

THE CONSCIOUS PROJECT ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL - SEPTEMBER 2020

In the European Union, 1 in 3 women will have suffered physical or sexual violence by adolescence, while perpetrators are likely to reoffend unless an intervention reaches them in time. The CONSCIOUS project, a collaboration between 4 organisations based across Italy and the European Network WWP, aims to **reduce the rates of recidivism for perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence, through the development of a multi-agency, inter-systemic intervention model.**

On **2-3 September 2020**, the annual conference for the WWP European Network will take place. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the conference will be held online this year, allowing people from all over the globe to attend. The conference, titled **“Prison, Probation & Perpetrator Programmes – Collaboration for Change”** brings together international experts on domestic violence and provides a chance for discussion and exchange.

The CONSCIOUS project will be showcased during the second day of the Annual Conference, where Antonella D’Ambrosi (ASL Frosinone, Italy) and Adele Di Stefano (ASL Roma 1, Italy) will present a workshop.

The workshop, which offers an opportunity for open discussion, will focus on key aspects of the CONSCIOUS project, including:

- The partnerships created during the project which aim to build a new network between public and private institutions in order to develop a coordinated response to stop and prevent gender-based violence.
- Pilot treatment groups in the Cassino & Frosinone prisons and at (local health authority) Frosinone. The groups help perpetrators to control impulses and emotions, therefore decreasing the chance of recidivism.
- The results and challenges of a project (also in the context of Covid-19) which aims for social change.

Thanks to the public and private nature of the partnership, and to the multidisciplinary approach to restorative justice, **CONSCIOUS has tested an innovative public service in Lazio Region for the treatment of perpetrators in the P&P context.** Since 2018, the CONSCIOUS project has been working to establish the inter-systemic network for the reduction of recidivism of perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual offenders.

The workshop will be available to view online after the conference.

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