



Enhancing support for Roma women victims of GBV

RoW-Power Multiplier Events & European Conference Summary

Report

As part of the RoW-Power project, six National Info Days (Multiplier Events) were organised across Germany, Greece, Spain, Ireland and North Macedonia, alongside a final European Conference in Slovakia. These events aimed to promote the project's results, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and support the further exploitation of project outputs at national and European levels.

The events brought together Roma mediators, GBV professionals, civil society organisations, public authorities, educators, community leaders and Roma community members. Each event created a platform for dialogue, awareness-raising and knowledge exchange around gender-based violence (GBV), with a particular focus on Roma women and intersectional discrimination.

Germany

On 5 September 2025, IRMI hosted its National Info Day in Wuppertal, gathering 30 participants including Roma mediators, social workers, GBV professionals, Roma associations and civil society networks. The event introduced the core RoW-Power results: the Protocol for Roma Mediators and GBV Professionals, the Capacity Building Training Programme, and the online learning platform. Participants were guided through the platform's lessons and materials, exploring how they could apply them in daily practice.

Interactive discussions enabled professionals to exchange experiences from piloting and awareness-raising activities. The event strengthened cooperation between Roma-led organisations and mainstream service providers, while increasing awareness of GBV challenges within Roma communities. Despite limited time for deeper reflection

and varying levels of prior knowledge, the event was positively received. Participants recognised the practical value of the tools and expressed interest in continued collaboration beyond the project lifecycle.

Ireland

On 1 December 2025, Spectrum Research Centre held the National Info Day in Cavan, welcoming 31 participants from the GBV, community development and women's support sectors. The event showcased the Capacity Building Programme for Roma Mediators and the Training Programme for GBV Professionals, alongside insights from workshops delivered with Roma women in Ireland. Guest speakers from An Garda Síochána, Safe Ireland and a local public representative contributed professional and lived experience perspectives, highlighting early warning signs, reporting pathways and available support services.

A key strength of the event was the safe and supportive environment created, enabling open dialogue and voluntary sharing from survivors. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants valuing the clarity of objectives and expertise shared. While attendance from Roma women was lower than anticipated, the event significantly strengthened cross-sector awareness and generated strong interest in rolling out the training nationally.

Spain

On 25 November 2025, Asociación Caminos organised a three-hour multiplier event in Madrid in collaboration with Asociación Barro, engaging 25 participants from Roma and pro-Roma networks. The session promoted the RoW-Power objectives, platform and training materials, while emphasising the added value of European cooperation in addressing shared GBV challenges. Participants discussed power dynamics that increase vulnerability to GBV and explored how the project tools could strengthen professional responses at local level.

New sensitisation materials developed by both organisations were presented, followed by a feedback session. The collaboration ensured sustainability by connecting the event to ongoing community initiatives. Participants responded positively and identified the importance of securing long-term funding to continue cooperation beyond the project's duration.

North Macedonia

On 5 December 2025, RRC hosted its National Info Day, bringing together representatives from Roma organisations, ministries, institutions, GBV professionals and community members. The event presented the project's scope, milestones and results, including the cooperation protocol, training programmes and online platform. Participants who had engaged in focus groups and piloting activities shared first-hand experiences and lessons learned.

Interactive discussions, Q&A sessions and group activities fostered engagement and encouraged stakeholders to remain connected beyond the project lifecycle. The event strengthened visibility of RoW-Power resources and reinforced cooperation between Roma mediators, GBV professionals and public institutions, contributing to more coordinated responses to GBV.

Greece

Symplexis organised three Info Days in Athens in December 2025, engaging 30 participants including Roma and non-Roma youth, secondary school teachers, social workers, nurses, psychologists and integration professionals. The events presented the cooperation protocol and training modules, with participants exploring the online platform directly on their devices. Particular attention was given to the Greek context, including referral systems and sector coordination challenges.

The diverse composition of participants enriched discussions, especially regarding the role of young Roma mediators and educators in prevention efforts. The Info Days increased visibility of GBV issues affecting Roma women and generated strong

interest in the capacity building programmes and practical tools developed by the project.

Slovakia

The final European Conference marked the culmination of the RoW-Power project, bringing together consortium partners and over 60 stakeholders in a hybrid format. The conference officially presented the Protocol for Roma Mediators and GBV Professionals, the Capacity Building Training Programme and the online learning platform as sustainable project legacies. Partner organisations shared national experiences, best practices and local initiatives supporting Roma women and GBV prevention.

The event strengthened transnational cooperation and reinforced the importance of culturally sensitive, victim-centred approaches. Discussions also highlighted systemic challenges such as structural discrimination and limited long-term funding. Despite these challenges, the conference successfully promoted the exploitation of results at EU level and reinforced long-term partnerships.

Impact

The RoW-Power multiplier events and European Conference significantly enhanced awareness of gender-based violence affecting Roma women and strengthened cooperation between Roma mediators, GBV professionals and public stakeholders across Europe. Through structured presentations, interactive discussions and networking opportunities, the events ensured wide dissemination of the project's key outputs and reinforced their sustainability. The online learning platform and training programmes now serve as accessible, practical tools supporting continued capacity building and cross-sector collaboration.

Collectively, these events demonstrate the power of European cooperation in advancing dignity, equality and coordinated responses to GBV within Roma communities and beyond.



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