

# NETWORKING AND CARING FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN



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# 1. Network meetings

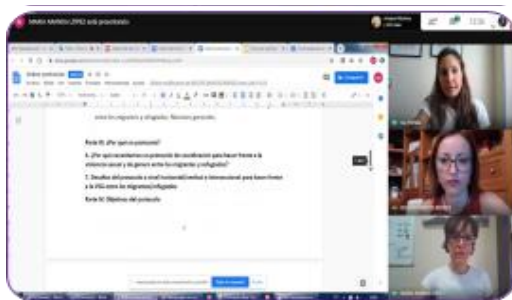
## 1.1. Spain

In Spain, on June 18, 2020, the University of Jaén and ASEIS, held a meeting with different public and private entities to start a collaborative and networking with the aim of creating a Protocol of Collaboration.

The protocol will promote a comprehensive intervention with victims of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), vulnerable people, migrants and refugees in Spain.

This was the first of three planned meetings. In this first meeting the work objectives were shared, the realities of each institution were presented and a database of useful resources in the work with migrants was shared. Special emphasis was placed on learning about the social, legal and health care pathways suffered by victims of sexual and gender-based violence among migrants.

In Spain a total of 21 representatives from different entities participated; 13 from the public sphere and 8 from the private sphere.



## 1.2. Italy

In Italy, Oxfam Italia Intercultura, Alice Cooperativa Sociale, and Centro Salute Global organized the network meeting that was held online on September 3, 2020 for 2 hours, with the presence of 21 representatives (11 representatives of regional authorities and the regional public health system, and 10 from civil society organizations working with RM victims/at risk of violence).

## 1.3. Greece

In Greece, Generation 2.0 and KMOP organized the first online networking meeting on September 18, 2020, with key organizations working in the field of migrant health service delivery.

Participants discussed the content of the proposed Protocol of Collaboration and its actual implementation. Second and third online networking meetings, with the legal and social services sectors, are scheduled for October 9, 2020.

At the health sector networking meeting on 9/18/20, they had 12 participants: 1 from a public entity and 11 from private entities. The next network meetings are going to be organized on October 9, 2020.

After collecting the different reactions of the three sectors (public and private entities and community representatives), Generation 2.0 and KMOP will soon present, during an online event, a Protocol of Collaboration in which some recommendations and best practices regarding the management of cases of sexual and gender violence in Greece will be proposed.



## 2. Face-to-face course

### “Prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence in the context of migration”

#### 2.1. Face-to-face course in Italy

In Italy, the Net-Care course for cultural mediators aims to train staff to identify and support victims of gender-based violence in the context of migration, in order to collaborate with services, institutions and organizations working with migrants and refugees (especially women and children) who are victims of gender-based violence. The course is organized by the Center for Global Health of the Tuscany Region in collaboration with Oxfam Italy Intercultura and Alice soc. coop. The course will last 25 hours.

The other one the course has two editions: one in Arezzo, and the other in Florence. To enable the participation of 60 cultural mediators throughout the region.

The training includes a certificate of participation until its completion. It is promoted among competent authorities at local and regional level in order to train competent staff in the field of prevention of gender violence for the support of Codice Rosa, anti-violence centers, shelters and reference services.

In Italy, in the cities of Arezzo and Florence, the Net-Care course started on September 24th. Its objective was: identification and care of victims of gender violence in the context of migration.

The classrooms have been proposed in accordance with national and regional standards for the prevention of Covid19, and may be subject to changes that will be promptly communicated by the organization.

In Italy the course was very participatory: everyone contributed thanks to their background and solid experiences in working with migrant and refugee populations. They expressed a desire to improve their working tools, especially in relation to referral procedures, in order to work closely with the services responsible for the protection of victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

The social technicians also shared the need to receive more information on stress management, stress associated with this delicate work of contacting migrant and refugee survivors.



## 2. Face-to-face course

### “Prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence in the context of migration”



#### 2.2.Face-to-face course in Greece

Due to the strict measures to prevent the spread of COVID 19, including the limitation of a maximum of 9 people for private/public meetings, therefore Greece will be conducting the course online.

The course will be held in the fourth week of November 2020, specifically between the 23rd and 27th of November. The course will last 25 hours.

#### 2.3.Face-to-face course in Spain

The course will last 40 hours: 25h theoretical-practical and 15h of supervised real emergency response.

The course will be attended provided that the safety conditions of the face-to-face can be maintained, according to the guidelines of the competent health authorities.

The course will be held at the University of Jaen on 19, 21, 22, 27 and 29 October, 2020.

