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Making Shelters Psychologically-
and Trauma-Informed

Information and Networking Meeting REC projects on Empowerment of Women and Combatting GBV

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PIE4shelters in a nutshell

Background and rationale

Gender-Based Violence is the main cause of homelessness of women, homelessness is a significant risk factor for experiencing GBV, particularly for women

Objective

- Improve support for homeless women as a group particularly affected by GBV
- Support homeless shelters to become Psychologically Informed Environments (PIEs)

What makes PIE4shelters special? Joint expertise from homeless and GBV / women's sectors

Key activities

1. Assessment report to identify gaps in service provision
2. Development of the *PIE4shelters* training framework for homeless services
3. Trained 200 frontline and 70 management staff working with homeless services in HU, BE, IE, IT, UK
4. Internal training day in all partner organizations to establish PIE as organizational framework
5. 1 European and 5 local train the trainers
6. Evaluation of training impact

Impact

- Improved understanding of trauma
- PIE as comprehensive framework
- Staff appreciated they could contribute own knowledge and experience to the training
- Staff felt empowered to effectively improve support & environments
- *'Training gave me the push to bring up the subject'*
- Key to provide space for survivors to share GBV as gender-specific experience

Lessons learned

- Bringing about organizational change takes time
- Need to tailor training to the organization and (groups of) support workers
- Useful exchange of knowledge between homeless and GBV / women's sectors
- Tools from women's services useful for homeless services, adaption needed
- Wish to bring training to relevant professionals

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