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A mindful start to the new year

Celebrating past achievements

Dear friends, colleagues, and supporters,

A very happy 2023 to you all. May your year be filled with hopeful people, exciting developments and excellent newsletters ;)

For me, a new year always has the energising feeling of a fresh start. I briefly forget the frenzy of the end-of-year and see the potential of all that is to come – and there is [much that I look forward to in 2023](#).

However, today, I want to highlight the value of looking back and appreciating the hard work of the past.

Since 2014, WWP EN has produced many excellent resources. Still, in haste to develop the next great piece of research, report, mapping, etc., we sometimes forget to appreciate what we've already achieved. That is why we decided to dedicate this first newsletter in the new year... to [resources of past years](#).

Since sharing is caring, **we invite you think about useful resources and**



share them with our community on LinkedIn [in the comments to this post](#).

You have thoughts on our work or newsletters? Don't hesitate to [e-mail me](#).

All the Best,
Alessandra

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Our plans in 2023

- Things we look forward to this year

Our annual theme will be **working with high-risk perpetrators**. Accordingly, our **2023 Annual Conference** will focus on this topic. You can already save the date for this event on **11 & 12 October 2023**. This year's annual conference will take place **online**, so anybody interested can participate. [Sign up to our event mailing list](#) to ensure you are informed when registrations open.

We will also offer **four free of cost training courses** over the year. You can expect first registrations to open in **March**. [Sign up to our event mailing list](#)

to ensure you receive the information.

Our **#ResponsibleTogether Campaign** will take place in 2023 for the 6th time. **#ResponsibleTogether23** will focus on promoting responsible, safe and effective perpetrator work during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

In addition to our [ongoing projects](#), we are proud to announce the **launch of 3 new projects** in 2023. [See below](#) for more project news.

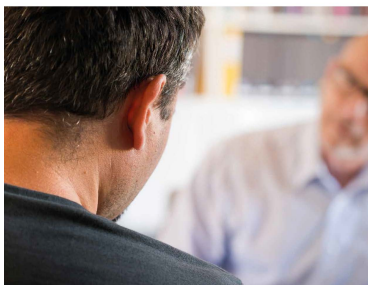
The team's favourite WWP EN Resources

- Our recommendations for you

Alessandra Pauncz, Executive Director: [ENGAGE](#) Roadmap for frontline professionals interacting with male perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse (2019)

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Roadmap for frontline professionals
interacting with male perpetrators
of domestic violence and abuse



"How do I know if a man is violent? Is it ok to talk to him about violence? What do I say? What happens if he gets mad?"

This roadmap is the result of one of our first projects, and I am still impressed by how clearly, simply and comprehensively it answers common questions of frontline professionals about perpetrators of domestic violence and approaching them.

Available in: [English](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Spanish](#) & [Catalan](#)

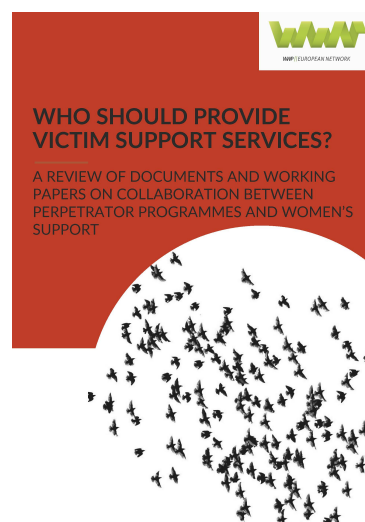
Read the roadmap

Sandra Jovanović Belotić, Training & Capacity Building:
Expert paper "Who should provide victim support services?"
(2018)

Perpetrator programmes should be survivor-safety-oriented and include partner contact and support. But there is little guidance available on how to achieve this.

