

Domestic Violence: An overview of best practice projects

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I. EUCPN Good Practice database

a) 2007 European Crime Prevention Award Competition

(Domestic Violence) Lisboa, (9) 10-11 December 2007, Portuguese Presidency, Jury Report with an explanation of the completion projects and the winner project.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/docs/2007%20ECPA%20Competition%20Report.pdf> (22.04.2010)]

b) Projects (ordered by country)

BELGIUM:

- Violence Within the Family - Antwerp

The general aim lies in a different approach of violence within the family, which focuses more on the prevention of further violence and is more proactive instead of only reactive.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=186> (22.04.2010)]

- "Violence Within the Family" - Antwerp

Multidisciplinary and integral approach of violence within the family in Antwerp

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=87> (22.04.2010)]

- "Local Network for the Prevention of Conjugal Violence" - Liege

Multidisciplinary and integral approach of violence within the family in Liege.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=89> (22.04.2010)]

- Prevention of Violence Within the Family - Namur

To overcome the confusion and exhaustion of the first-line professionals in front of situations of violence within the family through training, improving knowledge of existing tools, providing a contact person and networking.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=88> (22.04.2010)]

- Resistance / Defensibility of children

A project aimed at reducing a child's vulnerability and likelihood of becoming a victim of sexual abuse.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=15> (22.04.2010)]

FRANCE:

- Experience Helping Women Victims of Domestic Violence

A project to develop specialized partnerships which provide psychological support and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=26> (22.04.2010)]

- Immediate Separation & Monitoring of Alleged Perpetrators of Domestic Violence

A programme aimed at preventing repeat offences of domestic violence by ensuring that the alleged aggressor leaves the family home, while allowing the alleged victim to remain.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=25> (22.04.2010)]

IRELAND:

- The Irish National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (Cosc)

The Irish National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (Cosc) project was established in 2007 to better co-ordinate a State response to the problem of domestic violence.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=172> (22.04.2010)]

NETHERLANDS:

- Voorzorg (Nurse Family Partnership)

VoorZorg is a program for undereducated women below the age of 25 who are pregnant with their first child preventing child abuse and serious developmental problems.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=112> (22.04.2010)]

PORTUGAL:

- Integrated Work in Domestic Violence - five pilot experiences - Portugal BPC entry 2007

In the context of the 3rd National Plan against Domestic Violence (2007-2010) it is foreseen the implementation of a pilot-experience for each of the five Health Regional Administration Services, contemplating the creation of a detection, intervention and adequate reporting network of multidisciplinary services as well as the promotion of an integrated and transversal approach of the several issues related to Domestic Violence.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=181> (22.04.2010)]

- Novo Olhar (New Perspective) - Portugal BPC entry 2007

This project is an intervention project in the area of prevention of domestic violence, in which there is a dual approach of performance: security and psychology both interacting with each other. During daily Police work, risk situations are being identified, which require, beyond all the legal and formal Police work, the “Proximity and Victim’s Support Teams” to intervene (identifying, supporting and forwarding).

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=182> (22.04.2010)]

- WOMEN AND MINOR NUCLEUS PROJECT - NMUME

Prevention, accompaniment and investigation of violence exerted upon women and minors, namely in concern to domestic violence and sexual crimes / Improve the quality of police response to the phenomenon of violence exerted upon women and minors, integrating it with responses of a psychosocial and judicial character.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=139> (22.04.2010)]

SLOVAKIA:

- The Hope Centre- Family in the Hope Centre

A project aimed at addressing the problems of victims and perpetrators of violent behaviour, through partnership working and using a holistic approach.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=40> (22.04.2010)]

SWEDEN:• Project KARIN

[LINK: <http://www.projektkarin.se> (22.04.2010)]

• The Frideborg Project

A project aimed at both victims and perpetrators of men's violence against women through partnership working between the agencies concerned.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=36> (22.04.2010)]

UNITED KINGDOM:• Wirral Family Safety Unit

A multi agency team established to provide support and care through the criminal justice process, to victims of domestic violence.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=131> (22.04.2010)]

• Cardiff Women's Safety Unit - UK BPC entry 2007

The purpose of the project is to develop a care-pathways based on systematic risk assessment from the Police, Health and Voluntary sector. The unit developed and evaluated domestic violence advocacy, Specialist Domestic Violence Courts, risk assessment and multi-agency risk assessment conferences from 2002 and this is now the basis of the UK Government's Co-ordinated Community Response model of tackling Domestic violence which is rolling out UK wide.

