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WWP EN Newsletter

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?

These alarming numbers show clearly:

- Perpetrators increasingly use technology to harm women.
- If we want women and girls to be safe in the digital world, we must act now.

In 2019, we became one of the founding members of the [Coalition Against Stalkerware](#). The more we learned about stalkerware, the clearer it became that we had to increase addressing **perpetrators using technology to harm and control their partners**.

And so, we decided to focus our [2020 #ResponsibleTogether campaign](#) on cyber violence in intimate partnerships, stalkerware and cyber violence & bullying among teenagers.

With this newsletter we share some insights from our campaign and invite you to join us in working towards a safer digital world for women and girls!

Have any comments or feedback? [Send us an e-mail](#) and let us know!

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#ResponsibleTogether to end cyber violence against women and girls

25 November - 10 December, 2020

in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Finland,
Germany, Ireland, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain & online

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Alessandra Pauncz, WWP EN Executive Director

Women and girls are [disproportionately targeted](#) by gender-based cyber violence and **the coronavirus crisis has exacerbated the situation.**

Often cyber violence is a continuation of violence perpetrated offline. Abusive partners can use cyber violence to extend their offline abuse and control every aspect of their partner's life. Cyber violence prevents women and girls from accessing the internet, and causes **physical, psychological, economic and social harm**.

Learn more about our 2020 campaign

Cyber violence in intimate relationships



#ResponsibleTogether Video on cyber violence in intimate partnerships

Cyber violence in relationships: when a current or former partner uses new technologies (smartphones, social media, etc.) to, e.g.

- control or spy on their partner,
- blackmail them with the threat of releasing intimate pictures or videos,
- release intimate pictures or videos,
- steal their identity, make debts in their partner's name, or
- send them threatening and insulting messages.

Cyber violence in relationships is **offline abuse continuing online**.

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Stalkerware



"What is Stalkerware?" video by the Coalition Against Stalkerware

Stalkerware is software somebody installed on your phone without your knowledge. Depending on how much money that person is willing to spend, he can:

- See your photos
- Read your SMS
- Read your WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, etc. messages
- Get recordings of your phone calls
- Turn on your camera and microphone
- See your location
- ...

This software is available online and anybody can buy it.

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Cyber bullying and online violence among teenagers



Video developed with campaigners featuring youth activist from across Europe

Cyber bullying and online violence is any harassment or violence that happens using technology. Mostly, bullies use messengers like WhatsApp, social media platforms, online forums or chat rooms to harass their victims.

Cyber bullying is

- **Intentional** : It does not happen by accident and no matter what you say, it is not just a joke.
- **Repeated** : It happens again and again.
- **Harmful** : Victims are hurt psychologically and physically.

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How to work with violent men on cyber violence

Workshop recording & manual



What is the role of perpetrator programmes in fighting cyber violence? Is the controlling behaviour behind cyber violence a new form of violence? Is your programme working against cyber violence in relationships? Have you ever wondered if it should?

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Read the manual on "How to work with violent men on cyber violence"

Webinar on Domestic Violence & the "Internet of Things"



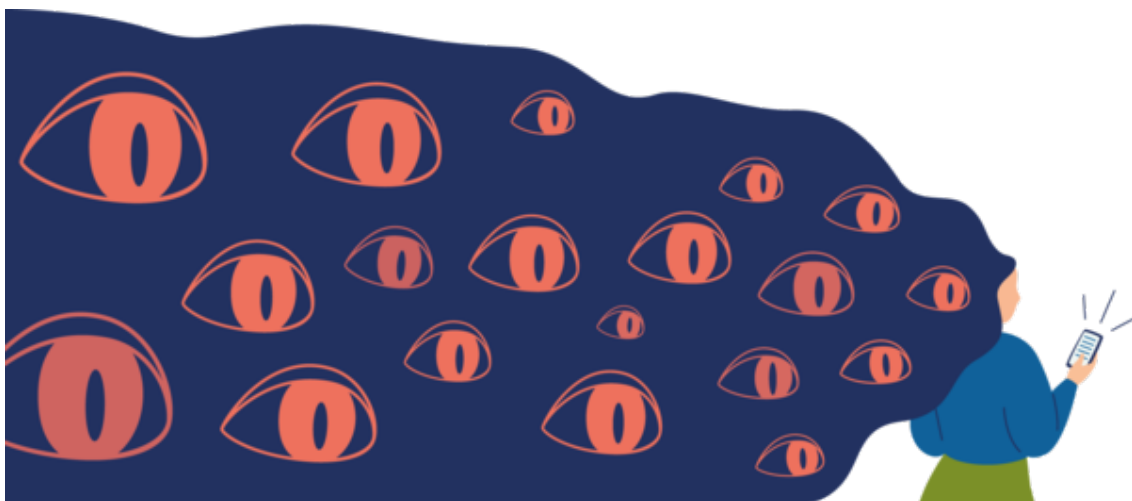
What is the Internet of Things (IoT)? What does it have to do with gender-based domestic violence? How are violent men abusing new technologies to control and abuse their (ex-)partners?