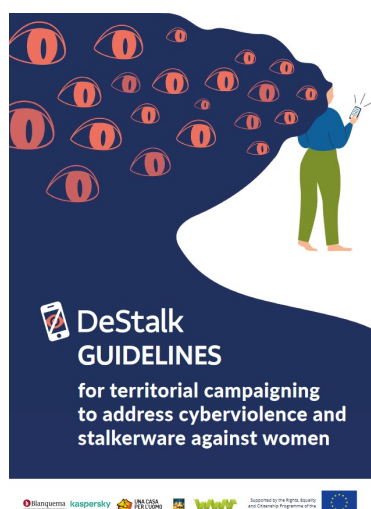
I like that the expert paper accounts for the risks perpetrator programmes can create for victims and proposes structures to ensure survivor safety. It also provides different models to show how safe survivor contact can be organised in practice.

Available in: [English](#), [French](#)



Read the expert paper

Dimitra Mintsidis, Projects & Finances: DESTALK Guidelines for territorial campaigning to address cyberviolence and stalkerware against women (2022)



Digital violence against women is a growing issue that we addressed in the [DeStalk project](#).

These guidelines (incl. graphics and proposed reels) offer a rare resource for awareness raising. They focus on perpetrators of violence instead of promoting the idea that survivors are responsible for their safety. The document also includes great tips on addressing digital violence sensitively.

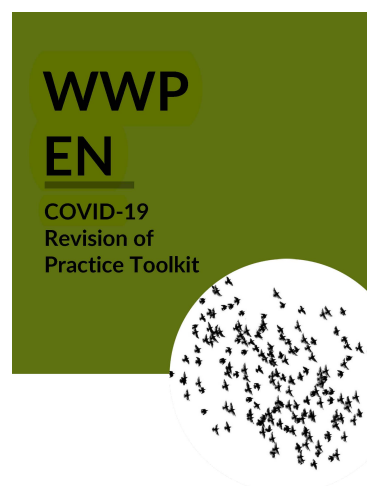
Available in: [English](#), [Italian](#)

Read the guidelines

Berta Vall Castelló, Research & Development: [COVID-19](#) Revision of Practice Toolkit (2021)

Our experiences during COVID-19 shaped how we do perpetrator work and I think many of the changes have stayed.

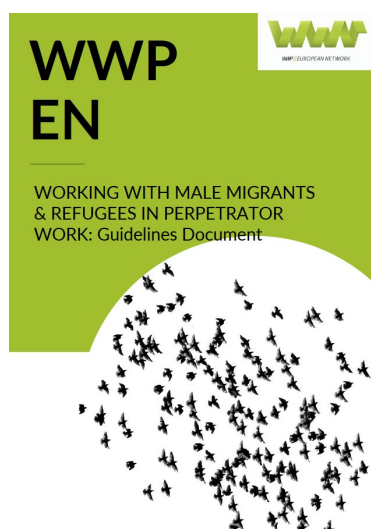
We based this toolkit on the original "Guidelines to ensure responsible perpetrator work during COVID-19". It brings together lessons learned and best practices and offers many practical exercises to reflect how COVID-19 practices have been integrated into the "usual" perpetrator work.



Available in: [English](#)

Read the toolkit

Ola Kurowicka, Development & Reporting: [Guidelines](#)
"Working with Male Migrants & Refugees in Perpetrator Work"
(2020)



This very useful, compact tool includes basic definitions and outlines the most important aspects of anti-racist and culturally sensitive interventions.

These guidelines are straightforward, possible to implement in many contexts and countries and much needed. Many perpetrator programmes don't have experience with culturally sensitive work. They might cause harm to or re-traumatise the men they approach.

Available in: English

Read the guidelines

Antonia Montanus, Membership & Reporting: [Manual](#) "How to work with violent men on cyber violence" (2020)

Cyber violence is chilling because it can affect survivors no matter their physical distance from the perpetrator.

As boring as some people find manuals – I like them :) If you work with perpetrators, you want to stay informed of how they may abuse or control their partners. This manual is a good starting point. Given the increasing use of digital violence, informing yourself on how to address it with your clients is imperative.

