



Rețeaua pentru prevenirea și combaterea violenței împotriva femeilor

The network on preventing and combating violence against women

The network of non-governmental organizations from Romania involved in preventing and combating violence against women

Presentation

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The network on preventing and combating violence against women is an informal structure without juridical status reuniting a number of 23 organizations active in the field of promoting the women's rights, protecting the victims of gender based violence and combating gender based discrimination. The organizations members in The Network are:

TRANSCENA Association, Bucharest
 ARTEMIS - Association of Women against Violence, Cluj-Napoca
 SENSIBLU Foundation, Bucharest
 GRADO Association – The Romanian Group for the Protection of Human, Bucharest
 CPE Foundation - Center Partnership for Equality, Bucharest
 A.L.E.G - Association for Freedom and Gender Equality, Sibiu
 FILIA Centre, Bucharest
 FRONT Association, Bucharest
 ANAIS Association, Bucharest
 E-ROMNJA – The Association for the Promotion of the Rights of Roma Women, Bucharest
 IEESR - East European Institute for Reproductive Health, Tg Mureș
 Center for Mediation and Community Safety - CMSC, Iasi
 PAS ALTERNATIV Association, Brașov
 Association for the Promotion of Women from Romania, Timișoara
 Society of Bucovina Ladies, Suceava
 ATENA DELPHI Association, Cluj-Napoca
 V.I.V.A.D. Association, Cluj-Napoca
 SEVA Association, Suceava
 SPICC Association, Timișoara
 Quantic Association, București
 All for Family Association, Constanța
 University Women Association, București
 VIS Association, Constanța

The member organizations are politically independent, promote each person's right to equal chances in the society, support the freedom of choice in respect to reproductive and marital rights, have relationship with the public administration based upon the principles of autonomy, legality and responsibility, within their actions combat discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of manifestation of hatred. These member organizations have varied fields of expertise such as: advocacy, feminist activism, education, services for victims of domestic violence, services for



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victims of sexual violence, human rights and women's rights, Roma women's rights, community services, research and penal reform.

The Network was developed during 2011 – 2014 especially in the framework of advocacy and lobbying activities and public campaigns for the modification of the law 217/2003 revised and modified, in particular for the introduction of the protection order. The results of the activity of The Network are:

- ✓ the introduction in the law of the protection order
- ✓ 4 public campaigns for the promotion of the protection order
- ✓ the promotion of the protection order on-line at the level of each organization
- ✓ the on-going monitoring of the implementation of the protection order through collecting data about the files requesting the issue of a protection order in all the courts in Romania
- ✓ finalizing in 2013 the National map of services for victims of domestic violence with the support of The Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Welfare and Elderly
- ✓ a national study about the implementation of the protection order
- ✓ an exploratory study about the state of the services for victims of domestic violence in 2013
- ✓ an exploratory study concerning the costs of services for victims of domestic violence
- ✓ advocacy for the introduction of the emergency protection order and putting together a group of 100 MPs as a support group

The Mission of the Network is the increase of the degree of safety of women victim of gender based violence through improvement of legislation, improvement and creation of adequate services, insuring access to education and information and prevention of victimization and of revictimization through education, information, lobby and advocacy.

The Objectives of the Network are:

- Emergency protection order
- Contracting private specialized services by local authorities
- Ratification of The Istanbul Convention and modifying the existing legislation accordingly
- 3 national emergency intervention centers financed by the central administration where service providers will be NGO's experienced in the field
- Advocacy at local authorities level for financing the needed services for victims of gender violence
- The development of a program for domestic abusers
- Public awareness campaigns
- Providing training for specialists in the field
- Documenting the violence against women in Romania from an intersectional point of view

The network on preventing and combating violence against women undertake the task of continuing the work developed by **The National Coalition of NGO's working in Programs concerning the Violence against Women** active between 2002 – 2007 which contributed essentially to the shaping of the legislative context necessary for victims protection. 11 of the present members were members of The Coalition.