

NETWORKING AND CARING FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN



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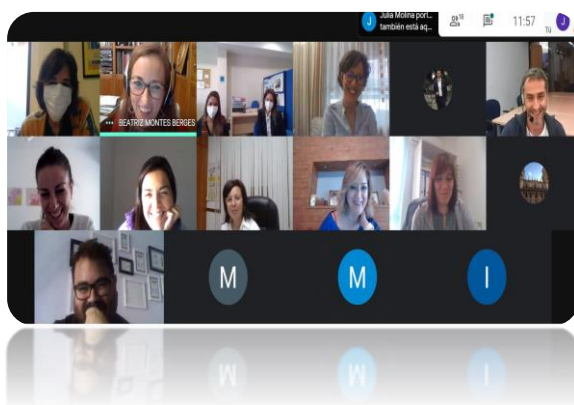
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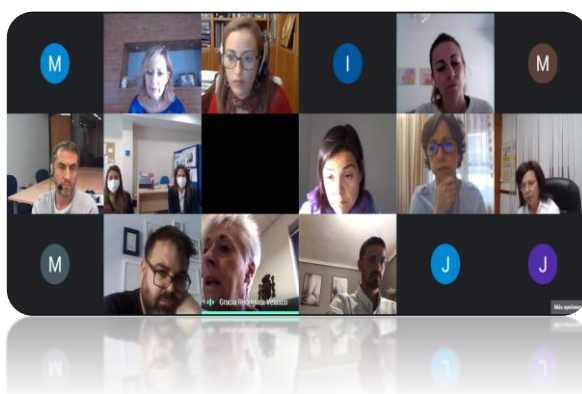
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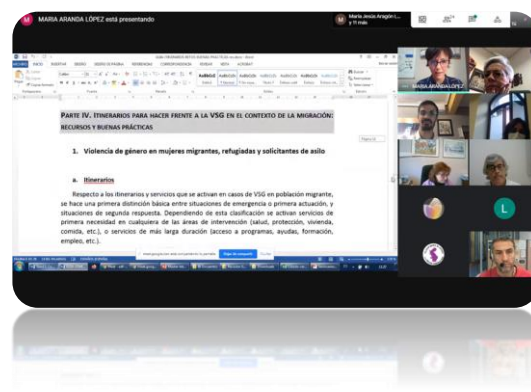
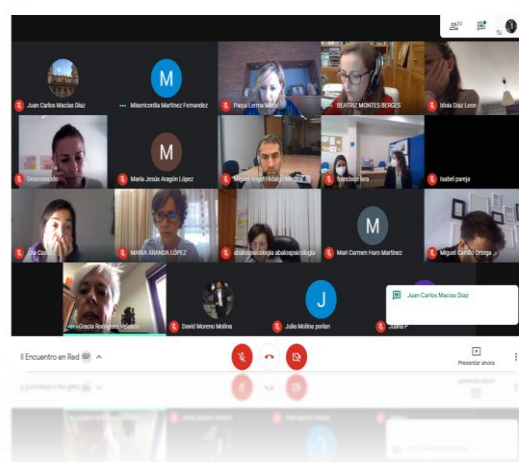
On 18th/11/2020 the "III Networking Meeting" with public and private entities was held in Spain. The objective was to know and recognize the inter-institutional network with migrants and the responses in cases of sexual and gender violence. In addition, the meeting allowed finalizing the document that collects the itineraries to respond the needs of the SGBV among the migrant community, as well as good practices and challenges. Social agents and stakeholders from 15 welfare institutions, 8 of which were public and 7 were ONGs.



Furthermore, during this last meeting, networking was fundamental to the further development of the protocol. In this way, the institutions made relevant contributions to make the document as complete as possible, these contributions refer to: contact telephone numbers, areas of intervention, among other contributions. Finally, the minutes of the meeting were taken.



