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CONSCIOUS

An inter-systemic model for preventing reoffending by perpetrators guilty of sexual abuse and domestic violence

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

ASL Frosinone coordinator of the European Project “Conscious” co-financed by Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Union (2014-2020)

Federazione Regionale Lazio del Coordinamento Nazionale delle Comunità di Accoglienza (CNCA)

WHEREAS

- The Conscious Project is led by Dipartimento Salute Mentale e Patologie da Dipendenza of ASL Frosinone in cooperation with Garante dei Detenuti della Regione Lazio, with the European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence and the Centro Nazionale Studi e Ricerche sul diritto della Famiglia e dei Minori.
- The Project introduces a model of treatment and support aimed at perpetrators and creates an intersystemic network of cooperation aimed at countering domestic violence, gender-based violence and violence against minors within intra and extra prison matters.
- The Project offers treatments and preventions programme. A service within the Frosinone’s ASL will be enabled for perpetrators sent by professional lawyers, Courts, Law Enforcement and ASL personnel.
- The Project aims among other:
 - o To Improve the professional proficiencies of health workers and lawyers for the treatment and management of perpetrators for preventing purposes.
 - o To introduce new treatments services, available and accessible in the health and social services system.
 - o To develop operative synergies between Punitive and Re-Educational system and also between public entities and national - international non-profit networks.
- The CNCA (Coordinamento Nazionale Comunità di Accoglienza) was established to create a network of various organizations all over Italy that aims at re-integrating addicts, fighting substance-dependence and education.
- The CNCA promotes the spread of its own ideas through various activities: Conventions and seminars, documents and publications as well as participating in campaigns and partnerships used to advertise, reflect and act on ideas and suggestions.
- The CNCA is actively engaged in the promotion and management of highly experimental social measures research and training.
- The CNCA in the Lazio Region oversaw the planning, creation and networking phase of guidelines related to the Restorative Justice.

- A model based on the Restorative Justice – for the social reintegration of perpetrators through the creation of support groups made of volunteers- is spreading in many countries around the world. (www.circles4.eu/european-circles-network).
- The Project involves the “Civil Society Support for Social Reintegration of Perpetrators”. An agreement will be made between the ASL and non-profit organizations to establish the conditions that will allow the creation of support groups in the Lazio Region managed by volunteers and supervised by the ASL.
- Training activities offered to volunteers included in the Conscious project ended in March 2019. (D 2.8 Training “The paradigm of restorative justice and the possibility of intervention in cases of high conflict and situations at risk; Clinical cases.”)
- In May ASL started the treatment (D 3.4) for inmates in Cassino Prison (sex offenders) and for inmates in Frosinone Prison (abusers). Meanwhile external service will become fully active in the following months.
- The project includes the creation of a social reintegration plan for perpetrators that undergone the treatment. This plan will be put into practice after an evaluation conducted by the ASL personnel. (D 4.4).

WHEREAS AND PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE SAID

Article 1- Operating area of the Agreement

The purpose of the Agreement is to create a series of activities aimed to inform, raise awareness and capacity building of networks and non-profit organizations in the Lazio Region. These networks and non-profit organizations are based on the importance of volunteering, civic activism against violence and creating support groups to reduce recidivism. The parties are committed to spreading the principles of Restorative Justice to stakeholders and policymaker through joint activities.

Article 2- Involved subjects

The Agreement states that, after the first parties have reached and signed the agreement, the participation of other public and private non-profit entities engaged against domestic, sexual violence and in favour of gender equality will be possible.

Article 3 – Objectives

The objectives of the collaboration between the parties is to create the conditions to begin social reintegration activities for those who served their sentences after being found guilty of abuse and sexual violence against women and minors.

Moreover, the parties will undertake to spread and support, within their respective competencies and targets, the knowledge and organizational models required to create support groups for abusers and sex offenders.

Article 4 – Activities

The parties will undertake to develop training action and/or joint initiatives for volunteering networks, non-profit organizations, civil society organizations and policymakers. Furthermore, the parties will undertake to collaborate during the “Infoday” planned by the Conscious project by February 2020. This event will be the first opportunity for a joint outreach regarding Restorative justice and social reintegration of sex offenders.

Article 5 - Monitoring and Evaluation

The activities planned in the Agreement will be periodically monitored and evaluated. The present Agreement will be redesigned, by common accord among the endorsers, also in reference to further needs that could emerge during the partnership or to the need and the convenience of a more accurate definition of instruments and cooperation modalities.

Article 6 - Duration

The present Agreement is experimental and will last 24 months starting from the subscription date. It will be implicitly renewed at the expiration date, except for different agreements among the endorsers.

The present document is signed by

- ASL FROSINONE - Commissario Straordinario - dr. Luigi Macchitella
- CNCA Lazio - Presidente - dr.ssa Tatiana Agostinello