The course modules of the course are:

##### Module 1:

- A) Group Facilitation and Classroom Agreement.
- B) Code of ethics for social workers dealing with victims of SGBV.

##### Module 2:

- A) An introduction to SGBV. Definitions and typologies.
- B) What effects does it have on people's health?
- C) What services does the national health system offer and how to access them?

##### Module 3:

- A) SGBV in forced migration. Refugees and LGBTQI+ asylum seekers. Trafficking and smuggling. Female Genital Mutilation.

##### Module 4:

- A) International and national legislation on SGBV.
- B) International and national legislation on refugees and asylum seekers, with special attention to the application of asylum with motivation of SGBV.

##### Module 5:

- A) Anti-violence centers: how do they work? Access and mapping.
- B) Stress management and burnout prevention.





# 3. Online Course

**"Training and Awareness raising in the proceedings with victims of gender-based violence and Sexual between eopleimmigrants, applicantsylum seekers and refugees"**

## 3.1. Online Course

On July 31st, the Steering Committee of the Net-Care project organized a meeting in order to plan the online course entitled "Training and Awareness in actions with victims of sexual and gender-based violence among immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees".

## 3.2. Objectives

### General:

- To train cultural mediators and social operators on sexual and gender-based violence, in accordance with international protection standards.

### Specific:

- To facilitate the early identification and support of migrant and refugee women, men, youth and children who have suffered sexual and gender-based violence.
- To improve the responses of cultural mediators or social actors to the support and care needs of migrant and refugee survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.
- To create a list of key cultural mediation professionals to equip regional and national services to support migrant and refugee survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

## 3.3. Brochure

**Training and Awareness in actions with victims of gender and sexual violence among immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees**

Online Specialization Course

Organized by Centro Salute and Globale y Oxfam Italia

Participating entities:

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### Presentation

The course is part of the European project REC-AG-2018/REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2018 "NETWORKING AND CARING FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN", which seeks to improve and consolidate assistance and support for victims of gender-based violence among refugees/migrants and asylum seekers in Europe.

### Who it is aimed at

To any professional in the public or private sector who work with migrants and refugees, especially those who are victims of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) or at risk.

### Access and dates

The registration and the development of the course will be done through Oxfam Italia's E-Learning platform

Once the course has been completed, the training will be accredited with an attendance certificate of 25 hours.

### Program

- Module 1:** Introduction to the VSG. Definitions and typologies (2.5 hours). Speaker: Barbara Pinelli. Anthropologist.
- Module 2:** A) Health effects on people who suffer from SGBV B) First aid and psychosocial support for victims/survivors: general guidelines C) What services does the national health system offer and how to access them? Speakers: 1. Vittoria Doretto. Physician at ASL Toscana Sud-Est. 2. Leopoldo Casas Mata. Social Health Worker at UGC "Andújar A".
- Module 3:** Anti-violence centers. Speaker: Lourdes Aguilar Herrada. Social worker of the IAM.
- Module 4:** VSG in forced migrations. Refugees and LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. Trafficking and smuggling. Speaker: Barbara Pinelli. Anthropologist.
- Module 5:** International and national legislation on SGBV. Speakers: 1. Noris Morandi. Lawyer at the Court of Florence. 2. Maria Del Mar Shaw Morcillo. Bachelor of Laws. Expert in criminology.
- Module 6:** International and national legislation on refugees and asylum seekers, with special attention to the application of asylum with motivation VSG (2.5 hours). Speakers: 1. Giulia Cragnolini and 2. International Protection Unit, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Rome. Isabel Portilla Seiquer. Lawyer, Asylum Lawyer and NET-CARE Project Technician.
- Module 7:** Code of ethics for professionals who deal with victims of GBV. Speaker: Maria Nella Lippi. Oxfam Italy Interculture.

# 4. Net-Care: media coverage

## 4.1. News "I Meeting: working in network" (UJA-ASEIS)

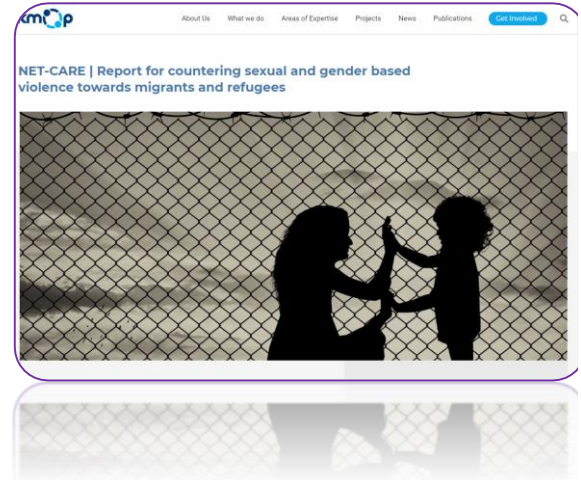
The University of Jaén generated two news with the purpose of spreading the event "I Encounter: working in network", which took place on June 18, 2020 with the participation of public and private entities.

