

Dear WWP EN Members and friends,

finally, the spring is back and brings a lot of energy. The last months, the network had a very active time with lots of ongoing activities and publications of many interesting reports. Furthermore we look very much forward to our next events, such as the annual workshop and the study visit.

Enjoy detailed information about our projects and other relevant information in this newsletter and feel invited to send important notes about your projects and ideas via email to: paula.heinrich@work-with-perpetrators.eu

Best wishes

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National Reports

In 2016, WWP EN collected national reports from across Europe in order to develop an overview of the most pressing issues connected to work with perpetrators in Europe. The national reports provide a snapshot picture of the key concerns of those involved in the provision of interventions for perpetrators of domestic violence across the EU. The documents also report on the progress that has been made towards the implementation of Article 16 of the Istanbul Convention. [CONTINUE READING](#)

Expert database

We are glad to present our new experts database, that is available for all WWP EN members at the internal area. If you have any problems in accessing the internal area, please contact Paula:

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WWP EN Annual Workshop, October 11th-13th 2017

We are glad to announce our Annual Workshop 2017, that will be already our sixth annual meeting. This year's workshop will be hosted by our member organisation Society for Psychological Assistance (SPA), that is located in Zagreb, Croatia. SPA is one of the founding members of WWP EN.

Further information about the event will be available at the website and will also be sent out to members via email. Please send an email to paula.heinrich@work-with-perpetrators.eu if you're not a member but interested in receiving current information about the Annual Workshop.

We are looking very much forward to the Annual Workshop hosted by SPA. [CONTINUE READING](#)

2016 Mapping Report on: Building and strengthening partnerships in work with perpetrators to prevent violence against women and children.

A central principle of our work at The European Network for Work with Perpetrators (WWP EN) has always had, at its core, the need for attention to the safety of victims (women and children) in our programmes. This was reflected in Daphne projects before the Network existed, in the Istanbul Convention and always as part of our mission.

In 2016, WWP EN started a project focussed on this. We set up a working group of 6 people from WWP EN member organisations from Italy, Bulgaria, Albania, UK, Sweden, Austria and our colleagues at Women Against Violence Europe. [Read the full mapping report here](#)

WWP EN Study Visit

The next WWP EN Study Visit will take place in June, 20-22nd in Sofia, Bulgaria. It will be hosted by the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (BGRF). We are looking very much forward to this very intense learning experience in Bulgaria. Participants always stated, that the study visits are an unique possibility to get to know best-practice-examples, have closer insights in programs and services and also room for networking in a small confident group. Further information about the event will be available at the website and will also be sent out to members via email very soon. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

New Members

We are still growing!

We are glad to introduce our three recent new members:

Full Members:

Männerbüro und Männerberatung Salzburg, Austria

“Männerbüro und Männerberatung Salzburg” is a non-governmental organisation established in 1998. Its principle activities are in the area of psycho-social assistance and health related issues, in the area of training and legal consultation.

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Association NAIA, Bulgaria

The “Association NAIA” is one of the first civil organizations in the Targovishte region. It was founded in 2002 by a group of women, united by the idea of working for equality of women and men in the society and abolishment of all forms of violence towards women and children.

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Affiliate Member:

Neli Zhekova is a licensed psychologist and holds a Master Degree in Social and Legal Psychology from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. She has completed the EU post graduate exchange program in Psychology at Porto University as well as the specialized training program on "Gender-based violence and domestic violence" organized by the Bulgarian Alliance for Protection against Domestic Violence.

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Interesting projects from our members:

Talita Reality Check

Have a look at the interesting and inspiring new project of Talita:

Should porn be our kids' sex educator?

Of course not! The Swedish NGO *Talita* responds with Reality Check – a new initiative aimed at increasing young people's knowledge of the negative effects of pornography and supporting young people who want to stop watching porn. Reality Check is funded by the Swedish Inheritance Fund (Allmänna Arvsfonden). [CONTINUE READING](#)

WtW and ZDB: The treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence – counselling to help perpetrators change their violent behaviour in the family.

