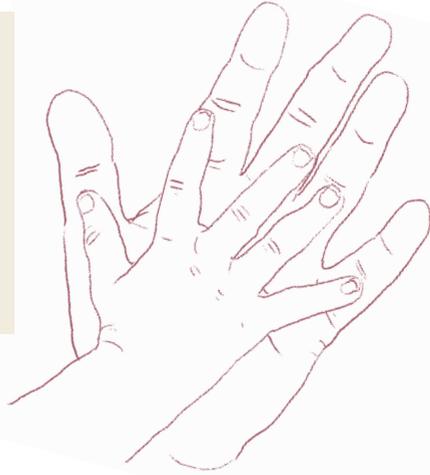


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Project Team

Fathers Rock is a EU project funded under the CERV – DG Justice programme. The project is running throughout Europe thanks to the collaboration of an international and interdisciplinary project team:

- **Fundación Blanquerna**, through the Couple and Family Research Group, research and education organisation within the Faculty of Psychology, Education and Sports Sciences from Ramon Llull University – Spain
- **Conexus – Associació Conexus Atenció, Formació i Investigació Psicosocials**, no-profit NGO with GBV its main fields of expertise and activity, offering intervention programmes for women and children, and for male perpetrators – Spain
- **CAM – Centro di Ascolto Uomini Maltrattanti Onlus**, NGO and perpetrator programme focussing on the intervention in violence against women and children by promoting the work with men who act violently in emotional relationships – Italy
- **VMG – Verein für Männer- und Geschlechterthemen Steiermark**, the Association for Men and Gender Issues Styria, providing research and education, as well as gender-reflecting work with men and boys on Caring Masculinities and violence prevention, diversity and intersectionality – Austria
- **WWP EN – European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence**, membership organisation made of perpetrator programmes, women support centres and institutions addressing GBV through promoting effective, safe and victim-focuses perpetrator work – Germany and Europe



FATHERS' engagement in the
Role Of Care Keeping
mothers and children safe



Why Fathers Rock?

Fathers' involvement in perinatal care and engagement in parenting enhances children's wellbeing. It also contributes to the development of healthy relationships and is associated with a reduced likelihood of violence. On the other hand, research highlights that becoming a father implies also risks for men to use violence against their partners, due to challenging situations in dealing with new roles and circumstances.

Fathers Rock focuses on enhancing the inclusion and active participation of fathers within the perinatal and early childhood education services (perinatal services, birth pathways, daycares, health services and hospitals, nurseries), in order to increase their engagement with the upbringing of their children.

Fathers Rock aims at improving the social and emotional capacity of men who are (becoming) fathers, their parenting skills and their ability to cope with their (new) role, in order to:

- increase the engagement of public institutions on **recognising and promoting the caring role of men** to target gender equality and child wellbeing and safeguarding
- enhance the skills of perinatal services to **involve and support men in parenting** to minimise the risk of violence against women and children and to increase accountability
- improve the capacity of frontline professionals to prevent domestic violence, **identify risks and early critical signs of domestic violence**
- enable professionals to use available resources, protocols and pathways for referral of domestic violence, and to **motivate men to accountability**



Greater involvement by men in daily care work brings benefits for everyone

FATHERS ROCK

"Working with fathers to understand how their behaviour can have positive or negative impacts on their children is crucial to children' and mothers' safety and wellbeing; professionals from different areas can work together and play a crucial role in this."

Advisory Board Marianne Hester –
Chair in Gender, Violence & International Policy at
School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol,
and affiliated Professor and leading researcher of gen-
der-based violence at the University of Gothenburg



The Action

Fathers Rock will:

- develop a **capacity-building programme for frontline services** to identify indicators of domestic violence, encourage accountability of men, help self-referral
- codesign a **programme for the engagement of fathers** and the work on caring masculinities with perinatal and early childhood professionals
- setup a **multiagency intervention model** for prevention of gender-based violence and child safeguarding through the work with men around fatherhood
- outline **institutional recommendations** for policy making and effective promotion and support of caring and parenting role of men

Fathers Rock started in February 2022 and will last until January 2024.

The model will be developed in English, Spanish, Italian and German, and implemented in Spain, Italy and Austria.

Want to know more?

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