<https://cutt.ly/BfOEU10> (Diario Jaén)

<https://cutt.ly/bfOEWc1> (Diario Digital)



<https://cutt.ly/cfORjzy> (KMOP)



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<https://cutt.ly/efORPqw> (ACCEM, June 20th "World Refugee Day")

## 4.2. Awareness News

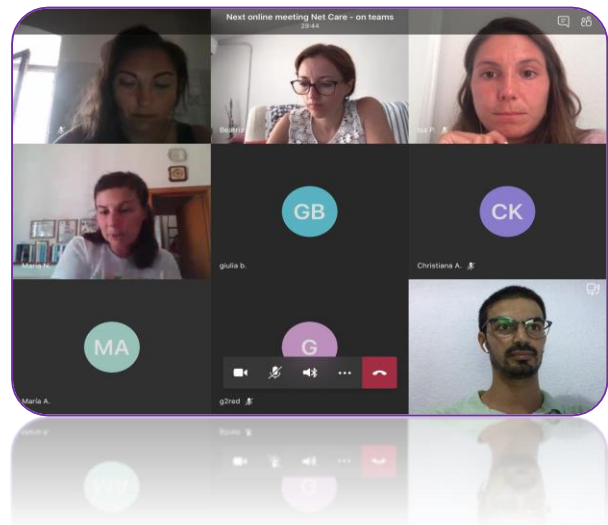
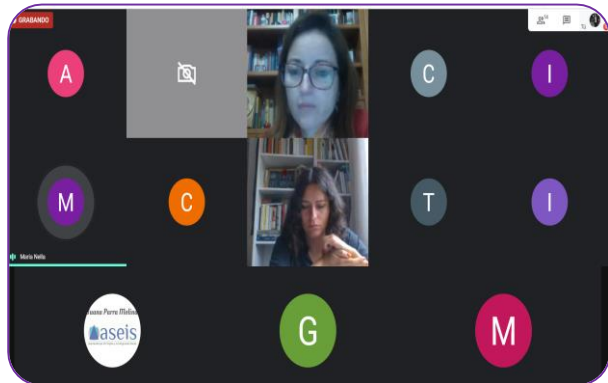
<https://cutt.ly/TfORsbz> (The conversation)



## 5. Steering Committee Meetings

### 5.1 Steering Committee Meetings

During May 18th and July 31st, a meeting with the different partners that belong to the steering committee of the NET-CARE project was held online. In this meeting several topics were discussed, among which the organization of the online training that will take place in September (contents, translations, questions, etc.) in order to prepare carefully all the courses for the scheduled date. Other issues addressed were the project's financial report, the time sheet, etc., reports that have been affected by COVID19 and therefore adapted to the current health situation.



## 6. European Researchers' Night

### 6.1 European Researchers' Night

The European Researchers' Night is the European event of scientific popularization that takes place simultaneously in approximately 300 cities of 24 European and neighboring countries.

The UJA team, together with ASEIS, coordinates the proposal of activities to be carried out in the Researchers' Night, scheduled for November 27th in the Spanish town of Jaén, if the current health situation allows it.

The activity is aimed at families, especially minors and young people, with the aim of promoting reflection on migration, asylum seekers and VSG.





# 7.Actions for adaptation to COVID-19

Due to the current health situation and the consequences of COVID-19, certain partners have promoted a series of adaptations in order to improve the quality of life, in this case, of migrant women.

## 7.1 Alice Società Coopeativa Sociale Onlus

Actions for adaptation to COVID-19	
<b>Institution</b>	Alice Cooperativa sociale
<b>Title of the performance</b>	Supporting women victim of violence and abuse
<b>Brief description</b>	Emergency support
<b>Target population</b>	Migrant woman
<b>Type of institution (public or private)</b>	No profit Private
<b>Ambit (local/provincial/state)</b>	In this period of Emergency, the Italian Organizations Alice and Oxfam (please tag both of us on FB) implemented several actions to respond to migrant and refugee women in need: the toll number of the anti-violence center La Nara is Always active and their professionals give psycho-social and legal support to women and girls and witnesses of violence, additionally they seek to give support on housing and legal matters. Cases are increasing especially in relation to domestic violence and foreigner women feel particularly isolated when facing such issue..
<b>Number of people affected</b>	1 case