[LINK: <http://www.eucpn.org/goodpractice/showdoc.asp?docid=180> (22.04.2010)]

c) EUCPN Policy Pages

At the moment, 16 Member States published their national key policy concepts related to the fight against domestic violence.

II. Women against Violence Europe (WAVE)**a) In General**

WAVE is an attempt to reveal the situation on European women services for women survivors of domestic violence and their children from NGO perspective.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/> (22.04.2010); http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/wave_country_report_2008.pdf (22.04.2010)]

b) Actual Wave Projects

WAVE continuously accomplishes and involves in projects to end violence against women, for example:

• ProTrain

PRO TRAIN - Improving Multi-Professional and Health Care Training in Europe – Building on Good Practice in Violence Prevention

This project is part of the Daphne II programme and running from 2007-2009.

Aims of the project

This Daphne project aims to strengthen violence prevention by developing a framework multi-sectoral training programme based on promising practice and designed for key professionals involved in domestic violence prevention and/or services. The programme will offer a specific training module for health care professionals. Tasks: (1) develop good practice criteria for multiprofessional training, (2) map training materials for health care providers, primarily train-the-trainer and multi-professional programmes, (3) review and analyze material, identify promising and verified good practice, (4) develop new directions for multi-professional training, emphasizing modules for health care sector, (5) pilot test the programme in existing community level networks in 7 EU countries and evaluate it, (6) revise, peer review and disseminate the programme for adaption especially in countries where training concepts and material are unavailable.

Rationale behind the project

Despite international normative guidance on the need for comprehensive, multi-sectoral strategies, most capacity building teaching measures continue to train relevant professions separately. A multi-sectoral approach most readily helps professionals develop a mutual understanding of interpersonal violence and DV. Specific contributions of diverse actors and their interconnectedness become clear, increasing co-ordinated cooperation in theory and practice. The project will foster the multi-sectoral approach in training contexts and strengthen cooperation skills, paying special attention to training of health care providers as they are underserved. The project responds to priority 6 of Daphne programme as it is based on training/train-the-trainer programmes developed under Daphne and will reinforce evaluated practice development such as S.I.G.N.A.L./Germany and the Finnish multi-professional training programme.

Specific objective of the project

In order to respond to the problem experts will:(1) generate criteria for good training/train-the-trainer programmes, (2) incorporate cultural sensitivity and socio-economic factors into the design of an improved module for health care professionals and multi-sector training programmes,(3) pilot test and evaluate the programme in the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Italy, Austria, France and Hungary; amend as indicated by the evaluation,(4) publish the final programme via Internet and on CD-ROM, disseminate through WAVE, EWHNET, CAHRV, WHO, Baltic Network, EU Violence Prevention in Health Network, policy agencies.

Expected results

a) good practice criteria catalogue of European training programmes on DV, b) an inventory of existing training materials/programmes of health care professionals/train-the-trainer and multi-professional programmes, c) a framework for a multi-professional training programme,

including a specific module for health care professionals and a peer reviewed model for future adaptation and replication in EU-countries, d) final programme presentation in English and translation of its essential framework in 6 languages for download on website and on CD-Rom.

[LINK: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23023> (22.04.2010)]

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- GenderWorks

Outline of GenderWorks

In 2008-09 three European partner organizations Oxfam GB (UK), Lamoro (Italy) and WAVE (Austria) will carry out together a PROGRESS project funded by the European commission: „GenderWorks: Mainstreaming and Communicating Gender Equality in Anti Poverty and Inclusion Strategies“. General aim of the project is to strengthen a gender mainstreaming and women's perspective in the discussion of poverty and social inclusion within the European Union as well as on national level in Austria, Italy and the UK.

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Domestic violence is a matter of social inclusion and social protection, but it is not mentioned in most NAPs. At the same time domestic violence and poverty are often overlapped in various ways: Women deciding to leave her home are often at risk of poverty, homelessness, situations for single parent women are specially difficult, access to the job market often is dif-

ficult. Especially women experiencing multiple forms of discrimination and violence as migrant or elder women for instance are seriously affected by poverty.

