



HERA
Improving Police Management on Domestic Violence by Women's Empowerment
Kick off meeting. February 1st - 2nd, 2011. Valencia (Spain).

Minutes

Participants:

1. Mr. Miquel Domínguez – Municipality of Valencia
2. Mr. Àndres Rabadán - Valencia Local Police Department
3. Mr. Àngel Albendín - Valencia Local Police Department
4. Mrs. Estefanía Navarrete – Valencia Local Police Department
5. Mr. José Luis Diego Orozco – Valencia Local Police Department
6. Mr. Granville Ward – West Yorkshire Police
7. Mrs. Harriet Mainprize – West Yorkshire Police
8. Mrs. Elena Recchia – Municipality of Cesena
9. Mrs. Cristina Barducci – Municipality of Cesena
10. Mr. Rafael Ripoll - Valencia Regional Government
11. Mrs. Mónica Estañ Capell – Valencia Regional Government
12. Mr. Juan Vicente Luis Turegano - Valencia Regional Government
13. Mr. Alvaro Rodríguez Fernandez - Valencia Regional Government
14. Mr. Mariano Primo Castillo - Valencia Regional Government
15. Mrs. Gemma Silvestre – Valencian community foundation
16. Mrs. Alya-Neyalka Veder – National Association Rhodopa Planina
17. Mrs. Anna Assenova - National Association Rhodopa Planina
18. Mrs. Jurate Seduikiene – Women's issue information centre
19. Mrs. Rugile Butkeviciute - Women's issue information centre
20. Mrs. Gunta Viksne – Foundation “Family Crisis Centre”
21. Mrs. Aija Vule - Foundation “Family Crisis Centre”
22. Mrs. Olga Vilardell Mir – Ilustre Colegio de Abogados
23. Mrs. Julia Valcárcel Rodríguez - Ilustre Colegio de Abogados
24. Mrs. Virginia Molina – Asociación Separadas y Divorciadas
25. Mr. Juan Carlos Barranco – Fundación Secretariado Gitano
26. Mrs. Helena Ferrando – Fundación Secretariado Gitano
27. Mrs. Amparo Merodio – Fundación Secretariado Gitano
28. Mrs. María Jesús Hernández – Centro Reina Sofía
29. Mr. Javier Fortuño – Asociación AVAD
30. Mr. Antonio Berlanga - Asociación Criminólogos de la C.V.
31. Mr. Amparo Peris – Asociación Criminólogos de la C.V.
32. Mr. Enrique Orts – Instituto Ciencias Penales, U.V.
33. Mr. Javier Guardiola – Instituto Ciencias Penales, U.V.

Mr. Aldea Eugeniu, Mr. Ionescu Rares (Brasov, Romania) and Mrs. Isabella Iborra (Centro Reina Sofía, Spain) could not attend the meeting for technical-financial issues.



February 1st, 2011
Session 9:00 – 14:00

The Kick-off meeting of the HERA project has been called at 9:00 a.m. on February 1st, 2011 by Mr. Andrés Rabadán who on behalf of the Valencia Local Police, welcomes the participants and describes the program of the two days.

Action Items

- 1) The partners present themselves explaining their own organization/institution, their tasks and aims:
 - Valencia Local Police (Spain)
 - West Yorkshire Police (United Kingdom)
 - Municipality of Cesena (Italy)
 - Valencia Regional Government (Spain)
 - National Association Radopha Planina (Bulgaria)
 - Women's issue information centre (Lithuania)
 - Foundation Social Services Agency "Family Crisis Centre" (Latvia)

- 2) Mr. Andres Rabadán, Head of the Valencia Local Police and Mr. Miquel Domínguez, Deputy Mayor and Public Security Councillor of Valencia, welcome the participants with a speech followed by the personal message of Rafael Ripoll, Vice-minister of European Affairs of the Valencia regional Government. Later, Angel Albendín, Head of human resources and systems of the Valencia Local Police, presents the project at the participants:



The HERA Project will be managed by the Valencia Local Police according with the aims approved by the European Union in the Daphne III context to fight violence against women, children and young people.

The main goals to achieve are:



- to improve the work process and the police protocols and to get general standards of action among the European policies;
- to improve the role of the victim in her recovery process;
- to propose changes in laws to get better results;

All partners will carry out a research on those good practices on legislation constraints and police management to follow to get useful results against gender violence. After that, and with the collaboration of the other partners that will bring other studies on the matter, it will be proposed a European standard of action formalized with an International Symposium in Valencia in November 2011.

