

<i>Programme:</i>	<i>Daphne - REC-RDAP-CHIL-AG-2016 – TOPIC: To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence</i>
<i>Deadline:</i>	<i>13 December 2016</i>
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<i>Who we are:</i>	
<i>Project idea:</i>	<p>Problem definition and context</p> <p>In Europe, it is estimated that only 1 in 8 victims of child sexual abuse are identified by the authorities. Children who disclose that they have been sexually abused face multiple interviews with social workers, the police and medical professionals in a variety of settings. Interviews are often the only source of evidence in sexual abuse cases, yet for many children the interviews led by the police do not enable them to provide the best possible evidence. Repeat interviews can be confusing and cause children, particularly young children, to give inconsistent evidence which, in many cases, will lead to the perpetrator not being charged. Children can be traumatised by having to give an account of their abuse to multiple professionals in multiple locations. They can also then face long waiting lists to access specialist therapeutic support. The current system is not child-centred, and does not achieve the best results, either for children or the criminal justice system.</p> <p>The objectives</p> <p><i>The general objective of this project is to equip the territory, through the establishment of four multi-agency Children's House, Barnhaus type, to ensure an easy access, efficiency and adequacy of the measures aimed at reducing the risk factors related to child violence.</i></p> <p><i>The project will address the mutual learning, exchange of good practices, capacity-building to design and adapt proven children's house models to the national context, multi-agency collaboration and protocols (e.g. police, prosecutors, judges, social workers, child protection authorities, health, mental health and education services).</i></p> <p>Foreseen activities:</p> <p><i>Project activities will be medical exams and evaluations, joint investigative interviews, victim therapy, family counselling/support, education training and research, as well as start-up and piloting of 4 polyfunctional centres for prevention integrated interventions and treatments of child victims of violence for a period of 24 months.</i></p>

The project has been elaborated according to the huge experience in the area of all the partners involved. The partnership comprises bodies with different backgrounds and aims. These partners have been selected in order to cover all the phases and contents of the project using data bases of projects in the field of industrial relations.

Will be the project main applicant being responsible for the administrative and scientific project coordinator.

Partners will be responsible for the assessment, treatment and prevention of users of the social services and for the supervision of the cases. They will assess the interventions, share psycho-social data of the cases. In addition, the associated partners will also give their contribution to the activities implementation.

The Project is based on the preliminary construction of a "multi-agency" approach.

The partnership will involve:

1. An increase of information exchange (through an integrated database) as a critical first step,
2. The preparation and sharing of Programme Agreements and Protocols of Understanding on interventions to be provided and the methods to be observed in the interventions themselves
3. The establishment of a Technical Coordination table that includes all the heads of the various departments concerned in order to monitor the experimental design, evaluate the results of ongoing and possibly restructure the planning actions to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

These actors must also be added the other local institutions (Courts, Professional Associations, Regional Education Office, Regional Office for Social Services) who have decided to participate, offering their collaboration as a non-economic partners, namely offering free and limits of functions recognized by the national laws in force:

- Advice
- Information
- Collaboration in identifying professionals for local services
- Participation in technical table interinstitutional working
- Sharing of statistical data for the purposes of the regional needs assessment
- Collaboration in the planning of preventive interventions and promoting well-being in children and their families.

Timetable:

Preparation: The preparation phase of the action consists in the creation of the project partnership, management of the communication for the project submission in order to favour the agreement on the common theme of the project (division of tasks, activities, working methods, profile of participants, practical arrangements).

WP1 – Project Management – M1-24

The coordination scheme is designed to ensure effective and efficient management at the project level, achievement of work programme objectives within the stated time and resource limits, establishment of quantifiable and accurate measurement criteria of project progress, implementation of high-quality monitoring procedures and compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Contractual Agreement. The project coordination will be divided in Scientific Coordination and Administrative Coordination.

WP2 – Dissemination activities – M1-24

Dissemination activities will play a key role in the project. The dissemination actions will begin early in the project's lifecycle and will include meetings and on line activities.