Domestic violence should therefore be mentioned in the NAPS. Social protection for women are to be ensured preventive, in situation of crisis (e.g. through legislation as banning order, support of women's shelters that services can be provided for free during crisis) as well as afterwards (housing, transition apartments, social welfare access, as well as supported access to health system and to the labour market,...). This support should be given to every women affected by violence. The topic of DV should be connected to budget lines within the NAPS.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?b=153&ID=23022> (22.04.2010);

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/ukpoverty/genderworks/> (22.04.2010)]

- ADA project with Turkey

ADA project: "Improvement of Quality Standards in Women's Shelters in Turkey"

MorCati and WAVE are partners in this project sponsored by the Austrian Development Agency. The project duration is from Nov. 08 - October 08. Within this project the manual "Away from Violence - Guidelines for running and setting up a women's refuge" got translated into Turkish. Further one Training Seminar together with WAVE on "Quality standards of women's refuges" was held from 14th - 15th July 2008 as well as two seminars by MorCati will be held.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23028&b=153> (22.04.2010); http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/manual_turkish.pdf (22.04.2010)]

- End Domestic Violence in Macedonia

Prevention and Elimination of Domestic Violence in Macedonia (2007 -2009)

Maria Rösslhumer (WAVE), Nathalie Buchner (Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs and Consumer Protection) and Jasminka Friscik (ESE)

WAVE is the project leader of the bilateral project between Macedonia and Austria. Implementing project partners of the project is ESE (Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women). The Project is funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs and Consumer Protection and the Macedonian Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Macedonia as non-EU-member state has ratified the UN – CEDAW Convention and its additional protocol. Despite the fact that there is a legislation on DV in place, the grave economic and social situation of the citizens, the presently high rate of unemployment, the deeply embedded patriarchal values and the incomplete functional system for protection of DV victims still pose an increased risk of its existence to a great extent. A multi-coordinated approach is chosen to improve the fight against the problem of DV.

Project objectives:

1. Prevention of DV against women and their children.
2. Know-how transfer and international expertise.
3. Information, sensitization and training of professionals working with victims of DV.

4. Analysis of the current Macedonian DV legislation.
5. Establishment of multi coordinated approach towards the problem of DV by involving all the relevant institutions and ministries with an aim to improve DV legislation and its implementation.
6. Assessing and enhancing the operation of women's shelters.
7. Capacity building of the knowledge of the victims of domestic violence and development of their skills to deal with multi-faceted problems that arise from prolonged exposure to domestic violence and providing direct support to the victim's children.

[LINK: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23025&b=153> (22.04.2010)]

- EU-Russia Project with TEAATA

WAVE cooperates within EU-Russia Program;

EU–Russia: Empowerment and awareness-raising among young Russian women to eliminate VAW.

In Russia the rate of gender-based violence is very high. One out of four young woman have experienced sexual violence or attempted rape and one out of three woman suffer from physical violence by their husbands. Although the Russian government signed the CEDAW Convention and Russia's constitution stipulates equal rights of women and men, Russian women are facing severe violations of their rights. Therefore it is very important that women know their rights, build self-confidence and insist on equal opportunities and their right to a life free of violence.

The general goal of the TEAATA-project funded by the European Commission is to empower young women, encourage commitment in the field of VAW and awaken their interest in broader women's issues in order to strengthen the women's movement in Russia. The TEAATA project will be carried out by ANNA in co-operation with WAVE in 2009 and 2010. 90 female students from three Russian cities will be trained in Empowerment Schools to enable them to take an active role in building civil society. Women Student Task Force Groups will be created where they act as multipliers and involve other young women in efforts to eliminate VAW. With the support of ANNA and WAVE this Task Force Groups will organise and conduct educational campaigns and design a website on the issue of gender-based violence.

In a study trip to Austria a group of young women will learn more about European best practice models in the field of VAW and they will have the possibility to establish links with young European women.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23124&b=7> (22.04.2010);

http://www.delrus.ec.europa.eu/en/p_634.htm (22.04.2010)]

- JoinTheNet with Therapeutische Frauenberatung Göttingen

JoinTheNet (IV) All Over Europe - Dissemination of material for education and training on health symptoms caused by violence (PTSD).

This is already the 4th successful project proposed by the Therapeutische Frauenberatung e.V. Göttingen dealing with the therapeutic aspects of post traumatic stress symptoms. The focus of this particular project is to disseminate and adapt the already successful material for PTSD into 6 further languages and train a total of 1600 people. Moreover, an international network for PTSD is started, which will be linked to the WAVE network.

At the first project conference on May 10-14th in Göttingen, Julia Girardi of WAVE is going to hold a workshop on networking.

[LINK: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23156&b=153> (22.04.2010)]

c) Past Wave Projects

- Daphne - IMPROVE

In many European countries women's shelters are still missing and/or there are not sufficient safe places for women and children affected by violence. In 1987 the European Parliament has released a recommendation that one refugee place should be available per 10,000 inhabitants in each EU country. Hardly any country of the EU has implemented this recommendation yet. Especially in the new member states women and children affected by violence receive not adequate support by the state. The organization and establishment of a high quality work in women shelters is needed. IMPROVE can help reaching this goal.

