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## Open Day in Trapani: first presentation of PROVIDE project

Parallel to the research work of the project, all PROVIDE groups have made an effort to make the PROVIDE project known to the population, as well as raise awareness about the situation of migrants, refugees / asylum seekers in Europe.

Thus, the first of these dissemination actions was the Open Day organized by the cooperative Badia Grande on 26<sup>th</sup> Juny 2018 in the Conference Hall of Contrada Cipponeri in Trapani (Italy).

This Open Day aimed to inform citizens about the objectives of project founded by European Union both in terms of identifying the good support and assistance practices to victims of proximity violence and of training of practitioners that work with the victims of proximity violence.

During the Open Day were illustrated the objectives of the PROVIDE project, the phases and the activities of project, as well as the target of the beneficiaries.

Among the participants, were present Antonio Manca, manager and coordinator of the cooperative; Professor Ignazia Bartholini, principal investigator of the PROVIDE project; Dr. Maria Concetta Papa, director of the Hotspot of Trapani Milo; Dr. Pamela Corso, manager of the Cas di Badia Grande, and Dr. Giuseppina Cusenza, responsible for the Sprar of Badia Grande.



Participants in the Open Day of Badia Grande

## The meeting of Jaen: a review of the method and results of the research

The meeting held in Jaén on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, served as a stage to present the results obtained by the different PROVIDE partners in the research phase of the project.

The research was carried out based on personal interviews conducted mainly in reception centers for refugees/asylum seekers and / or hospitals.

Among all the participating groups were conducted about 200 interviews in the areas of Palermo, Milan, Tuscany and Lecco (Italy), Paris, Île-de-France (France) and Jaen (Spain). Each group began by presenting the context of their region in which the interviews were conducted.



Panoramic of the meeting at the University of Jaen



Another moment of the meeting

Soon, the first differences began to be seen both in terms of legislation (even in different regions within the same country) and in the way of understanding "gender violence" or "proximity violence" in different countries.

Thus, one of the main conclusions, common among all the participating countries, was the lack of awareness of certain types of gender-based violence or proximity violence in asylum centers. While physical violence is "palpable", other types of violence are not and are often unnoticed.

Another clear conclusion was the need to create a multidisciplinary network of assistance to victims of gender violence and proximity, so that the sectors of health or education, as well as social services, NGOs, the judicial or police sector, participate.

In addition, we find it necessary to draw up an action protocol capable of defining the necessary steps to be carried out at the moment in which the victims of this type of violence are detected.

The lack of communication between public and private operators and, in some cases, the lack of empathy on the part of the operators of the asylum centers were other deficiencies discussed and, in many cases, common to more than one country.

The meeting of Jaen remarked, therefore, the necessity of the elaboration of a common protocol of action for all the sectors participating in this field, as well as the need to reinforce the formation and qualification of the professionals of these sectors.

These conclusions highlight the suitability of the training courses that have already begun to take place as part of the next phase of the PROVIDE project.



Assistants to the meeting

## Press conferences: Milan, Paris and Jaen

After the meeting of Jaen, the dissemination actions continued with the press conference held in Milan (Italy) by the Fondazione ISMU, represented by Lia Lombardi, on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The conference, made in collaboration with the Municipality of Milan, was held at "Casa dei diritti" (the House of Rights) - a place managed by the municipality of Milan and open to all citizens in which they deal the themes of migration and social problems.

The conference began with the institutional greetings of prof. Vincenzo Cesareo (general secretary of the ISMU foundation) and of Dr. Miriam Pasqui, official of the Municipality of Milan.

Prof. Bartholini (scientific leader of PROVIDE project) then took the floor explaining the genesis of the project and the supporting theory on which it is built. Lia Lombardi illustrated the objectives and actions of the project, focusing on the training that will take place between January and May 2019, and Emanuela Bonini (PROVIDE monitoring expert for the ISMU Foundation) illustrated the training assessment path and the guidelines that will be produced.

The conference was attended for 25 stakeholders from public and private social services and 2 journalists. There was a great appreciation and interest in the project on their part and a great interest in

the training that they considered innovative and very important for the Milan area.

The interlocution with the stakeholders was important and significant: many questions and reflections on the themes of the project were highlighted by the stakeholders themselves.



Lia Lombardi (ISMU) in the press conference in Milan

A second press conference took place on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Maison de l'Europe in Paris, on this occasion organized by the organization Samusocial International, in collaboration with the University of Palermo.

