

Dissens e.V. is a non-profit NGO with advisory, education and research services. The association was founded in 1990 and has 23 employees today.

The main **aims** of the organisation are :

- **Foster gender equality**
- **Reduce gender hierarchies on personal und structural levels in consideration of other social inequalities**
- **Help preventing gender-related violence**

The work is done with a focus on the construction of **men and masculinities**, based on the thesis, that an increase in gender equality and social justice and a lower prevalence of gender-based violence will improve the quality of life of people of all genders.

These objectives are particularly pursued through social youth services, community work, educational work, and scientific work with a special focus on European cooperation and local practice, realised in the three departments *Research & Development*, *Gender Sensitive Social Work*, and *Gender Mainstreaming*.

Contact

European Focal Point
for the Work with Perpetrators of
Domestic Violence in Europe

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women and to protect
victims and groups at risk

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Background

Based on the former Daphne II project WWP - Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence in Europe (see right column) and on the wish of the attendant practitioners and network representatives from work with perpetrators and women's support at the project's international final workshop in January 2008 in Berlin, Dissens planned activities to foster the European exchange about good work with perpetrators of domestic violence. These activities are combined to the

European Focal Point for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence.

The aim of the Focal Point, supported by the Daphne III programme, is to advance the implementation of treatment programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence in Europe that consequently implement victim safety measures.

The Focal Point develops and offers several services for practitioners and networkers in the field of domestic violence:

Provide contacts and information

The multilingual **database** – developed by the former *Daphne II* project *WWP* – with information about treatment programmes of perpetrators is

the most comprehensive in Europe. This data base will be kept up to date and completed. The existing **website** www.work-with-perpetrators.eu with several resources will be enhanced. The Focal Point plans to develop an **expert database** and a network of **national focal points**.

Foster exchange

The Focal Point plans to distribute relevant information regarding work with perpetrators in Europe by **electronic newsletters** and the website: coming events like conferences, seminars, training courses for professionals, publications.

The Focal Point organises a (yearly) **expert conference** with practitioners of perpetrator treatment and victim support, researchers and policy makers to discuss the further needs of development of work with perpetrators of domestic violence in Europe. ***The first annual expert conference is planned to take place at the end of 2009 in Berlin.***

Support trainings and dissemination of experience

The Focal Point supports trainings, transfer of research results and dissemination of good practice models, especially in European regions where work with perpetrators of domestic violence is not yet common. If you are

setting up a perpetrator programme or plan to improve your work with the aid of an external expert there are some funds to pay the costs for this external expert.

Please contact us if you interested in using the services or if you like to contribute to the activities.

The former project

WWP - Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence in Europe

The project, conducted April 2006 until June 2008 by eight project partners of seven European countries from, targeted to develop a basis for a European exchange about good practice in the work with male perpetrators of domestic violence.

It established an multilingual internet based database with detailed information about programmes working with male perpetrators of domestic violence in the EU. It prepared guidelines in 17 languages to develop standards for programmes working with male perpetrators of domestic violence and important aspects regarding documentation and evaluation of this work.

For more information please see: www.work-with-perpetrators.eu/en/project.php

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