Historically in Albania, the entire focus of the intervention groups to tackle domestic violence has been placed on the victims of violence. The judicial sanctioning was the only way of detaining perpetrators of domestic violence and safeguarding the abused women and children. In recent years, interventions to reduce and prevent domestic violence have seen a growing need to engage not only in protecting the victim but also in dealing with perpetrators to change their aggressive behaviour. Referring also to the international experience, setting up a counselling service for violent men was seen as an important step in enhancing the effectiveness of interventions to reduce the incidence of domestic violence. [CONTINUE READING](#)

Respect interview with Nina George, Research and Development Manager, WWP EN:

“Nothing else like WWP EN exists in Europe, or the rest of the world.”

[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW AT THE RESPECT WEBSITE](#)

WWP EN joined the European Coalition to end Violence against Women and Girls

The network joined the unique Coalition of more than 25 European-wide networks and NGOs dedicated to social justice and equality, the *European Coalition to end violence against women and girls*.

The European Coalition to end violence against women & girls calls on:

- The EU Member States and the Council of the European Union to sign and conclude (ratify) the Istanbul Convention in 2017, and within the broadest scope of EU competence as possible.
- The European Parliament to adopt a strong resolution consenting to the EU conclusion to the Istanbul Convention.
- The European Commission to develop a comprehensive EU Strategy to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women that is coordinated and monitored by an EU coordinator body against VAWG.
- The EU institutions to fully integrate the Istanbul Convention into the EU legislation and policy framework, establishing a relevant and representative EU monitoring framework.
- The EU Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention without reservations and to put in place the necessary legislative and policy changes to ensure its adequate implementation of the Istanbul Convention, including allocating sustainable and adequate funding to, and cooperating with civil society and women's rights organisations.
- calls on the EU decision-makers to mark International Women's Day with concrete actions.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE COALITION](#)

New Book Releases & Documents

- [Dorota Dyjakon \(2016\) *Domestic violence. Can we forgive and stay together?* Difi: Warsaw](#)
- [Helena Päivinen \(2016\): Gendered positioning : addressing gendered power and cultural discourses in therapeutic conversations](#)
- [Sylvia Walby et al \(2017\): The concept and measurement of violence against women and men](#)
- [Journal of Criminal Justice \(Vol. 49, March-April 2017\): Trends in rates and characteristics of intimate partner homicides between 1990 and 2013](#)
- [Journal of Psychology, Health and Medicine \(2017\), special issue, featuring 15 papers commissioned by Know Violence in Childhood: A Global Learning Initiative.](#)
- [Neus Roca Cortés and Nuria Codina \(2016\): SITUATION OF MALE CHAUVINIST INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. Description and Instrumentation.](#)
- [Domestic homicide review: different leaflets available](#)
- [CEDAW \(Convention of the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women\) Report Germany](#)

[Dorota Dyjakon \(2016\) *Domestic violence. Can we forgive and stay together?* Difi: Warsaw](#)

Abstract: The book *Domestic abuse. Can we forgive and stay together?* shows a process of changes occurring in the victims and perpetrators during their therapy. It's also an attempt to clarify all the possibilities for the persons that decide to continue their relationship in spite of experiences of violence, that learn to build a sense of security in their relations in the process of psychotherapy. In this book I have shared experiences of my therapeutic work that are meant to inspire specialists to a more attentive exploration of the possibilities for couples living in a reality of violence. It has been written to be useful for professionals who are working with domestic violence, who ask themselves everyday many questions about building safe relationships in families and persons that have experiences of abuse and wish to understand the world. [READ MORE](#)

[Helena Päivinen \(2016\): Gendered positioning : addressing gendered power and cultural discourses in therapeutic conversations](#)

