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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BEST PRACTICES



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM "POLICE PROCEDURES AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE" Conference Room. Ciudad de la Justicia de Valencia, Avenida del Saler, No. 14



Tuesday, 22nd November 2011

Wednesday, 23rd November 2011

8.30 h: Participants' Registration

9.00 h - 9.45 h: Opening

9.45 h - 10.15 h: Coffee-Break

10.15 h - 11.45 h: Round table "EUROPEAN STRATEGIES TO FIGHT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

This session will present and debate the European and International policies implemented to combat gender-based violence. It will focus on the recent advances in unification of criteria for achieving a comprehensive protection of the victim wherever she is (this is to say, advances aiming at the establishment of a common penal basis to protect victims of domestic violence)

-European Commission's approach in relation to state policies about gender-based violence
Ms. Sarah Lambert, Deputy Director, European Commission Representation in Spain

-European protection order
Ms. Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Member of the Committee on Women's Right and Gender Equality, European Parliament

-The new legal standards in the field of criminal law
Ms. Johanna Nelles, Co-secretary of the Ad hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, European Council

Moderator: Ms. Rosa Pascual Serrats, Dean of Law, CEU Cardenal Herrera University

11.45 h - 12.00 h: Break

12.00 h - 13.30 h: Round table "EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL APPROACH TO FIGHT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

This roundtable will address the profile of gender and its inclusion in the social policies of the member countries of the European Union. It will focus on the progress made on the creation of European networks for social assistance to the victims as well as on the perspective from the migrant women and their specific concerns and needs as victims of gender-based violence

-Working together to stop violence- the crucial role of women's support services and the police in preventing violence against women and their children
Ms. Rosa Logar, Chairwoman, European network Women against Violence Europe (WAVE)

-The violence faced by migrant women in European Union
Ms. Virginia Wangare, Chairwoman, European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW)

-Services for women victims of violence: analysis of trends and impact evaluation
Mr. Francesco Grandi, Senior Researcher, Head of Unit of Synergia

Moderator: Mr. Miguel Romeu Soriano, Head of Social Welfare Department, Valencia City Council

13.40 h: Finish of the working day

9.00 h - 10.30 h: HERA PROJECT

-Presentation of the European Project HERA and GAMA Group
Mr. Andrés Rabadán Cañada, Chief Constable, Head of the Local Police Department, Valencia City Council

-Presentation of Guidelines of Best Practices .
Ms. Estefanía Navarrete Ibáñez, GAMA Coordinator and Inspector, Local Police Department, Valencia City Council

Moderator: Ms. M^a del Carmen Mariblanca Lezana, Quartermaster General of Traffic Division, Local Police Department, Valencia City Council

10.30 h - 11.00 h: Coffee-Break

11.00 h.: Round table "VALIDATION OF THE GUIDELINES OF BEST PRACTICES ACROSS EUROPE"

In this forum, different experts in the mentioned fields of knowledge will validate in stages the conclusions of the Guidelines, specially the aspects concerning the areas of prevention, intervention and legislative-police protection of victims

-Prevention:
Ms. Giedre Purvaneckiene, Vilnius University Professor (Lithuania)

-Intervention:
Ms. Sylvia Spinnewijn, Coordinator-Inspector of Dutch Police in domestic violence, from Brabant South-West (Holland)

-Police protection - legislative:
Mr. Vicente Magro Servet, President, Provincial Court of Alicante (Spain)

Moderator: Mr. Ángel Albendín Ariza, Quartermaster General of Planning Division, Human Resources and System, Local Police Department, Valencia City Council

13.30 h: Closing remarks.

HERA PROJECT



Good practice 1

Unifying the terminology used by different States in order to make scientific and comparative studies. We propose a triple terminology: gender-based violence, gender-based violence in emotional relations and domestic violence.

Good practice 2

Considering the best practice regarding State policy, among others:

- 1 - Social awareness policy against gender-based violence.
- 2 - Equality policy.
- 3 - Specialized professionals.
- 4 - Empowering victim support and improving their safety.
- 5 - Inter institutional coordination.

Equality is a priority and it has to be present in every initiative and in the political agenda.

Good practice 3

Crimes of gender-based violence should be typified as a public offense (they don't need a victim's complaint)

Good practice 4

Case of gender-based violence will be prosecuted by specialist Courts at all stages of a process. The process must be swift and quick.

Good practice 5

Courts of violence against women must be empowered to rule in a civil case and to indict also related causes that arise in a gender-based violence process.

Good practice 6

Implementation of protective order into the framework of European countries, respecting the legislation of each country but trying to reach a common tool similar to all countries.

Good practice 7

A specialized police unit should deal with this crime, and such unit should be devoted exclusively to this complex task (prevention, intervention and protection)

Good practice 8

Integration within specific units of interdisciplinary team or empowering coordination with resources at social or psychological level.

Good practice 9

Police Units have to use a predictive tool to identify, assess and manage the risk for the victim.

Good practice 10

After a generic training it will be possible to create a specific team. The features this team should acquire will be: empowered social abilities, responsibility, special training.



Good practice 11

Basic features of special officers in gender-based violence: full time volunteer staff, formed by men and women who act without uniform; adapting their time to victim's needs.

Good practice 12

Standardized implementation in gender-based violence both in prevention, intervention and protection.

Good practice 13

Rooms able to treat victim of violence, taking into account the fact that there can be children.

Good practice 14

If several concurrent polices manage gender-based violence they should have a tool for the treatment of common information (common database).

Good practice 15

Victim is assisted by a single police officer. She has to have the possibility to declare before specialized personnel. Adequate police units. Avoiding victim-offender visual confrontation in trials (stopped video). Possibility to record a complaint at victim's home (computers and portable printers). Acting without uniform some time. Using police vehicle without labelling. Adaptation of time to victim's need. Empowering of victims (they have to decide about their life).

Good practice 16

Must be taken a measure to indicate what practices are effective. This requires crossing country studies that allow appropriate indicators: survey of victimization, recidivism, and policy statistics with the same terminology.

Good practice 17

There must be a network of temporary shelter (public and private) that allows the victim to leave her home in situation of extreme risk.

Good practice 18.

Treatments and rehabilitation of offenders also become a way to protect the victim.

Good practice 19

A 24 hours help-line.

Good practice 20

It is considered very good implementing a technological support system for victims, which allow them to live their life.