The result of the three network meetings with public and private entities has given rise to a "Guide for intervention in cases of sexual and gender-based violence among migrants: routes, challenges and good practices" which will be disseminated by the different entities so that they have an accessible resource to improve networking among the entities to maximize the use of the resources available to the different institutions.



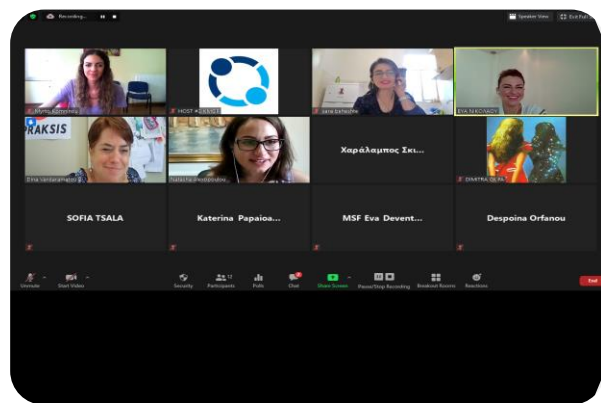
1.2 Network meetings in Greece

KMOP and Generation 2.0 organized 3 network meetings with the participation of professionals belonging to Institutional and Private entities working on health, legal and social services that deal with SGBV and migration.

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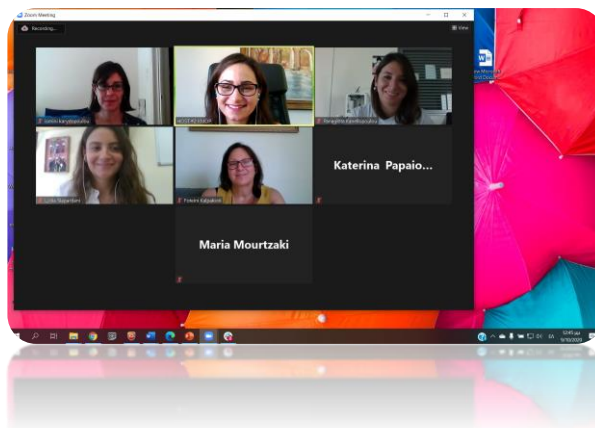
Due to legal restriction of gatherings to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, all the network meetings were held online using the platform “Zoom”.

The network meeting of the health care sector took place on 18th/9/2020, with the participation of 12 professionals belonging to various authorities and organizations.



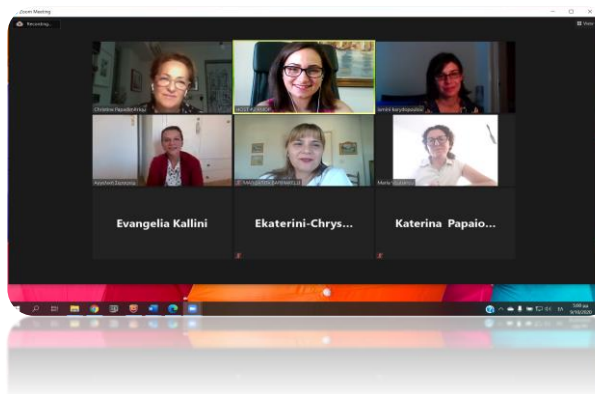
Both network meetings regarding the sectors of social care services and legal services took place on 9th/10/2020.

In the social care network meeting 8 professionals participated belonging to various authorities and organizations such as the Migrant Integration Center of the Municipality of Athens, Irida, Metadrasi, Melissa, Human Rights 360, Greek Forum of Refugees, Action Aid Hellas and others. In the legal services network meeting 9 professionals participated belonging to various authorities and organizations such as the Office of the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings (Heracles Moskoff), the General Secretariat of Family Policy and Gender Equality, the National Center for Social Solidarity, the Greek Ombudsman, the Municipal Councilor for Refugees and Migrants of the Municipality of Athens as well as legal counselors and lawyers.



