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WWP EN Newsletter

Dear readers,

2020 has turned out very different than any of us expected. Many of our members have needed to fundamentally change their way of working.

Nowhere has this been more visible than in prison-based perpetrator groups, which in many cases have had to cease operating completely. To highlight the work facilitators in prison and probation have been doing during these difficult times, we are sharing a special edition newsletter with you. In this newsletter, we travel to the Italian region of Frosinone, where project partners of the CONSCIOUS Project have been developing a new way of thinking about offender treatment.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#),

The WWP EN Team

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[The CONSCIOUS Project](#)

Since 2018, WWP EN has been working alongside ASL Frosinone and other Italian partners on the CONSCIOUS Project.



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

CONSCIOUS is aimed at reducing recidivism among men convicted of sexual and domestic violence. The project developed a model of cooperation between prisons, probation services, judges, lawyers and NGOs. Additionally, facilitators were trained and started holding perpetrator groups for domestic and sexual violence offenders in several prisons in Italy.

Be part of a CONSCIOUS Future

The CONSCIOUS Project is **ending in December 2020** and partners are currently in the process of last evaluations. A final conference will be held online to celebrate the innovative CONSCIOUS Project and its results. Through CONSCIOUS, partners learned about what does and doesn't work when trying to reduce recidivism. We are excited about the possibility of replicating the CONSCIOUS Model in more countries, as well as improving or developing perpetrator work within the prison and probation systems in Europe. **We want to invite all of you who are interested in cooperating in the follow**

up of the CONSCIOUS Project to reach out to [Antonella D'Ambrosi](#), who will be pleased to support you with any questions.

Interview with Adele DiStefano and Antonella D'Ambrosi

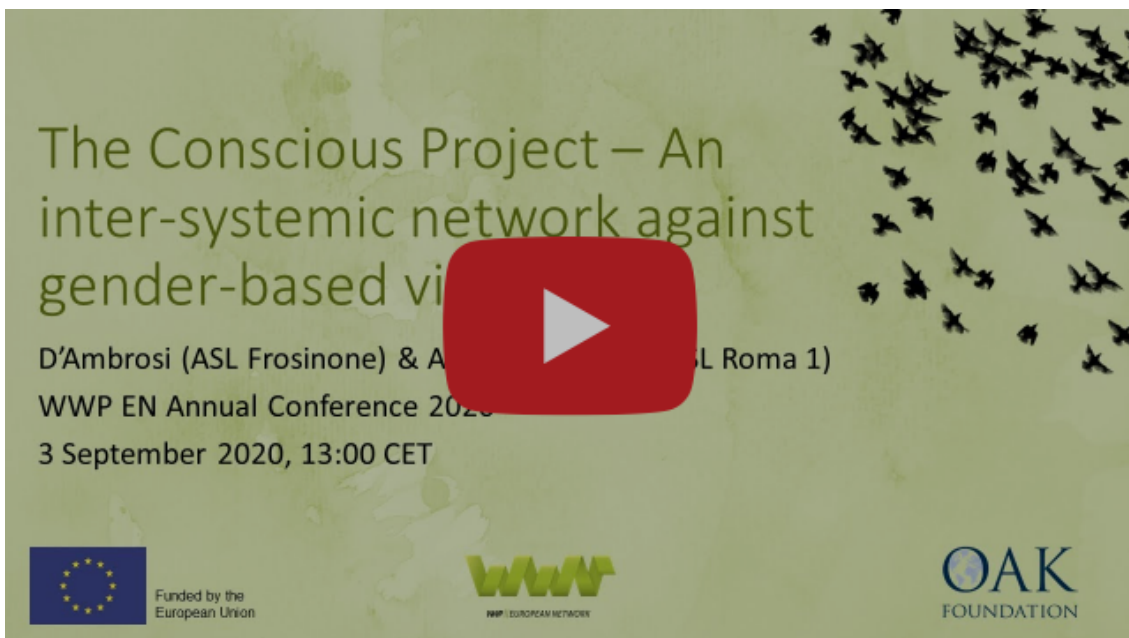
Earlier this year, the Covid-19 pandemic changed the way we work and live and consequently, the CONSCIOUS project had to evolve and adapt to this challenge. In this special edition newsletter, we offer you a closer look at the project, as well as an insight into the challenges, achievements and developments over the past few months.

"One of the most important goals for us is to develop an intersystemic cooperation network; no institution or body can implement a violence-prevention policy on their own because it requires cooperation and coordination from all sides."

