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AN INTERVENTION TOOLKIT TO DEAL WITH WOMEN DRUG USERS
VICTIMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Stop violence against
women drug users

CHALLENGE:

- Women make up approximately a quarter of all people with serious drug problems and around one-fifth of all entrants to drug treatment in Europe. Among them, **a high percentage are victims of Gender Based Violence.**
- Despite the increasing efforts and initiatives at local and international level to tackle this problem, too little is still being done to provide **effective prevention and protection** to reduce the vulnerability of women.

GENERAL RESULTS:

- Increased **knowledge and awareness** about gender-based violence in drug users victims;
- Implementation of **coordinated** and **coherent** efforts across 6 Member States to reduce this phenomenon.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT:

- Producing a **toolkit of intervention** to protect women drug users victims of Gender Based Violence;
- **Testing** the intervention model in: Italy (Comunità di Venezia), Germany (Therapieverbund Ludwigsmuehle), Austria (Therapiesalon im Wald), Spain (The Fundación Salud y Comunidad) Portugal (IREFREA), Croatia (Zajednica Susret);
- **Supporting regional, local, civil society authorities and organisations** reinforcing: their *advocacy function*, their *capacity* to make a difference at the local level, their *best practice* sharing methods.

"It is important to highlight and better understand the causes of women drug addicts abuse, how it occurs, and how widespread this phenomenon is. Only in this way we could make professionals more aware and give them prevention tools improving women's care."

Paolo Stocco, Project Coordinator



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