The project aims to improve services and offers for victims of domestic violence by training and exchange of best practices in establishing and organization of women's shelters. Women's shelters, important institutions in the fight against domestic violence, should work according to certain quality standards (e.g. protection, security, empowerment etc.) In 2004 WAVE has developed together with experts from different EU countries a manual for the setting-up and running of women's shelters, mentioning and explaining the most important quality standards. The project IMPROVE is the follow up of this project and aims to disseminate the results of the manual and quality standards Europe-wide. Therefore this manual will be translated in further six languages: Polish, Greece, Slovenian, Slovak, Romanian and Estonian. Additionally a concept for train the trainer seminars will get developed and two train the trainer seminars will be held in Vienna. Also the partners will hold train the trainer seminars in their countries. The objective of IMPROVE is to pass on the importance of quality standards in women's shelters in order to sufficiently support women and children affected by violence.

[LINK: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=313&b=153> (22.04.2010)]

- Daphne - Bridging Gaps

MANUAL BRIDGING GAPS - FROM GOOD INTENTION TO GOOD COOPERATION

The aim of the project was to develop guidelines and standards for good cooperation between state agencies and women's NGOs. The manual is based on the contributions of "bridging gaps" project partners from 11 European countries and draws upon the work and experiences of many committed experts and academics in the field.

The contents of this Manual evolved during the DAPHNE project BRIDGING GAPS, implemented by WAVE from April 2005 to March 2006. It is the final result of the project.

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[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=289&b=153> (22.04.2010); http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/homepage_bg_manual_fromgoodinterventionstogoodcooperation3.pdf (22.04.2010)]

- CAHRV

Description of the Coordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV)

The Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV) addresses human rights violations in the context of interpersonal relationships. Major goals of the project are to integrate parallel research discourses on violence; unify the theoretical and empirical basis for policy; stimulate new, interdisciplinary and transnational research; and support practitioners, policy-makers, and scientists by facilitating the dissemination of knowledge and expertise.

CAHRV is a three-year project funded through the [European Commission's 6th Framework Programme](#).

[LINK: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=279&b=153> (22.04.2010)]

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- Away from Violence

“Away from Violence” sets out first and foremost to address the practical issues involved for women who establish, organise, run and work in a refuge, although the publication also deals briefly with the specific theoretical background to violence against women.

Financial support from the EU Commission (Daphne Programme) and the co-financiers (the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women’s Affairs, and the Municipality of Vienna) has made it possible finally to realise a project that had been planned for several years. The WAVE Co-ordination Office / European Information Office against Violence against Women has received innumerable inquiries from women and women’s groups intending to establish a refuge and needing basic information on the necessary planning and operational steps. The Manual is designed to meet this need. “Away from Violence” sets out first and foremost to address the practical issues involved for women who establish, organise, run and work in a refuge, although the publication also deals briefly with the specific theoretical background to violence against women. A team of experts from eight countries contributed to the compilation of the material contained in this Manual.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=18&b=153> (22.04.2010); http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/manual-druck_eng_pdf.pdf (22.04.2010)]

- In-Depth-Study on All Forms of VAW

General Assembly of the United Nations

77th plenary meeting

22 December 2003

Resolution 58/185

"In-depth study on all forms of violence against women"

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=21250&b=153> (22.04.2010); <http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/g-a-res-85-185study-vaw-2004.pdf> (22.04.2010)]

- More Than a Roof Over Your Head (2002)

A Survey of Quality Standards in European Women's Refugees (2002).

The study focuses on those eleven minimum standards for women's shelters which were defined by a group of experts at the Cologne conference in March 1999. The principal concern was to ascertain whether the women's shelters in the EU and candidate countries already complied with these standards.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=19&b=153> (22.04.2010); <http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/wave-moret.a.roof.pdf> (22.04.2010)]

- Prevention of Domestic Violence Against Women (2000)

European Survey, Good Practice Models, WAVE Training Programme (2000)

The brochure deals with preventive measures which have been taken in Europe to combat male violence against women in intimate relationships. It surveys the status of prevention efforts in the EU Member States and in the candidate countries and reviews good practice models.

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The purpose of this brochure is to provide information but also to offer practical advice on how to implement proved preventive strategies effectively. The target groups are non-governmental women's organisations and state bodies, although it was also written with those in mind who are interested in the topic and wish to put the prevention of violence against women on their agenda.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=151&b=153> (22.04.2010); <http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/goodpractice.pdf> (22.04.2010)]

- WAVE Training Programme (2000)

Sensitisation and Training of Professionals on Violence Against Women (2000)

The training manual is designed for use in training and further training courses for professionals in various fields. Special importance attaches to training and consciousness-raising for professionals dealing with the victims of violence against women and children as an effective means of preventing such violence. Confidence and professionalism in handling appeals for help and the provision of fast and efficient support can alleviate the hardships and in some case avoid further violence (tertiary prevention).

