

Project background and relevance

Gender-based violence (GBV) is the main cause of homelessness amongst women. Homelessness is a significant risk factor for experiencing GBV. PIE4shelters contributes to the protection and support of homeless women as a group particularly affected by GBV and acts within a wider European context.

Objectives

- Improve protection and support to homeless victims of GBV.
- Build the capacity of services to meet the needs of homeless victims of GBV.
- Support shelters to become Psychologically Informed Environments.

Activities

- Assessment of current provision in shelters working with homeless victims of GBV in 5 partner countries (HU, UK, IE, IT, BE)
- Development of a European training framework on PIE for shelters
- Delivery of a range of training activities in partner countries Results
- Shelters equipped to meet the needs of homeless victims of GBV
- Empowerment of homeless victims of GBV
- Improved quality of protection and support to homeless victims of GBV
- Increased awareness of the needs of homeless victims of GBV, and how to meet them, amongst service providers and policy makers.

Outputs

- PIE for shelters training framework
- European Guide on PIE for shelters, translated into FR, EN, IT, HU
- 5 National “gap mapping” reports which show current gaps in service provision for homeless women with experiences of gender-based violence.
- 5 National awareness raising events and 1 EU workshop
- 15 training events in 5 MS and 1 European train-the-trainer event
- 7 dissemination meetings with national and European-level policy makers