meeting was held for two days from the 30th–31st of October 2024. Partners from Ireland, Greece, Spain, North Macedonia attended in-person, while partners from Romania and Slovakia joined the meeting online. During the meeting partners discussed all aspects and work packages of the project. Partners checked that all tasks were complete for work package 2 and discussed the findings of their national reports and the influence of these on the development of content for work package 3. Symplexis presented the best practices identified in Greece and advised the partners to add at least three to their national reports. Two notable examples from Greece and Spain are outlined and linked below!

- **Greece – Protocol for Managing Incidents of Gender-Based Violence in Migration:** A practical guide promoting effective collaboration between translators, cultural mediators, and GBV professionals in migrant shelters to ensure victims' access to protection services and improve response coordination.
- [Link to resource](#)
- **Spain – Me quiero libre (I Want to Be Free):** A guide for youth workers to prevent gender-based violence among adolescents, featuring 13 workshops across five categories, with a focus on supporting Roma youth in recognising early warning signs and fostering respectful relationships.
- [Link to resource](#)

The meeting primarily focused on the content development plan for work package 3 (capacity building training programmes), partners reviewed and discussed the guidelines created by Topcoach and set deadlines together. They also looked at the first module developed by SRC as an example. Together and with input from HIP the technical partner, they planned how the content and modules will be presented in their final form on the project platform.

During the meeting partners had the opportunity to discuss plans for the piloting and workshops for work packages 3 and 4. They discussed the awareness campaign for WP4 and the plan to create short, 1–2-minute videos of Roma women role models as part of this initiative. They talked about the situation in each partner country and gave each other advice for recruiting participants for these trainings and workshops. The meeting was a great opportunity to set out a plan for the remaining project tasks and to collaborate!



TPM in Wuppertal, Germany

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Each training programme consists of six topics and follows a modular, blended learning approach that combines self-directed online modules, quizzes, case studies, and multimedia resources with in-person lessons, activities, and role-play scenarios.

- The Roma Mediators training programme focuses on raising awareness about GBV, early marriage, and women's rights among Roma women, while guiding them towards the appropriate reporting services. Mediators are trained to serve as intermediaries between Roma women and service providers.
- The GBV Professionals training programme aims to enhance professionals' understanding of the specific barriers Roma women face when seeking help in cases of GBV. This should result in practitioners providing more sensitive, effective, and accessible support.

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