



# **Work with Perpetrators European Network (WWP-EN) Annual Workshop 2017:**

## **Strengthening Accountability, Developing Practice and Increasing Safety**

Held in Zagreb, Croatia, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Technical report



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The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the WWP – EN was successfully held in Zagreb, Croatia, October 11 – 13, 2017. The main topics of the Meeting were strengthening accountability, developing practice and increasing safety. The Meeting has brought together practitioners, researchers, academics and community activists working for organizations – members of the WWP – EN and some non-member organizations active in the field of domestic violence.

There were a total of 84 participants: 64 representatives from 36 member organizations, 6 from non-members, 3 WWP – EN staff, 5 local (SPA and Duga-Zagreb) staff and 6 volunteers.

Participants were from 21 European countries and Argentina.

The Annual Meeting was welcomed by Ms. Zorana Staničić, Head of Department for Humanitarian Aid and Social Protection, City of Zagreb and Ms. Vedrana Šimundža Nikolić Assistant Minister of Croatian Ministry of Justice.

The program of the Annual Meeting has included:

- 1 keynote speech (Marianne Hester: “Reflections on gender in perpetrator work”);
- 2 panel sessions – one on accountability and one on victim-safety orientated programs;
- 12 workshops: 4 on accountability, 4 on safety and partners and 4 practice-based workshops;
- Interactive viewing of members’ posters: “Biggest challenges next 3 years”.

Keynote speech, panel sessions and workshops as well as poster session had excellent attendance and inspired a lot of questions, comments and discussions. The program enabled participants to share their experiences and enough opportunity for mutual support, networking, strengthening old and establishing the new contacts.

An important part of the Annual Meeting was General Assembly of the WWP – EN and Board elections. Board of Directors held its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00 to 12:30. After election of the new Board members, the Board held its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October from 13:00 to 14:00 hours.

The social part of the program included a short excursion to the vicinity of Zagreb and conference dinner at the local restaurant attended by 65 participants.

The Annual Meeting was successfully moderated by Prof. Dean Ajduković and organized by WWP – EN staff in cooperation with two local host organizations, Society for Psychological Assistance (SPA) and Home “Duga – Zagreb”.

The venue of the Annual Meeting – Hotel International Zagreb provided very good working conditions.

Donation from the European Union and OAK Foundation as well as financial support from City of Zagreb, enabled the organizers to complete the conference successfully and on high organizational level.



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