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See more WWP EN Webinars

DeStalk Project

Starting January 2020



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

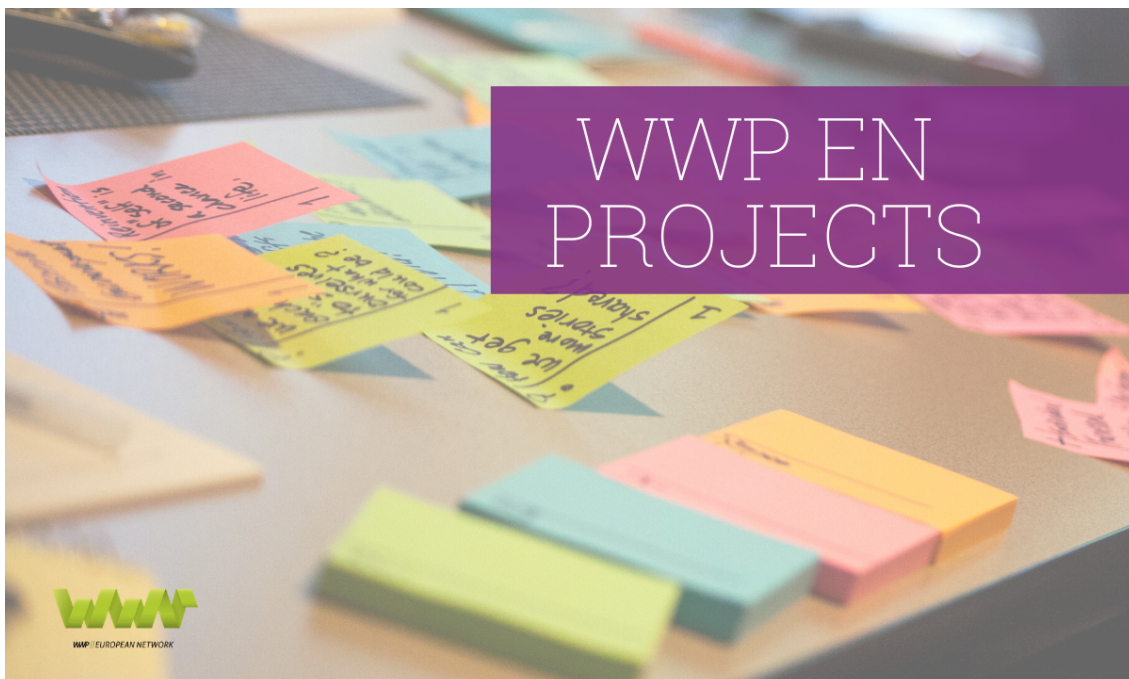
The **DeStalk Project** aims to

- raise awareness among as many people and institutions as possible about the danger posed by cyber violence against women.
- share information on how to counter gender-based cyber violence.
- build capacities among state and private actors to become active against this violence.

Stay informed & sign up to the [DeStalk Project Newsletter](#)

WWP EN Project Update

Find out about ongoing and new projects!



FOMEN

On 10 December, the [FOMEN project](#) team held the very first national awareness-raising seminar on the topic of "intercultural sensitivities in the work with men* around gender equality". The workshop included an overview of the FOMEN approach and methodology, anti-racism training and an intercultural competencies session. The team would like to thank those who attended and reflected on their own experiences, leading to a fruitful discussion at the end. For those who missed it, the recording will be available online soon.

Want to stay informed about upcoming events? Sign up to our [event mailing list](#).

In other FOMEN project news, WWP EN has been developing training material on cultural sensitivities and anti-racism. This material will be part of **trainings offered to professionals** working in the field of migration, gender-based violence prevention and gender & masculinities.

MARVOW

As part of the [MARVOW project](#), partners in Austria, Estonia and Greece are working to adapt and provide trainings on elder abuse and multi-agency cooperation online. Project partners have been meeting regularly (online) over the past few months to discuss developments with the local trainings. **You can read about the trainings in each country in more detail on the [MARVOW Facebook page](#).**

CONSCIOUS

For the CONSCIOUS final conference, we had more than 200 registrations and the event was livestreamed, both on its own website and on youtube. The conference went great and we had interesting discussions among institutions, as well as thought-provoking questions from participants. The conference video will be available online within the coming days and the CONSCIOUS guidelines on the inter-systemic network for reducing recidivism will be available on our website by the end of this year. Read the [press release](#).

MiC

In October, the partners met for the third international meeting for the [Men in Care project](#). Originally planned for Oslo, the meeting naturally took place online instead. Partners have been carrying out **interviews with organisations** in their respective countries. From this, we have gained invaluable lessons about how **different types of care are supported by and within companies**, as well as how this has been challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic. Interviews also focused on the **work-life balance** in different companies and industries, as well as the structures (both formal and informal) that companies have in place.

ASAP

The ASAP project partners are busy planning the **final conference** for the project, which will be held in February next year. The conference will be held online and will address the **cooperation between victim support services, perpetrator programmes and local government institutions**. Additionally, the conference will focus on the use of the **IMPACT Toolkit** as an effective tool for evaluating treatment and there will be a chance to share outputs, lessons learned and policy guidelines from the past two years. The conference will be broadcasted in the different languages of the participant countries.

Learn more about WWP EN Projects

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