The feedback of the participants of the network meetings was included in the Mutual Protocol of Cooperation, enhancing it with significant practices to better respond to SGBV cases.

In addition, 7 entities (including 2 authorities and 5 NGOs) that participated in the network meetings agreed to sign the Mutual Protocol of Cooperation.



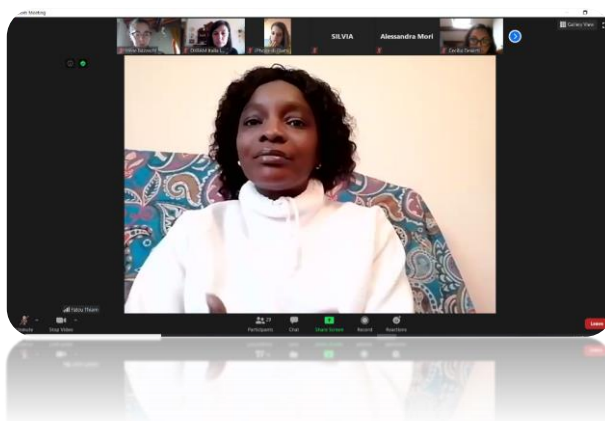
1.3. Network meetings in Italy

After the conclusion of the training for cultural mediators, the Italian team held two network meetings. The objectives of these meetings were to share the results of the work done with the cultural mediators, with the consequent promotion of the roster of trained professionals, and the promotion of the protocol aimed at enhancing the figure of the cultural mediator within the services. Online training was also promoted.

1. Network meetings

On 19th/11/2020 an ad hoc meeting was carried out with the person in charge of the Rose Code of the Tuscany region, Dr. Vittoria Doretti, in the presence of the director of the Global Health Center Maria Jose Caldes, the Head of the Anti-Violence Center La Nara, managed by the Cooperative Alice, Francesca Ranaldi, and Sara Albiani (CSG), Maria Nella Lippi and Cecilia Deserti (Oxfam).

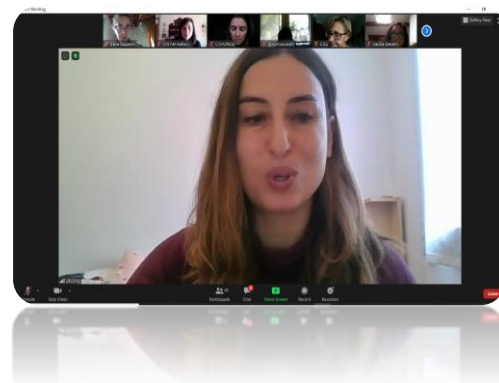
This meeting was particularly important because the Rose Code network is made up of all the nodes that contribute to the provision of health care responses, in emergency and in the immediate aftercare, for different types of victims of violence, through specific paths dedicated to different targets.



The second meeting, held on December 21st, was attended by 25 people, representatives of health services, in particular women health clinic, the regional anti-trafficking network, members of the UNHCR, representatives of private social organizations including reception centers, anti-violence centers and also some mediators who participated in the training.



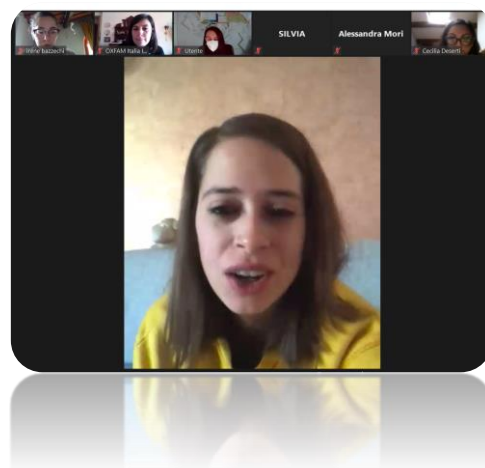
In this second meeting the results of the training were promoted by the trained mediators themselves, who shared how the training helped them to strengthen their professionalism.



