

# Newsletter

## „Improving GBV victims support services and the access to justice through Trauma-informed Care - Care4Trauma”

The EU project "Improving GBV victims support services and the access to justice through Trauma-informed Care - Care4Trauma" is financed by the EU Commission.

The project started on June 1, 2022 and will last until November 30, 2024, with total project worth of EUR 412,432.00.

Main goal of the project is to improve support services for women who have survived gender-based violence and their access to justice through Trauma-informed Care.

### Project partners:

- MondoDonna Onlus
- The Italian Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (SISST)
- Union of Women Associations of Heraklion (UWAH)
- Welfare and Development Association (ABD)
- Women's Support and Information Centre (WSIC)
- Autonomous Women's House Zagreb (AWHZ)



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## Main activities:

- Research on women who survived gender-based violence and reaction of country reports based on the collection and analysis of data on gender-based violence and the use of trauma-based help and support systems
  - Advocacy activities aimed at raising awareness of the effectiveness of trauma-based aid and support systems
  - Education of social workers, social pedagogues, lawyers, psychologists and psychiatrists on the approach to trauma-based care (TIC)
  - Increasing the capacities of employees in shelters for women who have survived violence
  - Creation of training programs and conduction of trainings intended for social workers, lawyers who provide support to women who have survived violence, and creation of a specialized program for psychotraumatology and a system of help and support based on trauma
  - The Handbook is meant to provide a guide for the implementation of the TIC
  - Communication activities aiming at increasing the awareness and knowledge of stakeholders about the access to justice through Trauma-informed Care related to gender-based violence.

## The target groups:

- Social workers, social pedagogues, lawyers, psychologists and psychiatrists
- Organizations which provide support to women survivors of gender-based violence, institutions that work or provide support to women survivors
- Representatives of state institutions and representatives of local self-government units

The project, among others aims to to educate target groups and improve their knowledge and awareness of Trauma-informed Care, its applications and problems related to accessing justice for women who have survived gender-based violence.



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# Kick-off meeting

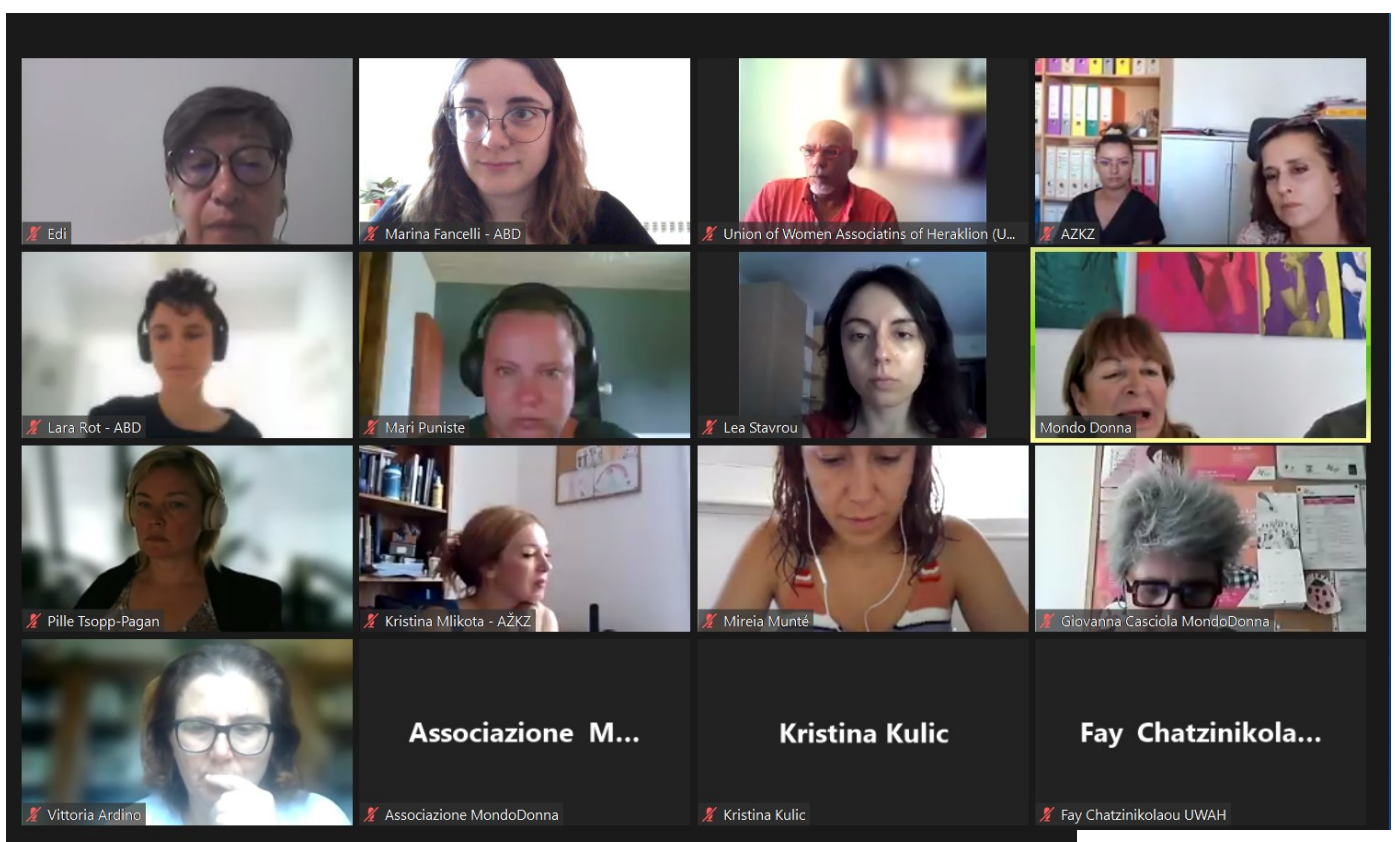
On July 1, 2022 the kick-off meeting among the partners of the EU project "Improving GBV victims support services and the access to justice through Trauma-informed Care - Care4Trauma" was held via Zoom application.

Project partners who participated in the meeting are: MondoDonna Onlus and The Italian Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (SISST) from Italy, Union of Women Associations of Heraklion (UWAH) from Greece, Welfare and Development Association (ABD) from Spain, Women's Support and Information Center (WSIC) from Estonia and Autonomous Women's House Zagreb (AWHZ) from Croatia.

Overall project's management plan and financial guidelines, activities and communication plan were presented during the meeting.

Activities for the next six months were discussed in detail and the 1st meeting of the project Scientific Committee was announced for July 21, 2022 in Bologna.

The next meeting of the project Steering Committee has been scheduled for November 16, 2022 in Zagreb.



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# First Scientific Committee Meeting

On July 21, 2022 the First Scientific Committee Meeting was held in Bologna, Italy.

The meeting was attended by experts from: MondoDonna Onlus and The Italian Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (SISST) from Italy, Union of Women Associations of Heraklion (UWAH) from Greece, Welfare and Development Association (ABD) from Spain, Women's Support and Information Center (WSIC) from Estonia and Autonomous Women's House Zagreb from Croatia.

They discussed the mapping exercise regarding the services related to access to justice of women victims of violence and the state of art of TIC approach in each country.



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