

UPDATES AND RESOURCES FROM OUR EUROPEAN PROJECTS

The logo for 'FATHERS ROCK' is written in a hand-drawn, chalk-like font inside a rough, hand-drawn oval shape.

AWARENESS RAISING LEAFLETS FOR FATHERS

A key goal of the [Fathers Rock](#) project has been to build the capacities of frontline professionals in perinatal and early childhood services. Based on qualitative interviews and focus groups with both fathers and professionals, the Fathers Rock team has developed a capacity building program for professionals in these target groups. In the upcoming months, our partners in Spain, Italy and Austria will work with professionals to increase their capacity to work with men who are struggling with fatherhood. The fine-tuned capacity building program, based on feedback from these professionals, will be available by September 2023.

To encourage engaged fatherhood among men who are (becoming) fathers, we have prepared cards for fathers, highlighting the benefits of engaged fatherhood and encouraging them to seek support to deal with the challenges they face. The cards contain links for reading tips and contacts that will be useful for men in their journey of parenthood, and a better relationship with their partner.

Additionally, we have also prepared leaflets for men who may be struggling with their (new) role as fathers, in order to highlight to them the services and support available to them, and to highlight that it is important to rely on specialised services to enable them to overcome their challenges.

These materials will be used by frontline services, enabling them to reach out to fathers who use their service, and may be struggling in silence.





TRAINING SUPPORTING PROFESSIONALS TO WORK TRANSFORMATIVELY WITH MEN FROM MIGRANT BACKGROUNDS

Recognising the importance of training perpetrator programmes and frontline professionals to ensure that gender based violence is adequately addressed in all contexts, the MOVE team has prepared a training package that works inclusively with persons with a migrant background. The training package supports professionals to work transformatively to improve the experiences of men with migrant backgrounds seeking help.

The training package will be piloted in Italy, Spain, Greece, Germany, France and Belgium until March. Based on feedback from the pilot training, the final training package will be available later in 2023.



UPGRADED TOOLKIT FOR PERPETRATOR PROGRAMMES

The ASAP 2.0 team has drafted an upgraded version of the ASAP protocol, to include a focus on tackling cyberviolence, and covid-related issues, and ensuring child-protection as well as a model for multi agency collaboration agreement. Our partners in Italy, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Greece are now half-way through the piloting phase, where they have tested out the new protocol with male perpetrators of violence and female survivors of violence.



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COMBATTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN ITALY THROUGH TERRITORIAL APPROACH

We are pleased to start 2023 with a new project, CHANGE, which will support men and boys to make a change and combat gender based violence. The CHANGE team will conduct awareness raising activities addressing primary prevention in schools and within the general public, as well as activities focusing on training of frontline professionals and of operators wishing to work in perpetrators' programmes.

The CHANGE kick off meeting in December 2022 was a good opportunity to get to know the project partners, and start focusing on project goals.



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMBATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

As the ISEDA project is in its initial stage, the project consortium is establishing the ethics requirements that all activities must comply with, as this is an essential aspect of ensuring safety when working with persons who are at risk. The ISEDA team has also been working on the development of the research methodology to conduct a needs assessment on the training needs of law enforcement agents on gender-based violence, and victims' needs to get in contact or to disclose violence to law enforcement agencies and to be referred to victims' services

In February, the ISEDA team will participate in an in-person meeting to plan the capacity building of implementing partners on IMPACT toolkit and multi agency cooperation, which will be delivered by WWP this year.



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