Those responsible for mediation services suggested the opportunity for mediators to participate in professional development courses for the health staff with whom they work as a team.

The importance of being able to network effectively between the different services involved in the care of victims of violence and that all nodes of the network, including the mediators, are aware of each other's functioning was also highlighted.

From these meetings emerged the general appreciation of the work done by the project and the willingness to continue to collaborate.

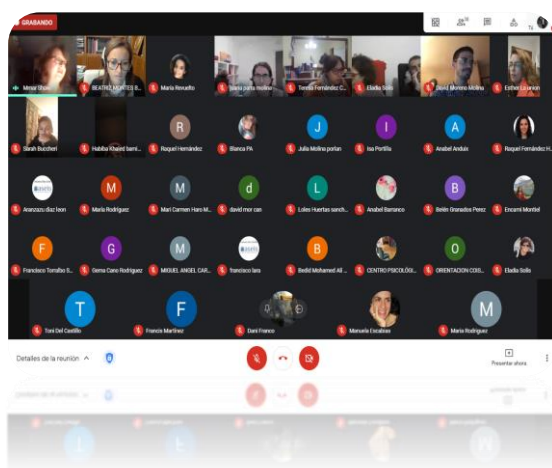


2. Face-to-face course

Module 4:

A) International and national legislation on SGBV
María Del Mar Shaw Morcillo. Provincial Women's Center of Jaén (Centro Provincial de la Mujer de Jaén).

B) International and national legislation on refugees and asylum seekers, with special attention to the application of asylum with motivation of SGBV. Marina Carbonell Sendra. Granada ACOGE.



Module 5:

A) Anti-violence centers: how do they work? Access and mapping. Lourdes Aguilar Herrada. Andalusian Institute for Women (Instituto Andaluz de la Mujer).

B) Stress management and burnout prevention. Beatriz Montes Berges. Senior Lecturer of Social Psychology at the UJA. María Aranda López. Doctor Assistant Lecturer of Social Psychology at UJA.



2.2 Face-to-face course in Greece

The training was organized in every day sessions during the week of 23rd/11/2020 – 27th/11/2020 with a total duration of 25 hours.

The training had multidisciplinary approach, consisting of 50% lesson and 50% workshop. It included modules on health, legal and social aspects of SGBV. The methodology of the training was based upon the professional profile of the learners, considering the learners as constructors of their own knowledge.

The trainers were chosen based on their studies and work experience:

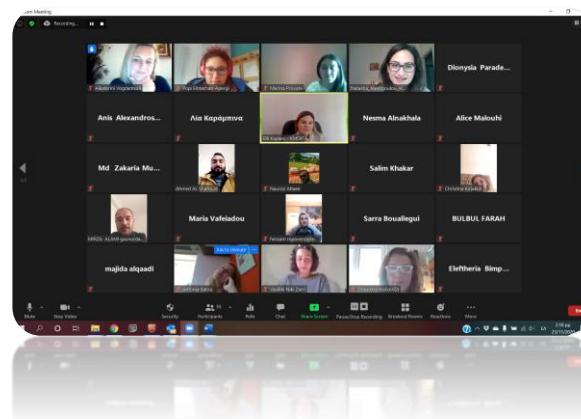
Module 1:

A) Presentation of Net – Care project.

B) Groups facilitation and Classroom pact.

C) Code of ethics for social workers dealing with SGBV victims, delivered by Natasha Alexopoulou (Lawyer specialized in Criminal Law).

D) Introduction to SGBV. Definitions and typologies, delivered by Maria Elli Doufexi Kaplani (Sociologist specialized in research on gender issues LGBTQI +, domestic violence, trafficking and human trafficking).