The conference, included in the framework of first infodays of PROVIDE, has been attended by the main associations and public service involved in the French asylum reception system.

After a general introduction by Dr. Emmanuelli, and a short presentation of the project by Marie Chuberre, Pr. Bartholini introduced the concepts of gender and proximity based violence. Julia Tan Thanh as consultant made a presentation of the main findings of the research conducted in France. A

presentation of the training phase that will be implemented during 2019 first six months concluded the conference.



Conference table in Paris

“Expert in Proximity on Violence Management” which is going to be imparted on January and February.



Assistants to the InfoDay in Jaen

Likewise, an InfoDay was also held in Jaen (Spain) organized by the Association for Employment and Social Integration - ASEIS with the collaboration of the University of Jaen and the Alto Guadalquivir Health Agency.



InfoDay at the University of Jaen

## Other dissemination actions

Additionally, the Jaen group decided on several meetings that they could not leave the opportunity to show the project on the well-known Researchers European Night when doing the InfoDay.



PROVIDE stand at the Researchers European Night

Public and political authorities, social agents of the city of Jaen and different media were called for this press conference at the Universidad de Jaen.

The objective was to reach the higher number of people with the exhibition of the PROVIDE project, summarizing the work done up to now and, taking the opportunity, advertising the training course

The Researchers European Night is a fantastic showcase which hopes to bring closer the researches world to the general

population and also a place where many of the researches done could reach thousands of people.

From a stand situated at the central part of the main hall of the event they made some activities with the youngest population in order to prevent and to make aware about the proximity on violence and in giving information about the project to the adult population interested on our research.

In addition, a variant of the logo was created, in a children's key, to distribute as stickers among the youngest attendees to the event.

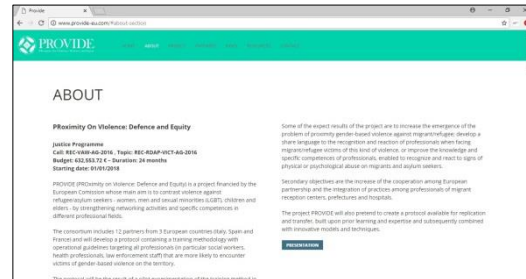


Variant of the logo for children

In any case, the different PROVIDE project partners do not miss the opportunity to continue spreading their work in various events and meetings held in any of the participating cities.

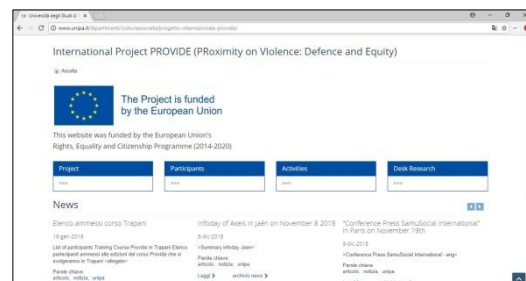
One of the last actions was carried out during the I Seminar "Women UJA of International Success in R+D+I" to present current European projects led by women, as part of the calendar of action of the project of the University of Jaen "OFIPI4CEAs2020". Within the framework, Belén Agrela, responsible for the PROVIDE project in Spain, presented also our research.

Meanwhile, the dissemination of the PROVIDE project, as well as the actions carried out as part of it, continues uninterrupted from the project website ([www.provide-eu.com](http://www.provide-eu.com)).



Screenshot of the ABOUT section of the project website

Likewise, these actions continue to be disseminated from the space that the University of Palermo offered to the PROVIDE project on the University's web (<http://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/cultura/esocieta/progetto-internazionale-provide/>)



Screenshot of the UNIPA project webpage

On the other hand, the first newsletter, which made the project known, its main objectives, the corporate image and the participating entities, was disseminated through a mailing campaign to more than 100,000 recipients of various public entities, universities, NGOs and associations in Spain, Italy and France. We hope overcome this number with this second edition.

## Training courses

The next phase of the project, in which we are already involved, is the realization of a series of training courses designed to prepare a selected group of “expert practitioners on violence of proximity”; experts on the identification and accompaniment of refugees/asylum seekers, and victims of proximity violence.

The standardization of the asylum system has highlighted the lacunae on the specific assistance of the asylum seekers with particular vulnerabilities, as previewed by the art. 17 of the Directive 2013/33/EU. In Italy, an approach discrepancy emerged regarding the violence of proximity and a disparity among the care services activated in the several Southern and Northern regions.