Available in: [English](#), [Italian](#)



[Read the manual](#)

Member News

5th "Run against Violence" in Prague: Organised as part of the annual "Zero Tolerance For Violence" campaign by Programa "Stop násilí"



Pictured above: Runners on 21 September in Prague

Programa Stop násilí (Programme "Stop Violence") offers comprehensive therapeutic programmes to people using violence to prevent and eliminate violence in our society. Annually, as a part of our **"Zero Tolerance For Violence" campaign**,

we organise a **"Run Against Violence"**. The event is open to anybody who wants to support our programme and is up for a little run. Our 5th annual run took place on 21 September in Prague, the beautiful capital city of the Czech Republic. We are delighted that so many people of different ages were involved. We particularly appreciate how many young people showed their dedication to ending violence. We also have people with very personal reasons participating in our run every year. **For some people, the "Run Against Violence" is a kind of therapy.** Our goal is to involve more and more people every year and spread awareness about violence in relationships.

Find out more about our "Run Against Violence" [here](#). You can also follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) to see more of our activities.

Home for children and adults, victims of domestic violence "Duga – Zagreb": Ongoing work on preventing and eliminating violence against elderly women



Pictured above: Partners of the puSHed Project at the project kick-off meeting

Croatia is facing high numbers of elderly women being killed by their partners or family members. However, there is **little to no data on violence perpetrated against older women**. This is why Home for children and adults, victims of domestic violence „Duga – Zagreb“ are actively involved in **improving the situation of elderly women victims of violence** in their country and Europe.

Read more about their work here

Interview: STOPPING Domestic Violence

- Perpetrator Programmes in the Western Balkans



Interview: On mapping perpetrator programmes in the Western Balkans for the STOPP Project

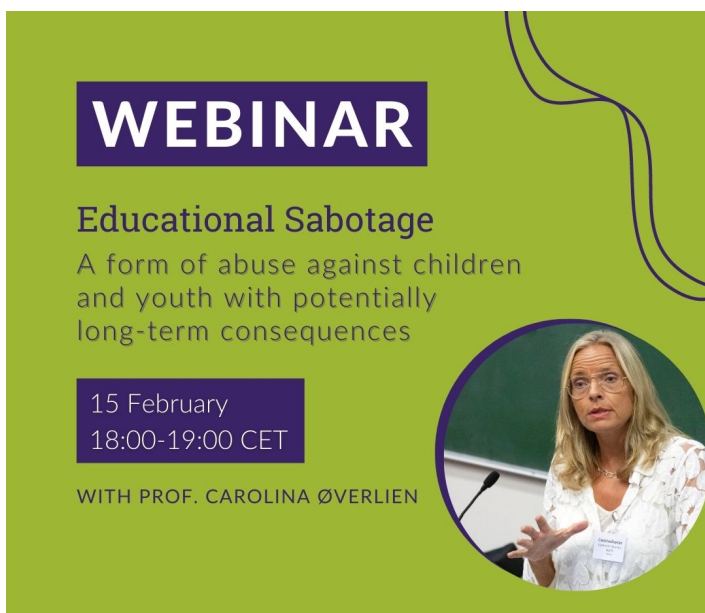
In this interview, we speak to Sandra Jovanović Belotić, Training and Capacity Building Manager at WWP EN. We discuss the groundbreaking STOPP Project, the mapping she and local partners did of perpetrator programmes in the region, and crucial areas that need improvement to guarantee safe & accountable perpetrator programmes in the Western Balkans.