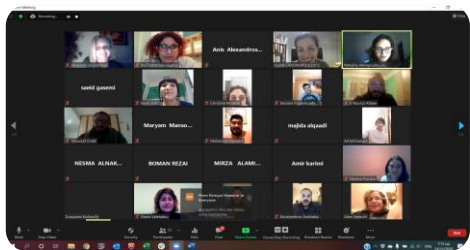


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Module 2:

A) Effects of SGBV on people's health. Services offered by the NHS and how to access them, delivered by Eleni Chronopoulou (Social Worker, collaborating with Center for Support of Migrant and Refugee Women "Melissa" and long experience in the field).



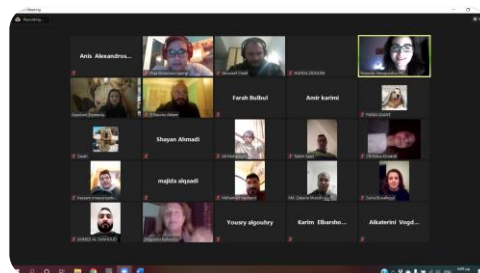
Module 3:

A) SGBV in forced migrations. LGBTQI+ refugees and asylum seekers. Trafficking and smuggling, FGM, delivered by Aggeliki Serafeim (Lawyer and Legal Adviser at the National Reporting Mechanism for the protection of victims of Trafficking, former legal adviser of Center for Research on Gender Issues "DIOTIMA" as well as a Chairman in Asylum Committee for Appeals).



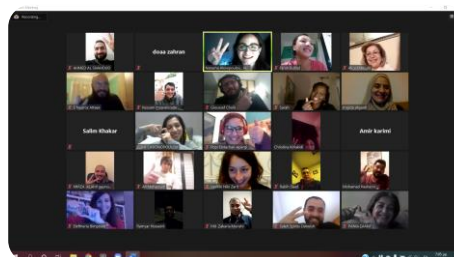
Module 4:

- A) International and domestic legislation on SGBV.
- B) International and domestic legislation on refugees and asylum seekers, with a focus on asylum application with SGBV motivation, delivered by Aggeliki Serafeim.



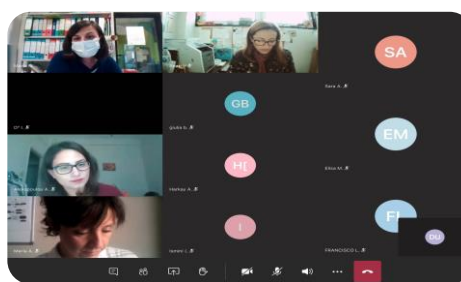
Module 5:

- A) The anti-violence centers and how they operate. Access and mapping, delivered by Eleni Chronopoulou
- B) Stress management and burn-out prevention, delivered by Thanasis Tsaldaris (Psychologist specialized in Stress Control and Health Promotion).



3. Steering Committee Meeting

On 11th/11/2020 a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Net-Care Project was held to advance its partners coordination. In particular, the activities carried out by each partner were described and the future activities in each country were planned.



4. News in MassMedia

4.1. News about the face-to-face course in Spain

UJA trains cultural mediators in the field of sexual and gender-based violence among migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Jaén28.es)

<https://cutt.ly/njp7Wuw>



Cultural and social mediators trained in Jaén (Ideal)

<https://cutt.ly/wjp77h6>



UJA trains cultural mediators in the field of sexual and gender-based violence among migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Diario Digital)

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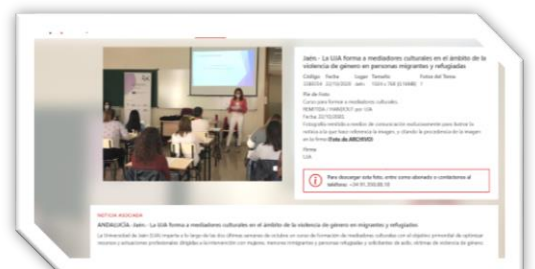


Anti-violence training (Diario Jaén)



The UJA trains cultural mediators in the field of gender violence in migrants and refugees (Europa Press)