The training manual contains: Basic information and training material relating to the issue of violence against women in intimate relationships. Specific modules for law enforcement, judicial-, medical-, psycho-social professionals.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23&b=153> (22.04.2010); <http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/manual.pdf> (22.04.2010)]

- INTERREG IIIA: "Preparing the ground" (2003)

The implementation of a women's contact point in the city administration of Bratislava

d) Further NGO Projects

- Frauenhaus Norderstedt Förderverein e.V.- Exhibition HEART-BEAT

GERMANY

[LINKS: <http://www.fhfv-norderstedt.de/> (22.04.2010); <http://www.fhfv-norderstedt.de/de/herzschlag/ausstellungsinhalte/ausstellungsinhalte.html> (22.04.2010)]

- Stigamot - Samtök kvenna gegn kynferdisofbeld

ICELAND

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=4389> (22.04.2010);
<http://www.stigamot.is/page/enska> (22.04.2010)]

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- Women’s Aid Federation

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[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=4391> (22.04.2010); http://www.wave-network.org/images/doku/women%27s_aid_federation.pdf (22.04.2010)]

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- Casa delle Donne - Silent Witnesses

ITALY

Casa delle Donne project

Silent Witnesses - Itinerant exhibition on Gender Violence

The SILENT WITNESSES project was born in 1990 in the United States. The objective was to remember all those women killed by their partners, husbands and fathers. Planned by a group of women artists and writers with some organisations against the violence, the project is an itinerant exhibition of women’s dumb shapes, called “silent witnesses”: each shape remembers a killed woman and on her breast is written her name, her age, the name of her murderer and the date of her murder. The campaign, spread around and internationally known, wants to awaken the community and to focus on the serious matter of women’s murders and gender violence. The absence of the killed women is showed by the shocking long row of dumb outlines: although they are silent, the witnesses shout out through the spectator their story and send to the institutions a message of alarm so that they do concrete actions to protect women from domestic violence. The “Casa delle donne per non subire violenza” adhered to the international Campaign of the dumb Witnesses in 2005 and in 2008 repro-

posed the exhibition in a new version during the third Festival of the illustrated violence, organized on the occasion of the 25 November- International Day of the violence against women. The exhibition was mounted at the Urban Centre of Bologna, on the third floor of the Sala Borsa and opened to the public from 11 to 26 November 2008.

For the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe, the exhibition was exhibited from 26 January 2009 at the Main Hall of the Council of Europe, edited by the Italian Institute of Culture and under the patronage of Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Secretary General Added of the Council of Europe.

The shapes, composed by aluminium and polyethylene, upright on the pedestal, tell the story of women whose name they have, all absent and dumb, all victims of male violence during the 2007 in Italy, documented by the research on violence against women carried out by "Casa delle donne". The shapes have removable sticky labels and will continue each year to tell the story of women victims of male violence.

[LINKS: <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23150&b=121> (22.04.2010);
<http://www.casadonne.it/cms/> (22.04.2010)]

III. List of NGOs dealing with domestic violence projects

You'll find a comprehensive overview here:

<http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=169> (22.04.2010)

IV. Important international and European documents

a) United Nations Overview:

General link:

http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?list=yes&sw=129&sort=beginndat_desc.aenderdat_desc&b=167
(22.04.2010)

Concrete documents (**click on the topic to open the link**):

- *Violence against women migrant workers (2009)*
- *Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence (2009)*
- *Good practices in legislation on violence against women Expert group meeting (2008)*
- *Convention on the Rights of the Child (2009)*

- *UNITE Framework for Action 2008-2015*
- *UNITE Campaign Ideas (2008)*
- *UNITE Backgrounder: The Secretary-General's Campaign to End Violence Against Women (2008)*
- *A Life Free of Violence: Unleashing the Power of Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality Strategy 2008-2011 (UNIFEM)*
- *Handbook for legislation on violence against women (2009)*
- *Critical 15-year-review of VAW mandate (2009) by Yakin Ertürk*

- *Background paper by Yakin Ertürk (2009) Bringing Security Home: Combating Violence against Women in the OSCE region*
- *Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women (2008) Indicators on violence against women and State response*

- *Human Rights Council and other states reaffirming reports and work of special rapporteur (2008)*
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