[Read the report here](#)

Watch the interview here

Webinar: "Education Sabotage as a result of Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence"

- Join our launch event on 15 February, 18-19 CET

The poster has a green background with a purple rectangular box at the top left containing the word 'WEBINAR' in white. Below this, the title 'Educational Sabotage' is written in a bold, dark font, followed by a subtitle 'A form of abuse against children and youth with potentially long-term consequences' in a smaller font. A purple box contains the date and time '15 February 18:00-19:00 CET'. Below that, it says 'WITH PROF. CAROLINA ØVERLIEN'. On the right side, there is a circular inset photo of Prof. Carolina Øverlien, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a white patterned shirt, speaking into a microphone. A thin purple line curves across the top right of the poster.

The Webinar

Want to learn more about the effects of domestic and intimate partner violence on young people? Join the launch event for our expert paper “Educational Sabotage: A form of abuse against children and youth with potentially long-term consequences” with Prof. Carolina Øverlien. During this webinar, Prof. Øverlien will introduce the topic and discuss key outcomes from her research.

There will be space for participants to ask questions of an eminent expert in the field. This event is also particularly interesting for teachers wanting to gain expertise in dealing with students experiencing violence in their relationships or at home.

The Speaker

Carolina Øverlien is professor of social work at Stockholm University and lead researcher at the Norwegian Center for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies (NKVTS). Professor Øverlien has researched Youth Intimate Partner Violence (YIPV) for many years and is currently leading a three-year research project on sexual YIPV at NKVTS, Oslo. The project 'Drawing the Line' focuses on young perpetrators and victims as well as the justice system and schools' understanding and handling of this violence.

[Learn more & register](#)

Project Updates

DeStalk

After two years of meaningful and impactful work combating cyberviolence against women, the [DeStalk](#) project has ended. In the last few months, the DeStalk team has been busy running a [campaign in Italy](#) to raise public awareness of gender-based cyberviolence and provide information on how women can tackle this issue. As part of the campaign, we developed a guide to help women stay safe from perpetrators of cyberviolence, available in [English](#) and [Italian](#). View the reels developed as part of the campaign for [women](#) and [men](#) here.



To share how organisations can use DeStalk results to keep women safe, a European event, "Tackling the Digital Dimension of Violence Against Women", was held online on 16 December 2022. View the [event recording](#) to learn more about tackling cyberviolence from experts in the field.

Read more about DeStalk



Picture from CONSENT partner meeting in Florence on 18-19 January 2023

CONSENT

To assess the needs of young people on healthy relations with their peers, the **CONSENT** team conducted focus groups with youngsters in Italy and Spain in the last months of 2022. Some key takeaways from the focus groups were that youngsters in both countries stressed the need for sexual-affective education in schools, including a focus on consent and the emotional aspects of relationships. Youngsters also noted the importance of talking about porn, given its negative consequences on their sexual experiences and body image (mainly through unrealistic experiences and pressure).

As part of the CONSENT campaign with youngsters that we will launch in early 2024, we are preparing a Gamified Assessment Tool to test young people's knowledge of healthy relationships and consent.

[Read more about CONSENT](#)

[Read more about all our projects here](#)

Our 2022 event recordings

You can watch recordings of the following events from 2022 on our website:

- [Keynotes & panel discussions](#) from our 2022 Annual Conference "From Harm to Hope – Youth Interventions against Domestic Abuse"
- [Workshop](#): Young men's intimate partner violence - How can we respond?
- [Webinar](#): Child & Adolescent to Parent Violence & Abuse (CAPVA) - What is it & how can we stop it?
- [Webinar](#): Who cares? Including men in conversations about care work and domestic violence
- [Launch Event](#): Scripting Violence, Rehearsing Change - Games & theatrical tools for the work with perpetrators of gender-based violence
- [Workshop](#): Multi-institutionelle Zusammenarbeit zum Schutz gewaltbetroffener älterer Frauen*
- [Workshop](#): Never too late - protecting elderly women from DV, holding elderly men to account

External resources

Learn about a **French project addressing "forced suicides" in Europe**, read a newly published **guidance for perpetrator work in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine**, find out whether your organisation might be eligible for the **Alliance for Gender Equality "2023 economic opportunities fund"** and much more...

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