

Training on prevention of domestic violence



Study on 'Collection of methods, tools and good practices in the field of domestic violence (area D of Beijing Platform for Action)'

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TRAINING ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Training is a powerful tool in changing common beliefs that are shaped by stereotypes. It is equally effective in shaping institutional cultures and practices that have proved inappropriate to respond to new challenges.

The eradication of domestic violence is one example of those emerging challenges.

Training in approaching and addressing domestic violence is widely recognized as a key component of prevention strategies. It can contribute to primary and secondary prevention strategies targeting general public or specific groups at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic violence. It is a fundamental feature of tertiary prevention strategies, especially in relation to the staff of voluntary and statutory agencies contacted by both victims and/or perpetrators.

Domestic violence is in fact a multi-dimensional problem which needs integrated and coordinated responses at all levels.

Training in approaching and addressing domestic violence can be used in different contexts and for different purposes, responding to multiple needs and objectives:

- to inform and transfer knowledge on most up-to-date research results on the prevalence and risk factors of domestic violence that demonstrates its gendered dimension, its effects and consequences on victims' health, well-being and claim status. In doing so it is also instrumental in showing that domestic violence constitutes a human rights violation and a major public problem;
- to present available methods and tools that help detect domestic violence at the first contact with women and men asking for help without disclosing their status of being either domestic violence victims or perpetrators;
- to explain domestic violence patterns and dynamics and the whole range of victims' needs and requests, thus helping approach them in a respectful and sensitive way, paying attention to diversity;
- to present available methods and tools to assess risk of lethal or escalating domestic violence;
- to enhance skills and capacities to respond appropriately in different settings considering the paramount objective of victims' safety and empowerment as well as the need to challenge perpetrators' use of violence, thus providing opportunities for change.

ABOUT THE STUDY

The European Institute for Gender Equality - EIGE commissioned the study on 'Collection of methods, tools and good practices in the field of domestic violence (as described by area D of Beijing Platform for Action)' in order to identify, collect and synthesise the resources and information on training in dealing with domestic violence, awareness raising and victims support services identify gaps and needs, and provide recommendations for further development. The study was carried out by IIS - Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale in partnership with the Gender Studies, Equality and Equal opportunities Interuniversity Observatory (IGIO) through a network of country experts in the 27 Member States and Courts. More information and references about the study are available at <http://eige.europa.eu/content/activities/gender-based-violence>.

Related publications:

[Domestic Violence: Awareness raising](#)

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