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Conscious introduces, in a context within and beyond prisons, an inter-system model dedicated to the treatment of perpetrators, and forms a cooperation network aimed at opposing gender-based violence by intervening to reduce the risk of recurrence.

The project is co-funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Program of the European Union (2014–2020), and is led by the Dipartimento Salute Mentale e Patologie da Dipendenza dell'Azienda Sanitaria Locale di Frosinone (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Disorders of the Local Health Authority of Frosinone), in a partnership with the Garante dei Detenuti del Lazio (Convicts' Ombudsman of 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 (National Centre for Studies and Research on the Rights of Families and Minors).

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After performing training and capacity-building activities for health personnel, prison administration, and the UEPE, treatment activities are carried out for sex offenders and abusers held in the penitentiaries of Lazio; an external service is active at the Azienda Sanitaria Locale di Frosinone (Local Health Authority of Frosinone) for the treatment of perpetrators, responding to criteria of clinical appropriateness, who have been reported for or charged with acts of domestic violence, gender-based violence, or child abuse. Experts and representatives of institutions, engaged in various ways in the issues of gender-based violence and child abuse, are involved in round tables aimed at defining protocols for more efficient and effective management of services for citizens through the exchange of information, the definition of shared paths, and the recognition of the value of the work of treating perpetrators.



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SYSTEMIC PATH FOR THE RIGHTS

AN INTER-SYSTEMIC MODEL FOR PREVENTING REOFFENDING BY PERPETRATORS GUILTY OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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## THE PROJECT INCLUDES

The creation of a toolkit for the assessment of the risk of recidivism, the project guidelines, a feasibility study aimed at replication of the model in other European contexts, performing a mapping of the various systems present in the EU, an economic-financial impact assessment resulting from the application of the model in a national and European context, in order to verify the replicability and eligibility in regional operational programs financed with structural funds. Therefore, also in view of the programming of the new 2021–2027 European funds, this will be a valid support tool for the decisions of regional and national policy makers. Finally, information events, info-days open to the public and an awareness campaign on the effectiveness of the treatment and on the sustainability of the model are also planned.

## THE PROJECT INVOLVES:

Prison administration staff and health professionals, recipients of basic or specialistic training activities. Experts and representatives of institutions for the implementation of protocols and working methods. Subjects detained for sexual abuse crimes or family violence towards women or minors, recipients of specialised treatments integrated with penitentiary treatment activities. Non-imprisoned subjects who meet the criteria of clinical appropriateness, who can benefit from a specialised treatment service at the Local Health Authority of Frosinone.

## CONSCIOUS BUILDS:

An inter-system network between the public and private figures who have competence on this topic.

In particular, it will involve the following Target Groups:

- Health professionals, to increase skills and knowledge on specialised treatment models and to improve the offer and quality of social and healthcare services dedicated to opposing violence and preventing recidivism;
- Penitentiary and UEPE staff, to increase the skills required for management of subjects with sentences linked to violent behaviour in an evolutionary manner, and to improve the quality of the functions assigned to them;
- Surveillance magistrates, to broaden the possibilities of assessing the extent and methods of criminal sentences, also based on evidence of the effectiveness of treatments carried out during the project;
- Lawyers, to sensitise their customers with behaviours of domestic violence, child abuse, or sex offence, and invite them to undergo a dedicated treatment, aimed at reducing the repetition of said behaviour;
- Central institutions (PRAP, the Region), for the possibility to also transfer and replicate these treatment and reintegration methods into other territories and penal institutions, with a vision of restorative justice;
- Volunteers, to promote the social and cultural change necessary to avoid the social exclusion of perpetrators and to facilitate their reintegration (circles).

## EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

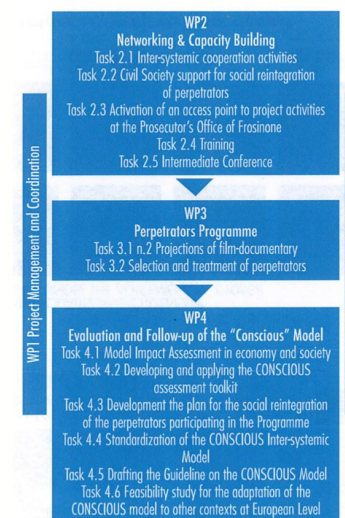
- The acquisition, by the personnel involved, of professional skills essential for the treatment and management of perpetrators;
- Treatment services becoming available and accessible both in prison and in the social-healthcare sector;

- The increase in the application of restorative justice measures in connection with the perpetrators' treatment phase;
- The creation of a structured Governance and the activation, by the social-healthcare, judicial, sentencing, and public security systems, of operational synergies in the fight against violence and in the prevention of recidivism.
- The definition of a sustainable model integrated into regional policies, and operational programs financed with the structural funds.

## How will the results contribute to the achievement of European policies established by the Rights Equality and Citizenship Program?

Thanks to this specialised treatment program, support relationships, and the possibility of experimenting with restorative justice methods, offenders can acquire concrete tools to allow them to manage their own behaviour and improve their control of violent impulses. The project results contribute to Priority 1.4 of the Rights Equality and Citizenship Program, determining that the social-healthcare system takes charge of detainees for sexual crimes and abuse, and of individuals subjected to alternative measures or on trial, who have been reported during the project by the network of cooperation created. Given the success rate of the method applied to the treatment, the project intends to contribute significantly to the reduction of the perpetrators' recidivism. This model, replicated in other contexts, can multiply its positive impact consistently throughout the entire national and European territory.

The Conscious project is organised in 5 Work Packages and the work flow is described in the following.



## For further information:

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