Abstract: This research examined gendered positioning in therapeutic conversations, especially in

treatment of intimate partner violence (IPV). A feminist-informed reading combined with a discursive psychological approach was applied in three studies on positioning in therapeutic conversations. This reading focused on gendered positioning, gendered power and cultural discourses. Thus, the aim of this research was to examine how gender is constructed in therapeutic conversations that deal with couple relationship issues, and how the power distribution this entails is addressed in these conversations. The data consisted of videotaped and transcribed couple therapy sessions and group treatment sessions for men who have been violent in their intimate relationship. [READ MORE](#)

Sylvia Walby et al (2017): The concept and measurement of violence against women and men

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Abstract: The extent of violence against women is currently hidden. How should violence be measured? How should research and new ways of thinking about violence improve its measurement? Could improved measurement change policy? The book is a guide to how the measurement of violence can be best achieved. It shows how to make femicide, rape, domestic violence, and FGM visible in official statistics. It offers practical guidance on definitions, indicators and coordination mechanisms. It reflects on theoretical debates on 'what is gender', 'what is violence', and 'the concept of coercive control'. and introduces the concept of 'gender saturated context'. Analysing the socially constructed nature of statistics and the links between knowledge and power, it sets new standards and guidelines to influence the measurement of violence in the coming decades. [LINK TO THE BOOK](#)

Journal of Criminal Justice (Vol. 49, March-April 2017): Trends in rates and characteristics of intimate partner homicides between 1990 and 2013

Abstract:

Purpose: Research addressing intimate partner homicide (IPH) across time and gender is lacking. The present study compares rates of IPH and non-intimate partner homicide (non-IPH) over time. Moreover, gender-specific trends of IPH rates and characteristics are examined. [READ MORE](#)

Journal of Psychology, Health and Medicine (2017), special issue, featuring 15 papers commissioned by Know Violence in Childhood: A Global Learning Initiative.

The papers are written by leading researchers from diverse disciplines and countries. They address a range of issues that point to the complexity of violence experienced by children across the world – as well as evidence of strategies that are beginning to demonstrate effective ways to prevent violence. They make a strong case for policies and investments that can end violence in childhood. This is necessary to protect the human rights of children and greatly increase their potential to enjoy childhood and enhance their capabilities.

View the complete issue [HERE](#)

Neus Roca Cortés and Nuria Codina (2016): SITUATION OF MALE CHAUVINIST INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. Description and Instrumentation.
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Domestic homicide review: different leaflets available

Have a look at those leaflets, where also Respect was involved in writing:

- Domestic homicide review: leaflet for employers and colleagues: [HERE](#)
- Domestic homicide review: leaflet for friends: [HERE](#)
- Domestic homicide review: [HERE](#)

[CEDAW \(Convention of the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women\) Report Germany](#) published: [HERE](#)

CEDAW Alternative Report Germany (in German): [HERE](#)

Conferences

- 04.05.2017 NARRATING CHANGE. *Men and women's narrations after the completion of change programmes for male perpetrators*, Modena, Italy [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- 16.05.2017 WAS KANN MAN(N) TUN? Gegen Gewalt an Frauen. Berlin, Germany (in German). [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- 14.-16.6.2017 Interpersonal Violence Interventions - Social and Cultural Perspectives, University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland: [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- 20-22.06.2017 WWP EN Study Visit in Sofia, Bulgaria [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- 11.-13.10.2017 WWP EN Annual Workshop, Zagreb, Croatia. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

Job Vacancies, Awards and Funding

- One year postdoctoral funding possibility for researchers at risk: [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is searching for nominations for the 2017-2018 Mariam K. Chamberlain Award. [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Research Associate - Machine Learning for Domestic Violence Prediction: [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- The Gender, Violence and Health Centre (GVHC) within the Department of Global Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is seeking to appoint a Research Fellow for the LINEA II initiative. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

The next WWP EN newsletter will be published approximately in June.

Your news are part of our news

You've got important news about programs or projects, conference announcements, recent research or latest publications to share with our members and friends? Please don't hesitate to send an Email to paula.heinrich@work-with-perpetrators.eu



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