Then, with a great dissemination plan using also on-line materials this new standard will be published and known at European level.

February 2nd, 2011
Session 9.00 - 14:00

At 9 o'clock Mr. Rabadán greets the partners and presents the program of the day.

Action Items

1. Mrs. Estefanía Navarrete (PLV) presents the GAMA group (Grupo de Ayuda al maltrato – Abuse Aid Group) at the participants:

It's a Group created in 2003 by the Valencia Local Police specifically to fight against domestic violence and it counts on 50 members with these main tasks:

- Standardization of monitoring and intervention process
- Statistics making
- Personalized attention on gender violence victims
- Social and personal assistance
- Accompaniment to court and other judicial advices

The group operates comprehending the social problems of the victims using different techniques and evaluates the risk indicator for violence victims. The group works in agreement with the judicial institutions to get the best protection of the victim.

2. Mr. José Luis Diego Orozco (PLV) presents the project's activities explaining that they will be divided in 4 workstreams:





- “workstream 0”: on management and coordination of the project. It starts with the kick-off meeting of Valencia and it will involve all the partners.
- “workstream 1”: on research and standardization. Until the Leeds meeting in June the partners will have to find out the best templates for the research and the best practices on domestic violence.
- “workstream 2”: on training and evaluation. It will consist in develop training materials for police officers and victims, e-learning contents, self protection pilot course for abused women, training courses by surveys.
- “workstream 3”: on exploitation, sustainability and dissemination.

3. Mr. José Luis Diego Orozco (PLV) presents the financial issues:

- It is explained what is the role of the Valencia Local Police as coordinator of the project: it is the responsible of it, the principal point of reference and the Institution that receives the financial contribution to distribute to the other partners.
- They are specified what are the eligible costs of the projects: they have to be provided in the provisional budget, they have to be directly linked and necessary, reasonable and identifiable. Moreover the partners will have to keep all the proof documents for 5 years.
- Staff costs and travel costs: the costs should normally relate only to persons accounted for under “staff costs”.
- Equipment costs: Costs relate to expenditure on purchase of equipment the eligible costs are depreciations in accordance with tax and accounting rules applicable and they have to correspond to the duration of the action.
- Subcontracting goods: at the best value for money.
- Overheads: allowed until the 7% of the eligible direct costs. It is not necessary to give proof documents.



4. Mrs. Gemma Silvetsre representing P5 - FCVRE presents the project's dissemination plan.

Firstly she specifies the role of the foundation focused on promoting the participation of the Valencia Region in the European Union's policies and action.

The organization offers monitoring and assistance to facilitate business opportunity, training programmes for young professional and also dissemination and communication about the European activities.

The paper of the foundation related on the project will include:

- Corporate image of the project;
- Development of a semestral digital bulletin;
- Dissemination of the project in the daily activities of the FCVRE;
- Dissemination Strategy at an European level, using the different resources that the Community Institutions offers
- Dissemination of the project at an European Regional Level;
- Contact with International Organizations related to the project issues in order to disseminated the results;
- Seminars and Conferences;
- Dissemination at the Committee of the Regions "Open Days";
- Arrangement of a final conference in Brussels



5. The associates present themselves explaining briefly their contribution at the project:

- Asociación AVAD para la formación en la defensa personal:
Mr. Javier Fortuño says that his association will be useful to achieve the aim of the project because of its activity focused on the women' self-defence training.

- Fundación Reina Sofía (Spain)
Mrs. María Jesús Hernández shortly talks about the association which has been working against domestic violence for years.

- Universidad de Valencia – Instituto de Ciencias Penales (Spain)
Mr. Javier Guardiola explains that Valencia University not only is really interested in the Project but also that it can provide to all partners a long experience on this field.

- Asociación profesional de criminólogos de la C.V. (Spain)
Mr. Antonio Berlanga says that his association will be useful to facilitate the effective empowerment of the role of the victim.

- Ilustre Colegio de Abogados (Spain)
Mrs. Olga Vilardell Mir highlights the important role of the reality of the law in the daily justice in order to fight domestic violence.

In the afternoon, women delegates attend to a self-defense lesson by Safegirls associated partner:



Partnership official picture:

