

# detect and stop stalkerware and cyberviolence against women

Thank you for signing up to our Newsletter. From now on, you will receive regular updates on our project against cyberviolence and stalkerware, if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

The DeStalk project Partners

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### About DeStalk

Did you know that 73% of women worldwide have experienced some form of cyber violence and that 70% of European women who experience cyber stalking have also experienced physical or sexual violence from an (ex-)partner?



**Cyber abuse and stalkerware** represent increasingly widespread, often hidden, forms of gender-based violence. Sexual harassment and misogynistic bullying, cyberstalking, image-based sexual abuse and secretly installing stalkerware apps on phones. All of this is part of the abuse perpetrated online against both women and girls.

#### The **DeStalk Project** aims to:

- Develop an innovative e-learning package and train key stakeholders targeting professionals working with victims/survivors and perpetrators of gender-based violence, public authorities and governmental officials.
- Raise awareness among as many people and institutions as possible about the danger posed by cyber violence against women.
- Build capacities among state and private actors to become active against this violence.

The DeStalk project brings together 5 partners: <u>Blanquerna</u>, leading the coordination, <u>Kaspersky</u> in charge of the e-learning development, <u>Una Casa per l'Uomo</u> will work on the training of victim/survivor support services professionals and programs for aggressors, <u>Regione del Veneto</u> will develop a pilot campaign for the project and <u>WWP EN</u> in charge of the dissemination and content on gender-based violence.

Over the coming months we will introduce all partners through our social media channels. Follow WWP EN on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and/or Twitter and stay tuned!

## Project launch

Our first press release announcing the official launch of the DeStalk project was published on February 10. Also, the new project webpage is now up and running with important materials in different European languages.

Read more about the press release: EN, IT, DE, ES, CA



## Kick-off meeting

The DeStalk project kick-off meeting was held online on February 15-16.

During the first day, partners had a peer-to-peer learning session and shared relevant materials on gender-based violence, cyber violence and stalkerware. The Advisory Board and EU Commission Officer Mia Magli attended as special guests.

On the second day, the project partners agreed on the detailed work plan and next steps to be carried out in the following months.

We look forward to developing the project and contributing to the elimination of cyber-violence against women.

## **Meeting Practitioners**

In order to develop the best training possible, we first wanted to listen to the needs of relevant professionals. A focus group meeting was held on March 10 where we had the great opportunity to meet experts in the field and collect requests and suggestions for the development of the training based on their daily practice.

Now partners are ready to tailor the content accordingly to continue working on an effective training package.



#### Learn more

The DeStalk e-learning package will be available in English, German, Italian Spanish and French in autumn this year. In the meantime, you can find more relevant materials in our website.

Read more about the state of Stalkerware in 2020 <u>here</u>. Find more about cyber violence in intimate relations here.

## Get involved

Help our team map knowledge and needs on this topic in order to develop efficient training and toolkits for all professionals and stakeholders, take our survey here.

If you want to take part in the training this autumn, please fill in the form to pre-register.

Share this Newsletter with your colleagues and find it available in other languages on our webpage.

