



# WWP EN Newsletter June 2020

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### [2020 WWP EN Annual Conference](#)

Due to the ongoing uncertainty around travel restrictions and future waves of COVID-19, the WWP EN Annual Conference 2020 will take place in a virtual format.



As in previous years, WWP EN brings together international experts on domestic violence. In 2020, the focus of the Annual Conference is on the relationship of prison, probation and perpetrator work. It will take place **online**.

Perpetrator programmes are part of a wider strategy for preventing domestic and sexual violence, through fostering change as well as ensuring responsible risk assessment and management. Perpetrator programmes offered as part of the prison and probation system can pose a number of specific challenges – these may be related to the particular setting they are delivered in, to multi-agency work, or victim support.

The conference will explore these challenges and provide space for discussions on how to ensure that interventions are as effective and safe as possible. An important factor in this is strengthening cooperation between prison or probation services and community-based organisations where these deliver perpetrator programmes on behalf of the criminal justice system.

The first conference day is dedicated to perpetrator work in the probation context, while the second day examines the chances and challenges of perpetrator programmes in prisons.

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WWP EN Annual Conferences are open to everybody interested and active in the field of gender-based violence and/or perpetrator work

### **Preliminary programme AC 2020**

**I want to know when the AC 2020 registration opens**

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## Perpetrator Work during COVID-19: Critical Aspects & New Challenges

Join international domestic violence experts for the WWP EN online mini-conference on central questions and lessons learned during COVID-19!



Click here to [download the draft programme](#)

In her keynote, WWP EN Executive Director Alessandra Pauncz will give an insight into the development of the WWP EN Guidelines to Ensure Responsible Perpetrator Work during COVID-19.

For the panel discussion, we have gathered domestic violence experts from across Europe and the USA to analyse

- The role of perpetrator programmes in preventing violence during COVID-19
- How to ensure victim safety during all online interventions
- How to face future challenges caused by COVID-19

The panel discussion and Q&A will be followed by workshops offering an in-depth look at the situation and responses from various countries. Additionally, participants can join a workshop on self-care for service providers during these extremely stressful times.

At the end of the conference, we will offer open spaces for socialising and exchanging experiences for all conference participants.

The conference is open to everybody interested in the topic. To increase accessibility, the keynote, the panel discussions and the workshops will be subtitled in English.

**PLEASE NOTE: All workshops will be recorded. If you do not agree with being recorded, please let us know.**

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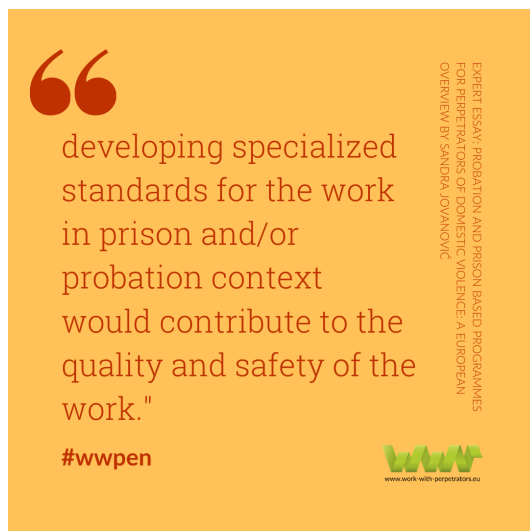
Register now to participate in the mini-conference.

**Register now**

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## WWP EN Expert Paper: Probation and prison based programmes for perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence

The WWP EN Expert Paper on "Probation and prison-based programmes for perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence" is now available online.



In the paper, Sandra Jovanović (OPNA) gives an overview of the probation or prison based programmes for perpetrators in Europe. The paper focuses on programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence and gives an insight into programmes led by probation/prison services, as well as NGOs and other agencies linked with the criminal justice system. Programmes for sexual offenders are briefly elaborated, mostly through the prism of the connections between sexual and domestic violence perpetrator programmes.

**Read the Expert Paper**

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Interview with the CAM Team from Florence, Italy

Italy was the first European country to go into full lockdown. The team of the Florence-based Centro di Ascolto Uomini Maltrattanti (CAM) sat down and answered some questions about how they dealt with the challenges posed by COVID-19.

"In the second phase of lockdown, conflicts and violence intensified. From 18 May, when the lockdown became more relaxed, many men started seeking support from CAM. In May and June 2020 we recorded twice as many calls from men than in previous year."

**Read the interview**

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## **Building bridges between Latin America & Europe: Joint webinars with EuroSociAL**

We are proud to announce two webinars in collaboration with EUROsociAL.

**Training Frontline Professionals to Engage Male Perpetrators** (This webinar will be held in **Spanish**)



**Register for the webinar**



**Representation & Reality: GBV & Perpetrator Work in Colombia & Guatemala** (This webinar will be held in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English)

**Register for the webinar**

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## **WWP EN Members' Voices: Dom Duga-Zagreb**

Dom Duga Zagreb from Croatia share the amazing work they have been doing in their shelter, advisory center and treatment center for perpetrators during COVID-19.



"Zagreb had the bad luck to be struck by a strong earthquake during the pandemic, with many devastating consequences. In the light of all these natural disasters and with the looming increase in domestic violence in society, working at „Duga-Zagreb“ has become a real challenge."

**Read more about Dom Duga-Zagreb's experiences**

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## New WWP EN Members

Since the beginning of June, we are happy to announce two new WWP EN Member Organisations. We now unite 62 organisations from 32 European countries!

