

Identifying & Responding to Violence Against Women

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FUTURE CHALLENGES
FOR THE HOMELESS
SECTOR IN EUROPE

Where do we stand?

76% homeless services provide some kind of support to DV survivors

45% think most homeless service able to identify DV among service users

35% feel most homeless organizations are able to appropriately respond to needs of survivors

Homeless services last resort, often not equipped, male-dominated

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Considerable number of survivors do not access refuges

How to improve support for survivors?

More women-only
homeless services /
spaces

Gender-sensitive, DV-
sensitive, trauma-
informed services, user-
led interventions

Access to permanent
housing,
safe place for recovery
& support *after* crisis

Continuous
collaboration
'inter-service protocols'
single points of contact

Housing providers to
make use of unique
access to homes

Get key professionals to
refer to DV specialist
services

Questions

- How can we prevent women's homelessness?
Ideas for intervention and support - who, when and where?
- Scattered housing, housing unit or something else?
- How to secure women's safety in housing?
(emergency accommodation and homeless services in general)
- What are the crucial points in shaping a continuous collaboration between support services – homeless services, housing providers, specialist DV services?



Thank you!

Safe at Home project- Including Housing Providers in
Tackling Domestic Violence
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