<https://cutt.ly/KjaeaMW>



4. News in MassMedia

UJA trains cultural mediators in the field of sexual and gender-based violence among migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (20 minutos)

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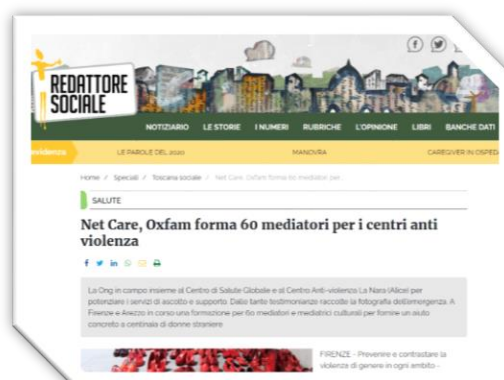
Oxfam, Net Care: the network that helps women victims of abuse (lanazione Arezzo)

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Oxfam: "Net care", the network that helps women victims of abuse in Tuscany (REDATTORE SOCIALE)

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4.2. News about the classroom course in Italy

Oxfam: "Net care", the network that helps women victims of abuse in Tuscany (toscanaoggi.it)

4. News in MassMedia

Every day 10 women turn to the anti-violence centers of the region (Oxfam Italy)

Oxfam in the field with a training course for 60 cultural mediators to provide concrete help to hundreds of foreign women victims of gender violence.

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Oxfam: Net Care, the network that helps women victims of abuse in Tuscany (gonews.it)

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4.3. Awareness News

On November 25, several images were published and shared on the occasion of the "International Day Against Gender Violence".

5. European Researchers' Night



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On 27th/11/2020, the European Researchers' Night took place, an event of scientific popularization at European level, which takes place simultaneously in about 300 cities in 24 European and neighboring countries.



Beatriz Montes Berges coordinated and presented the activity entitled "A different journey". In this workshop, the listeners were invited to make a different trip, through a visualization in which they will be guided to approach the reality of people forced to migrate.

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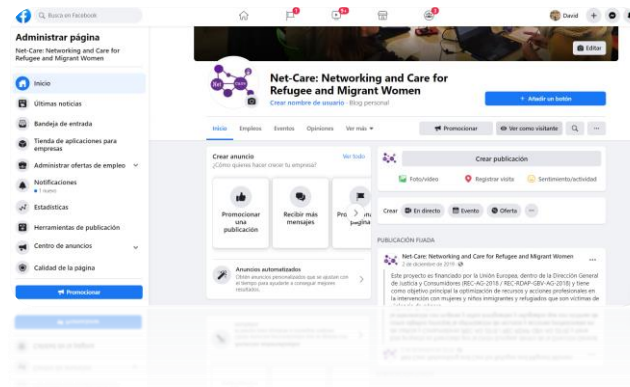
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In order to disseminate the activities in the context of the Net-Care project, making them accessible to the whole community, social networks are used. Periodically, several posts are updated in Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and the Net-Care website. In addition, this online world allows sharing contents to raise awareness.

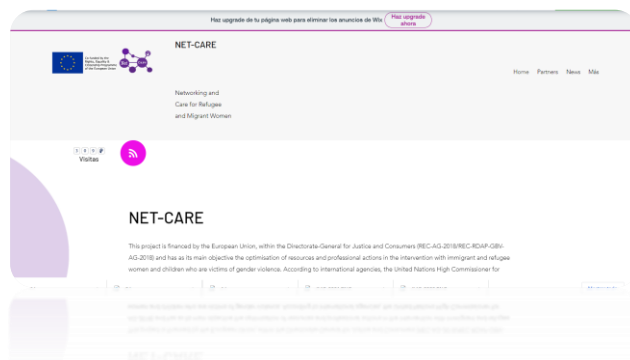
Page of Facebook:

Net-Care: Networking and Care for Refugee and Migrant Women



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<https://net-care.wixsite.com/website>



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