### **The Caledonian System - Scotland**

The Caledonian System is the national Scottish accredited court mandated response to domestic abuse. It consists of a men's behaviour change programme delivered by criminal justice social workers, a support, advocacy and safety planning service for the men's partners, a children's service and a model for inter-agency working which promotes a perpetrator pattern focus in all agencies' responses to domestic abuse.



### **CIPM - Italy**

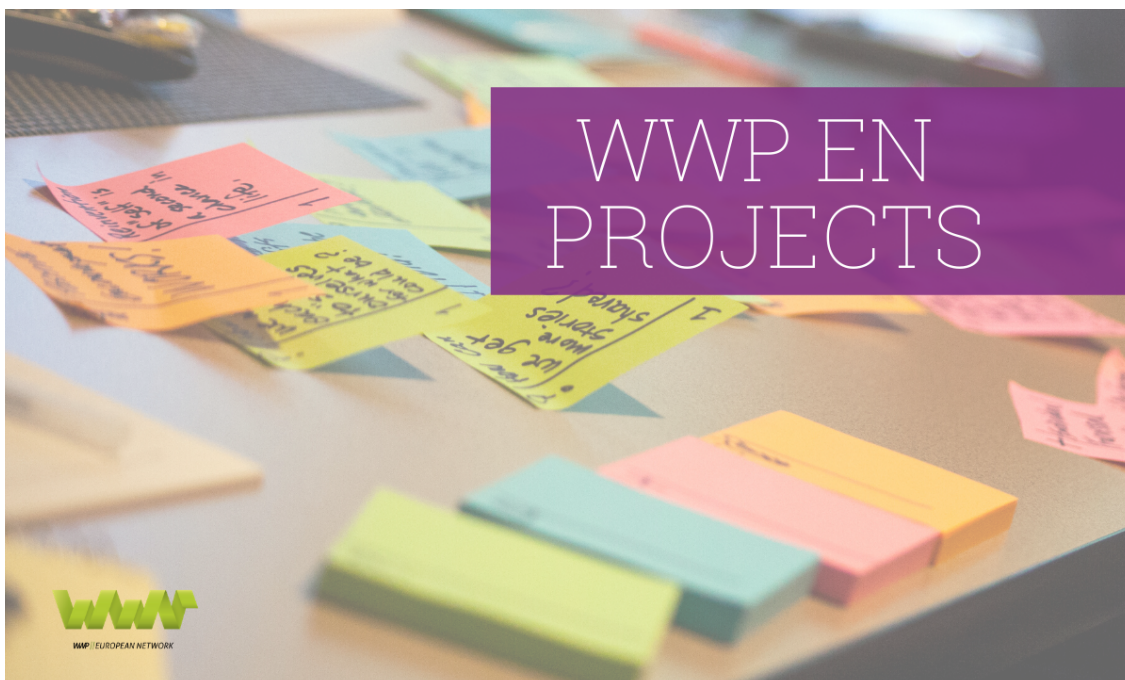
CIPM was founded in March 1995 and aims to prevent violence and manage its effects via an integrated and interdisciplinary model of criminological intervention. We conduct social cohesion and educational activities and implement treatment programs for perpetrators to prevent re-offending, particularly in the areas of sexual violence, intimate partner /domestic violence.

**Learn more about WWP EN Member Organisations**

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## WWP EN Project Update

Find out about ongoing and new projects!



### **MARVOW**

At the start of May, we met (virtually) with MARVOW partners for the second international meeting and the train the trainers meeting. Over two days, we discussed project updates and important aspects of the multi-agency cooperation model we're developing. WWP EN's Executive Director Alessandra Pauncz also delivered a presentation on how to better include perpetrator work when developing this model. 15 June saw "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" which MARVOW project partners marked by a 4-day long thematic campaign. The campaign highlighted the struggles faced by elderly victims of domestic violence, especially when they have to live with their abusers during lockdown, with elderly women being the most affected by this. The campaign images and descriptions can be found on all of our social media pages, as well as the MARVOW Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MARVOW.EU.Project/>). Additionally, the brand new MARVOW website is now online: [www.marvow.eu](http://www.marvow.eu)

# Work with perpetrators of domestic violence against elderly women



## **FOMEN**

The second international partner meeting for FOMEN took place (virtually) in April, with two days full of project discussions. We also discussed the capacity building and intervention programmes, which will be developed within the framework of the project. An extension of the project due to the COVID-19 restrictions has been accepted by the European Commission. Also, the [FOMEN website](#) has been updated with a new layout and new descriptions, so make sure to take a look.

## **MiC**

In the framework of the MiC project, we produced an information sheet (in English and German) about caring responsibilities during the COVID-19 lockdown. The document explores topics such as violence prevention, gender justice and the organisation of family work and can be found [here](#). Additionally, Polish MiC partners held an event at the end of April to discuss the perception of men's caring roles. More information (in Polish and English) can be found [here](#).

## **CONSCIOUS**

Due to COVID-19, all activities needed to be paused and the project will be extended by 6 months.



We are happy to announce that there will be a workshop about CONSCIOUS and our effort to reduce recidivism at the 2020 WWP EN Annual Conference.

### **Learn more about WWP EN Projects**

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## New Publications, Calls for Abstracts & Online Resources



You still have a couple of days to enjoy free access to the Journal of Gender-Based Violence's special issue, there were some interesting webinars recently and Futures Without Violence published a great collection of videos and instructions on anti-racism as violence prevention.

**See new publications, calls for abstracts & online resources**

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