Read the interview

CONSCIOUS Project Workshop

At the 2020 WWP EN Annual Conference, the CONSCIOUS project coordinators held a workshop. During the workshop, along with conference participants, the current and past project coordinators provided an overview of the project. Topics discussed included: training for professionals; treatment for perpetrators both inside and outside of the prison environment; the socio-economic impact of the project and the feasibility study.



CONSCIOUS workshop from the 2020 WWP EN Annual Conference

Presentation slides

Recent CONSCIOUS Publications

The "Socio-Economic Study", as well as the "Feasibility Study" include **crucial European policy and research overviews** for prisons, probation services or NGOs looking to address the issue of collaboration, as well as recidivism, in their criminal justice systems.

Over the summer, two new studies were published within the framework of the CONSCIOUS project.

- The **Socio-Economic study** offers an analysis of the **phenomenon of recidivism**, as well as **its socio-economic impact** on various levels: economic costs, healthcare and legal costs, and personal impact. These costs are considered in relation to society as a whole, survivors and their families.
- The **Feasibility Study** provides an analysis of legislative context, prison environment and best practices regarding perpetrator treatment in Europe. Additionally, the study considers which conditions would be necessary to replicate the CONSCIOUS Project in other national contexts.

These studies are available in both English and Italian on the [WWP EN](#)

[Website.](#)

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

CONFERENCE RECORDINGS NOW ONLINE



The programme included:

- Keynote by WWP EN Executive Director Alessandra Pauncz
- Panel discussion with international experts
- Workshops from across Europe on perpetrator work, victim support and self-care during COVID-19

Watch the conference

2020 WWP EN Annual Conference - Prison, Probation & Perpetrator Programmes: Collaboration for Change

CONFERENCE RECORDINGS NOW ONLINE



The programme included:

- Keynotes by international experts from Serbia, Croatia & the UK
- Panel discussion with input from Italy, the UK, Spain, Romania and Ireland
- Workshops on virtual reality, the Caledonian System, Latin American perpetrator work and much more

Watch the conference

WWP EN Trainings

WWP EN has the pleasure to offer three trainings in 2020



Getting started: How to set up a perpetrator programme
- 21-30 October, 11:00-15:15 CET

Effective and safe perpetrator programmes are crucial to ending intimate partner violence. Join our training to learn how to implement an intervention with men who use violence in your country and local context.

Better Together: How to foster collaboration between victim support services & perpetrator programmes

- 23-27 October, 9:00-16:30 CET

Perpetrator programmes increase their safety and effectiveness by operating in a holistic setting. This October, participate in an international, free training to learn how to begin and improve your collaboration with victim support services.



Getting it right: How to focus on child-safety in perpetrator work

**- 26 October-9 November,
9:00-16:30 CET**

In domestic violence, children are always at the centre of the storm. Learn how to put their needs at the centre of your intervention with our free training.

Find out more about the trainings

S4S: Support for Safety Programme

With our Support 4 Safety Programme, three WWP EN Members have the unique chance to develop policies that put child-safety at the centre of their programme. The support of WWP EN Experts will ensure that the final product enables your organisation to keep children safe.



Find out more and apply

[WWP EN Members' Voices: Dom Duga-Zagreb](#)

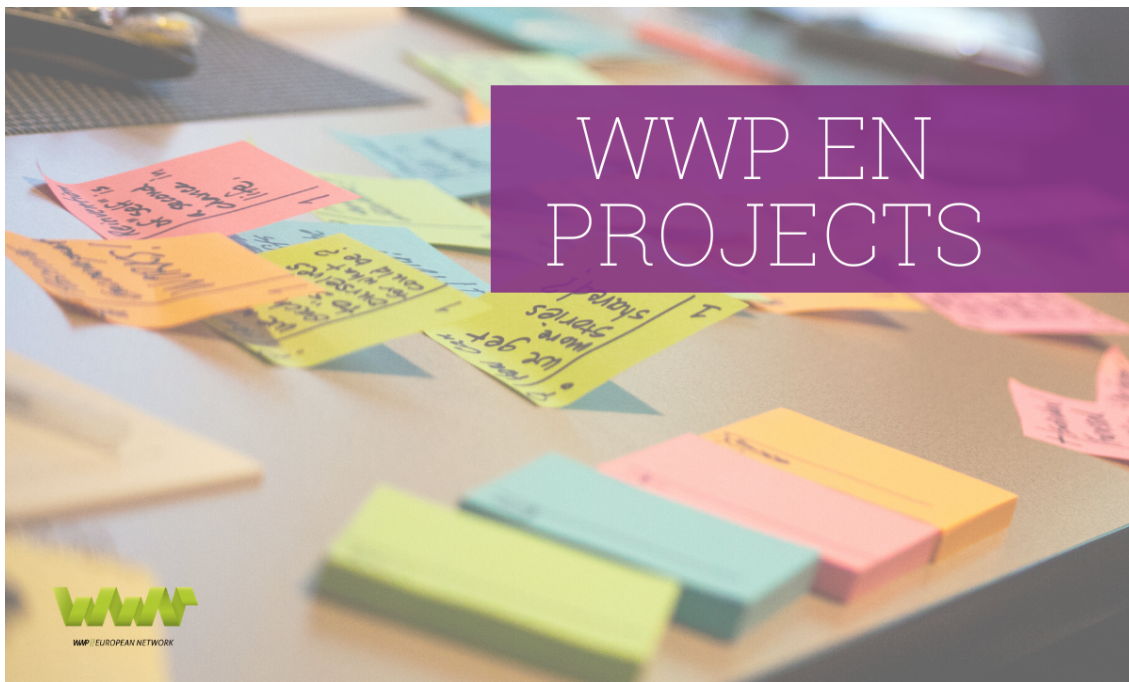
Dom "Duga-Zagreb" from Croatia has been continuing and extending their work with survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence. In the September newsletter, they share exciting news about two new projects that started in 2020.

