

Project results

01 ENHANCED MULTI-SECTORAL CO-ORDINATION

by strengthening the work of the co-ordination bodies responsible for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Istanbul Convention.

02 APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO CASES

by enhancing the soft and hard skills required by law enforcement practitioners to effectively and appropriately respond to cases.

03 REDUCED SECONDARY VICTIMIZATION

by raising the awareness of stereotypes, prejudices, causes, signs and effects of GBV among service providers.

04 INCREASED REPORTING OF CASES

by increasing the understanding of all forms of GBV and available dedicated services among general public and vulnerable groups.

Partners


The project is implemented in co-ordination with Council of Europe, UN Agencies, ODIHR, OSCE Gender Issues Programme and local OSCE field operations. It contributes to SDG5 and SDG16.



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**JUSTICE IN COMBATING
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**
in South-Eastern Europe

Enhancing Criminal Justice Capacities for Combating Gender-based Violence in South-Eastern Europe

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A Comprehensive Approach

Leading to a Comprehensive Response to GBV

The project JUSTICE in Combating Gender-based Violence in South-Eastern Europe aims at increasing the effectiveness of criminal justice practitioners (in particular first-responder police officers, investigators and prosecutors) in responding to cases of GBV and maintaining a co-ordinated and survivor-centered approach when dealing with such cases. Furthermore, the project aims at increasing the awareness of gender stereotypes and prejudices, causes, signs, signals and effects of GBV among criminal justice practitioners and the public, thus contributing to an organizational and cultural change.

By including all actors (law enforcement and justice practitioners, social services, civil society organizations) and co-ordinating with healthcare and educational institutions, the project ensures a comprehensive approach leading to a comprehensive response to GBV.



The project aims at strengthening the capacities of criminal justice practitioners to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, ultimately leading to increased public trust in their responses.

Background

Gender-based violence (GBV) is one of the most serious and pervasive human rights violations that not only affects the safety and security of victims, but also limits their freedoms and prevents their full

individual and societal development. All forms of GBV bring long-term suffering to the survivors and their families, including physical and psychological trauma.

In South-Eastern Europe, GBV is a challenge. A large percent of women in the region think that violence is “common/fairly common”; that women do not report most incidents to the police and that they rarely seek support from other institutions; and they are not consistently accessing services due to a lack of trust in the judicial institutions.

The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated the levels of GBV. Factors such as being forced to stay in lockdown with abusers, potential job loss, higher levels of stress and alcohol consumption influenced the dynamics of violence, adding up to the deeply rooted causes of violence such as unequal power relations and harmful social norms and attitudes.



Multi-sectoral co-ordination:

5 national Multi-Agency Committees

Multi-disciplinary training:

1 regional state-of-the-art training curriculum

5 updated national curricula

1 regional train-the-trainers course

5 national specialized training courses

Awareness raising:



Awareness materials for law enforcement and judiciary



Awareness materials for the general public



Police-media workshops



Video training for law enforcement on GBV-related crimes



Training for law enforcement first line supervisors

Project outputs