WP3 – Evaluation – M1 – 24– internal experts

We will carry out two kinds of measurement: the baseline (before the intervention) and the end-line measurement once the intervention is thought to have produced its *definitive* impact (the end of the project). In addition, we will set up a survey halfway through the implementation of the programme for monitoring and testing purposes. Our method to estimate the impact of our project will be the individual-level outcomes and in particular, the Differences-in-Differences (DiD) method. The evaluation procedures will also involve the management of the project. Evaluators will regularly interview all the project partners and the project manager to check how the project is managed, if there are problems, which can be the solutions...

WP4 – Analysis of the territorial needs and creation of the community profile – M3-M7

The analysis of the territorial needs will assess:

- The needs of local services for children and adolescents and families already known and followed by the local social services for overt problems.
- The needs of local services for children and adolescents and families at risk to be identified through the analysis of risk and preventive factors.
- The training and supervision needs of local social services and in particular of operators, social workers, psychologists, educators working for the planning and supervision of groups of territorial intervention and supervision.
- The status of implementation of agreements, protocols and operational arrangements between departments, institutions and entities of the Third Sector for the planning of actions to promote the work of the network in the field tackled by the project.

Once analysed the territorial needs, all the parties involved will elaborate the data in order to develop and share a community profile inherent specifically for the protection and care of children and adolescents for the purpose of planning a network of services from a shared base of scientific knowledge on the subject.

WP5 – Start-up and piloting of 4 Centers – M8-M24 – All the partners involved

Opening of 4 centers.

In addition, development of:

- A Charter Service of the Centers
- Guidelines for the Interventions of Integrated Protection and Care of children and their families
An Operating Protocol for Interventions of Integrated Protection and Care of children and their families
- A Pact for child and adolescent health

Once created, the centres will start working on the territory providing:

- Evaluation activities.
- Measures of psychological support, family mediation and therapeutic value counseling targeting children and adults, nuclear and extended families.
- Monitoring of project activities and intervision and supervision meetings of cases treated.

WP6 – Training for prevention intergrated interventions and treatments of child victims of violence and families at risk – M8 – M10 -

Training of the operators to define and share the contents developed under WP4 to create the group of relevant actors in the management of cases on the basis of a common methodology for assessment and intervention.

Information sharing and awareness raising will be key activities to ensure that other interested parties benefit from the project findings and can draw lessons which to apply within their own work context and develop new partnerships. Hence, the project will be flexible and adaptive to arrange for a real exchange and sharing of experiences not only amongst partners, but also with Commission policy staff, Member States and other projects financed under the call for proposals.

The project dissemination actions will begin early in the project's lifecycle and will follow two lines. On the one hand, concrete meetings will take place. In particular, the first dissemination activity will be the organization of a kick-off meeting, then, the Project Manager and the Financial Manager will attend the 2 events organized by the Commission: a transnational networking seminar; and a final transnational peer learning conference and finally, partners will meet again at the end of the project organizing a closing conference open also to relevant stakeholders and the general public.

On the other hand, Media will play an important role for the promotion of project's activities and results being involved in all phases, reaching the target groups and general population. Partners will contribute to the visibility by involving their press offices and media channels.

The project website that will be developed will represent an important mean to promote both project's activities and the final results. It will be the key tool for external and internal communication and interaction. A specific Logo will be designed to ensure an easy but high visibility of the project.

Leaflets and brochures: containing information about the project will be produced and printed in 10.000 copies.

A particular attention will be paid to make EU visible during events and in all the material diffused.

Project's activities and final results will be spread out through the network. It is important to underline that the partners' network will act as an important information/dissemination platforms for the project.

Thanks to these activities, the project partners will be able to transfer the project results to the identified stakeholders and to a wider audience by adapting the methodology of the local actors working in the field tackled by the project; sharing the know-how of the most experienced partners and creating a multiplier effect of the evidence base methods. Moreover, a Dissemination Plan will be elaborated explaining how the project plans to share outcomes with stakeholders, relevant institutions and organizations. The dissemination plan will illustrate what will be disseminated (key message), to whom (audience), why (purpose) how (method) and when (timing).

The plan will aim to:

- let local population know of the existence of the project and its objectives.
- inform other groups and organisations of the objectives and achievements of the project.
- influence policy development in relevant areas.

Aiming at the full exploitation of all the possible directions for dissemination, project partners will finally explore the possibility to join events at national, European and international level focused on the project theme domain.