"We believe that violence prevention is the first defense against socially unacceptable phenomena, and that the fight against domestic violence is actually most effective if it starts as early as possible. "

Read more about Dom "Duga-Zagreb" and their work

[WWP EN Project Update](#)

Find out about ongoing and new projects!



MARVOW

In September, WWP EN participated in the third international MARVOW partner meeting alongside other partners from Austria, Estonia and Greece. Naturally, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the meeting was held online.

Nevertheless, we were happy about the chance to discuss our work and to hear about future plans for project development. WWP EN is looking forward to contributing more expertise and research about perpetrator work during the coming months, with the aim of developing a functional multi-agency approach to tackling violence against older women. You can find the group picture on MARVOW's Facebook page [here](#).

MiC

Work on the MiC project has continued over the past few months. WWP EN is about to start work on the second MiC project newsletter alongside other project partners and project coordinator UNED. You can find the first edition of the MiC newsletter on the website in case you missed it last year. Also, don't forget to [sign up](#) if you are interested in receiving the next edition straight to your inbox.

The German contextual report, which summarises the situation on gender equality and caring masculinities, has almost been finalised within the framework of the MiC project. Additionally, Marc Gärtner, who works for both WWP EN and VMG (Austria) on the MiC project, is working alongside Elli Scambor on the [“Men & Care” paper for APuZ](#):

Abstract:

Männer und Care bildeten lange ein wenig diskutiertes Themenpaar, doch seit einige Jahren ändert sich dies langsam. Veränderungen in Geschlechterverhältnissen und Männerleitbildern, nicht zuletzt in Bezug auf

Vaterschaft, befördern dies. Doch wie sind die gesellschaftlichen Rahmenbedingungen für Männer, stärker in Familie und Careberufen engagiert zu sein? Und wie kann das Ziel erreicht werden, hier zu mehr Geschlechtergerechtigkeit zu kommen?

For a long time, men and care formed a marginal topic pair, but this has been slowly changing for some years now. Changes in gender relations and male role models, not least in relation to fatherhood, are promoting this. But what are the social conditions for men to be more involved in family and care professions? And how can the goal of achieving more gender justice be achieved?

ASAP

Recently, the ASAP Consortium met to discuss the next steps for the project and in particular, the national dissemination events and webinars which will take place starting in October. WWP is involved with organising the final conference in collaboration with the project coordinator. If you are interested in receiving information on the ASAP Project final conference and other events, please [send us an e-mail](#).

ALIVE

The first year of the ALIVE Project is drawing to a close at the end of September. So far, the capacity building programme has been designed in close collaboration with international and local partners. Additionally, despite COVID-19 restrictions, the training has been developed and organised and WWP EN, together with Italian partner Relive, has started to deliver this successfully online.

FOMEN

Work on the FOMEN Project is progressing well. The project partners are currently completing the intermediate reporting and developing modules for the FOMEN education programme. WWP EN is developing the modules on 'Gender & Masculinity' and 'Social and Intimate Relationships'. Additionally, the transnational report on needs and challenges was finalised by partners. On the FOMEN social media pages ([Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)), we have been introducing you to the international team behind the project, so make sure to check it out. The rest of the partner introductions will follow in the coming weeks. You can sign up to the FOMEN Newsletter [here](#).

Learn more about WWP EN Projects

Resources, Publications & Conference

Find out about international resources, publications and conferences on gender and intimate partner violence

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