

MARISSA: Multi-Agency approach to support victims of Intimate Partner Violence with Problematic Substance Abuse

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During the third semester of the implementation of the **MARISSA** project, the Project Partners continued meeting online due to the coronavirus travelling restrictions. Nonetheless, their cooperation kept going smoothly and some deliverables were completed. The **Needs Assessment Report** has been completed and is freely available to anyone interested on the co-existence of Intimate Partner Violence and Problematic Substance Use.

All reports and material are freely available at the [MARISSA website](#).

The Impact Assessment Plan is finalized and is available for the relevant professionals of the partnership to assess the pilot interventions with regards to the use of the newly developed tools available to professionals of IPV and PSU entities.

Partners meeting at Rethymno (Crete)

The project partners accomplished to meet in person at Rethymno (Crete Greece), in November 2021, to organize the final issues for the Pilot interventions at IPV and PSU entities and attend the Training of Trainers session organized by the University of Tartu and RIKK.

Professionals and project managers of University of Tartu (Estonia), the Women Support and Intervention Centre (Estonia), the Root (Iceland), RIKK (Iceland), the University of Crete (Greece) and the Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefect (Greece) were present at the 2 days meeting.



Training Manual and capacity building exercises

The training manual for IPV and PSU professionals aiming to raise their capacity on managing co-occurring IPV and PSU incidents, is finalized and freely available at the MARISSA website. The Training manual is going to be available in Greek, Estonian, and Icelandic language.

Capacity building exercises using the manual took place in the three project countries in the month of November with a total of 94 participants. Due to covid restrictions the exercise had to be online in Greece and Estonia but was held face-to-face in Iceland. Facilitators in all the three countries provided feedback on the manual based on the capacity building exercise and the training manual was finalized based on this feedback.

What is next?

During the next months, the pilot interventions are taking place in Greece, Estonia, and Iceland and the new tools will be assessed. The outputs of the interventions and the MARISSA project results are going to be announced at European Conferences and partners prepare themselves for the assessment of the outcomes of the project.

The MARISSA project is gaining significant visibility across Europe and is also going to be presented at a special event in Italy organized by like-minded organizations.

In May 2022 UWAH is going to organize an international Conference in Crete, analyzing the co-existence of IPV and PSU, with academia and professionals from all over Europe.

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