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PRESS RELEASE

IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERVENTION METHODS ACROSS EUROPE

In Prague, 4.9.2019: *The last phase of the european project STEP4GBV, which concentrates on support, training and sharing experiences in the area of gender based violence starts in September 2019. Several european countries are involved in the project, including the Czech Republic - SOS center Diaconia ČCE-SKP in Prague, who became a partner in 2018. The main aim of the project is developing and testing new intervention tools used in therapy for violent clients. This project is financed from the European Union Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme.*

The implementation of intervention methods of all STEP4GBV project partners will be launched in September 2019. Organizations from Cyprus (APHVF – Programs for woman and children at the association’s shelters), Italy (Salvammame – Safety luggage, CIPM – Programs for sex offenders, Support & accountability), Bulgaria (Demetra Association – Rehabilitations program for victims, Perpetrator’s program and Community coordination) and the Czech Republic (SOS center Diaconia ČCE – SKP v Praze) are involved in testing new intervention methods.

The goal of the project, apart from developing and testing new intervention methods, is to improve competencies of professionals thanks to exchanging experiences among professionals from participating organizations.

Demetra Association provided a structured template to all participating organizations with the aim to unite information about therapeutic programmes, which can be further used for work with victims or perpetrators in the area of domestic violence. This template consists of three parts: *assessment, support and protection*. The success rate of the implementation is assessed both by the therapists and their clients using pre and post questionnaires, which were created especially for this purpose.

All shared information will be used for development of professional work.

„I believe that practices adopted from our foreign colleagues help improve the quality of our work“, says PhDr. Anna Stodolová, head of the SOS center.

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