

## Objectives

MARVOW will develop a multi-agency co-operation model to work with victims and perpetrators of violence against elderly women. The project will bring together and improve the knowledge of the organisations and authorities that deal with elderly women affected by violence. Once the model has been implemented and tested in six cities by the project partners, the findings will be available to other communities for replication.

## Target groups

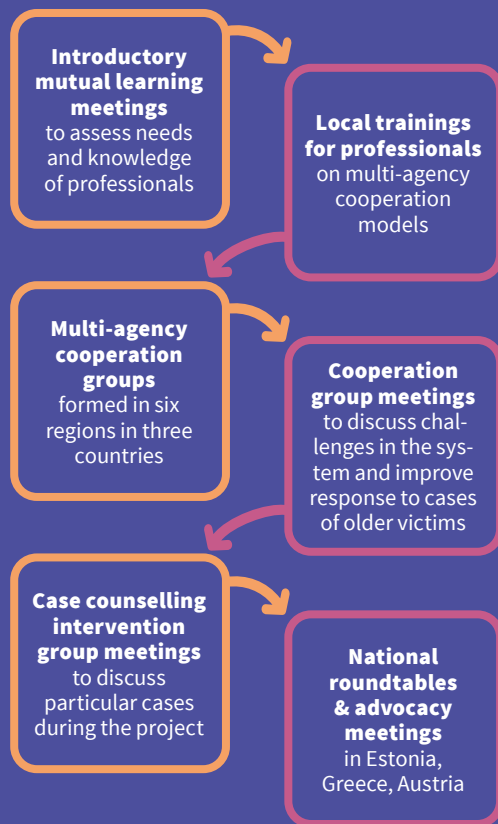
Responsible persons and representatives from eldercare services, day centres, emergency services, social workers, nurses and doctors, leaders of victim protection groups in hospitals, local authorities, police, judiciaries, medical associations, women's shelters, women's counselling centres, men's counselling centres, anti-violence centres, political decision makers and many more.

## Dissemination

The WAVE Network is responsible for disseminating MARVOW's project information and outcomes on European level, thanks to its wide outreach capacity and its long-standing expertise in EU-wide project dissemination.

## Methods

After the initial mutual learning seminar, the establishment of multi-agency cooperation platforms in Austria, Estonia and Greece will commence. Case counselling intervention groups & multi-agency cooperation groups will be held from January 2020 to March 2022.



# MARVOW

Multi-Agency Responses to Violence against Older Women



## Development and establishment of multi-institutional platforms to support older women affected by violence in Austria, Estonia, Greece

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### Project partners in Austria, Greece, Estonia and Germany:

Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters (AÖF), Austria; Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefecture (UWAH), Greece; Women's Support and Information Centre (WSIC), Estonia; University of Tartu (UT), Estonia; European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (WWP EN), Germany; Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE), Austria



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MARVOW is an EU-funded project running from September 2019 to March 2022. The project team is composed of six partner organisations from four European countries: Austria, Estonia, Greece and Germany.

MARVOW is coordinated by the Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters – AÖF in Austria.

**Older women face a higher risk of violence due to a number of factors – they are older, female, often affected by years of partner violence, facing various forms of discrimination throughout their lives and are often economically very dependent – especially if they are already in need of care.**



## Background

Violence against older women is a gender-specific and serious social problem. The extent and frequency of this violence is enormous. According to the FRA survey of 2014, 19% of women over 60 have experienced violence in a relationship from the age of 15, while 17% of women over 60 have experienced non-partner violence. Despite this, only 14% of women reported the most serious incidents to the police, so it is widely believed that the number of unreported cases is much higher.

The dimensions of gender-based violence are often overlooked, since older victims fall into the gap between two forms of family violence: intimate partner violence and elder abuse.

For this reason, the WAVE Network is devoting more attention to this problem within the framework of MARVOW.



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