## 7.2. Oxfam Italia Intercultura

Actions for adaptation to COVID-19	
<b>Institution</b>	Oxfam Italia Intercultura
<b>Title of the performance</b>	Supporting Refugee women victim of violence and abuse
<b>Brief description</b>	Emergency support
<b>Target population</b>	Migrant woman
<b>Type of institution (public or private)</b>	CSO
<b>Ambit (local/provincial/state)</b>	Oxfam Italia collaborate with partner organizations in Community centers services, using online tools and telephone calls cultural mediators and legal operators give support to vulnerable people. In relation to migrant women they provide information on the issue of violence, renewal of the document, job searching and government bonus for housing and food since many of them lost their work and basic social security. These situations can expose them to new form of violence and vulnerability (debts, forcing to prostitution, sexual harrassment etc.,).
<b>Number of people affected</b>	1 case



# 8. Social Networks

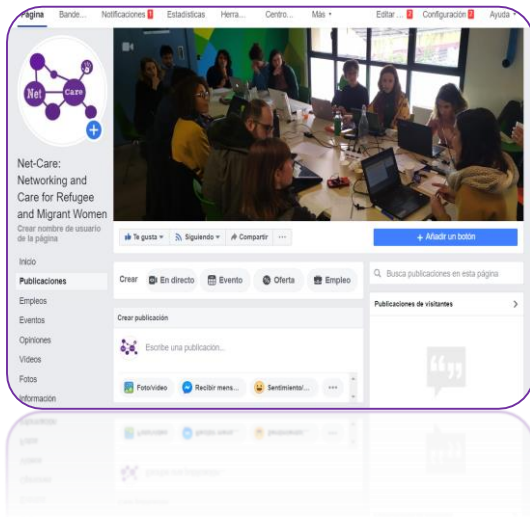
## 8. Social Networks

To develop the dissemination elements of the project and to ensure their diffusion, as well as to distribute the contents generated by the Net-Care project making them accessible to the whole community we have the following social networks.

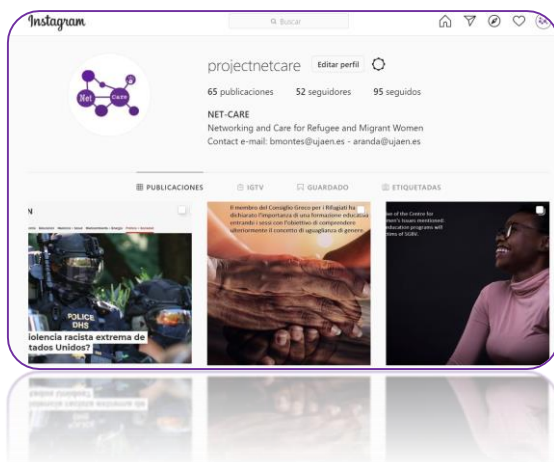
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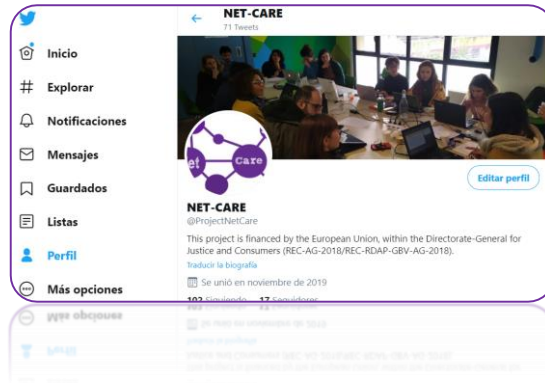
Net-Care: Networking and Care for Refugee and Migrant Women



Instagram: @projectnetcare

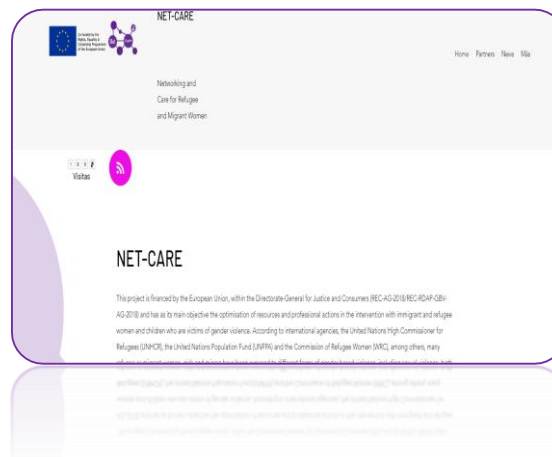


Twitter: @ProjectNetCare



### Website:

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



QR code giving direct access to the website

