

Successful European Projects in Progress

"GRU 06-126815 " Domestic Violence Met by Educated Women"

A year before I was pleased to inform about a preparatory meeting in Kiel to start the work for an application regarding a new project "Domestic Violence Met by Educated Women" in an international consortium Finland, Germany, Slovenia, Sweden, Romania and Bulgaria. The application was submitted for evaluation in February 2013 and since August, the project „GRU 06-126815 "Domestic Violence Met by Educated Women" is funded and already in progress.

The Grundtvig program task is long life learning and is funding mobilities of adults in order to follow alternative education courses, as well as new learning experiences from different other countries from Europe. The target is to increase the knowledge of the subject by common activities in each country in order to better know specific features, to enlarge the information about the participants using foreign languages, adopting European standards.

The Romanian partner in this project is the "Association of University Women" coordinated by Mrs. Alexandrina Niculescu.

It is a pleasant duty to continue to inform about the first meeting in the project held in October, 2-6, in Stockholm, organized by the Swedish partner Kyrklund consulting Elena Dingu Kyrklund.

The location was ABF Arbetarnas Bildningsförbund – a centre for social and cultural activities, the organizer prepared quite a large agenda presentations of different stakeholders of this topic in Sweden. We could be informed about the



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specific problems connected to the violence in Sweden, how is organized the system of cooperation between the social centers, police, medical services, volunteers. Professor Emeritus in Psychology and Gender Psychology Mona Eliasson presented the conference: "Men's violence against Women in the Swedish context – A systematic Approach" a power point presentation to introduce in the subject.

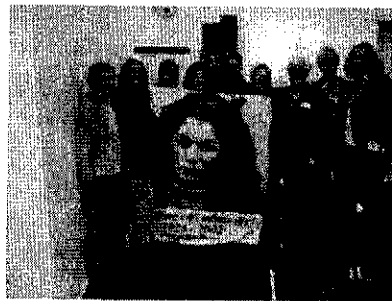
Very interesting was the presentation of a young volunteer student Molin Kris Tina working in a protected shelter for women and children; very sincerely she talked about the interaction with women and how important is the police help to protect the victims against the aggressors.

The project Manager Johanna Helles had the presentation "Stockholm county and the authorities' cooperation against domestic violence" explaining how is organized the system of interaction police, shelters and medical assistance-

the policemen assure the transport of victims to the shelters keeping the secret of the location.

I have to mention the interest of the organizer to introduce some specific features regarding migrant communities, in which there are stereotypes based on religion dogma mainly in the muslim communities, where there are still old practices such as sexual mutilation, forced marriages, imposing conduct rules and deciding about progeny's life, or honor killing.

To be closed to the phenomenon two leaders of such organizations have been invited Helin Güler Gül president of the association "Neither Whore, not Oppressed" and Sara Mohammad from "Never forget Pela and Fadime". Two young women had been killed by the members of their own families, because they dare to have relationships with men



Solidarity with Fadime: Darja Teran, Slovenia, Elena Dingu Kyrklund, Sweden, assistant, Sara Mohammad from "Never forget Pela and Fadime", Katja Motko, Slovenia, Molin Kris Tina, Sweden, Clementina Timus, Romania, Raija Sollano, Finland, Anna-Maija Sjöberg, Finland, Tatiana Ison Romania

of different religion. Sara was she herself victim of such religion stereotypes (forced marriage) and now is fighting against such rules. All the participants sympathized with the cause; I proposed to have a picture with the poster showing the poor victim Fadime and put symbols of adhesion in the chest. Unfortunately not only the Muslim people had to be punished, but friends of them suffered as well, as an English friend of one of victims had been kidnapped and despaired about 2 years.

Marianne Eriksson former member of the European Parliament, UN Member in the National Board of Swedish Women presented the talk "From domestic violence & Scarce Means to Prostitution and Trafficking – a Swedish and EU Perspective" legislation aspects: unusual solutions, or a sustainable solution? Genesis of the "Sex Purchase Act". A law was adopted in Sweden to forbidden the purchase of sexual acts.

There were discussions and explanations all along the conferences asking for extra details. The presentations were held in English, Swedish was used by the representatives of the two associations belonging to migrants, the translation had been sustain by Elcna Dingu Kyrklund.

Saturday October, 5 was devoted to presentations done by the members of the international consortium Prof Peter Krope and

Arne Kohrs distributed copies of the questioner proposed by the Zentrum für Konstruktive Edziehungswissenschaft to be fulfilled by victims of violence and then evaluated by the German partner in order to conclude upon the differences observed between the participant countries. The evaluation of the questioners and other contributions will be used to reveal good practices or make some proposals regarding the education to prevent and eliminate the domestic violence.

Mrs Clementina Timus based on a consistent documentation gave the presentation "Some reasons for domestic violence in Romania" stressing specific situations produced in the country after the political and economical changes in the last 20 years, producing impressive consequences at social level. Comments regarding the divorce as an effect of different kinds of domestic violence had been mentioned, as well, as some case studies.

Slovenia's presentation was "Domestic Violence in Slovenia" talking about the violence against pregnant women.

At the end prof. Raija Sollamo coordinator of the project made some comments regarding the meeting, recalled the next activity to be developed at the University of Paderborn Germany on March, 20-23, 2014, and proposed the participants to make an evaluation of the meeting; there were expressed appreciations regarding the high level of the presentations and the qualification of the invited speakers, as well. Some participants reproached the too large agenda, the location of the hotel quite far from the conference hall ABF and the lack of any social program.

We consider that the target of the meeting had been accomplished and each partner will think about its own organization of the next meetings, to take into account the suggestions of the participants in this first one.



Clementina Timus talking about "Some reasons for domestic violence in Romania"

Romania will be the third host of the meeting in May-June, 2014, in Bucharest, details to be established as the second meeting, to be held at the University in Paderborn.

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