The launch of services regarding the registered violence cases is mainly correlated to the adoption of a gender mainstream that is limited to the sending of the victims to anti-violence centres and to the antitrafficking referents. This limitation highlights subsistent gaps regarding the assistance of migrants with particular necessities.

The violence suffered by the migrants in the transit countries is mainly detected by the practitioners that work within the Hotspot, CAS, SPRAR as gender violence, neglecting the consequences of a wide category of violence of proximity and the number of cases.

The course is divided into 5 modules of five hours each (which we present below), and it is previewed a full attendance. The selection criteria of the attendants will be

carried by the designated commission, chaired by the Professor Ignazia Bartholini, the project manager of the project.

The first edition began on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Trapani. On January 18<sup>th</sup> also began the course in Milan; and, in the next months, it is foreseen that start the classes of several editions in Italy, such as Palermo, Agrigento, Florence, Milan, Lecco, Bergamo and Brescia. Paris and Jaen are also imparting the course.



Ignazia Bartholini during the course in Trapani

The list of the admitted candidates to the courses in Italy are published on the web [http://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/culturee\\_societa/progetto-internazionaleprovide/](http://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/culturee_societa/progetto-internazionaleprovide/) as well as the respective websites of the Social Policies Departments of the Municipalities of Trapani and Valderice, the Cooperativa Badia Grande, ISMU, Telefonno Donna and Oxfam Italia Intercultura. Currently there are about 300 registered trainees.

The edition of Jaén is now in the process of registration, whose information you will find on the website of the University <https://www.ujaen.es/estudios/oferta-academica/titulos-proprios/diplomas-de-postgrado/diploma-de-postgrado-expertoa-en-gestion-de-la-violencia-de->



Poster for dissemination of the course in Jaen

and updates on immigration policies, legislation and the asylum support systems.

- People rights and how to protect them: the case of MNSA victims of transit violence; legal regulation; guidelines and services offered by the public system.
- Providing information for migrant women on their rights: defence of the women victims of proximity violence.
- Assistance to the asilantis LGBT: the challenges of the discrimination on the plan of the jurisprudence.
- Differences between resident country laws and rights and country of origin.

## Course programme

**1° Training Package:** Gender inequality, gender violence versus proximity violence.

- Gender discrimination and inequality vs gender equality. A global view.
- Gender Violence, transit violence and proximity violence: difference and peculiarities.
- Violence against women - typologies and indicators.
- Violence against minors - typologies and indicators.
- Violence against other people with vulnerabilities.

**2° Training Package:** Migrants and human rights of the international legislation and of the European Union.

- Discipline of entry in Schengen area and international cooperation: training

**3° Training Package:** Human care and health care.

- The humanitarian medicine concerning the aspects the assistance to the victims of the violence of proximity.
- Psychological support to the victims of violence, especially women and children.
- The support to the victims in the public health.
- Network cooperation instruments of caring to proximity victims.

**4° Training Package:** Mental health.

- Aggressive behaviour and Deviant behaviours: what does it mean? Different forms and approaches.
- Violence, torture and mental disturb.
- Forced migration and mental health.
- Differences on mental health regarding minors, women, men.
- Trauma and post-traumatic issues: how it work.



#### 5° Training Package: Stress management.

- Cultural approach to GBV: coping with difficult events
- How to support staff to be confident in their response, ensuring it is appropriate and sensitive.
- What the operators can and cannot do as an organisation, where the boundaries are.
- How to protect staff from aggressions or from their stress management.
- What the operators can do to make sure the women are ok.

## The PROVIDE book

The research carried out in the first phase of the project will also serve for the elaboration of a book whose proposal is to contrast the phenomenon of proximity violence in the PROVIDE regions and geographical areas studied, and to identify the best practices in these regions.

The book begins with an introduction, written by Professor Ignazia Bartholini, about the European Union and the PROVIDE project. It will present the genesis of the project (the reasons and objectives), as well as the European Countries of the PROVIDE project facing the phenomenon of proximity violence and the challenge of "take care".

A second part deals with the evolution of the concept of gender violence towards the proximity-transit violence. This chapter will explore the routes of gender violence, the necessity of a different emergency for

refugees/asylums seekers victims of proximity violence and the phenomenon of denial of the proximity violence by some victims.

The third part will focus on migrants and human rights in the international of European Union. It will study the Schengen area and international cooperation (training and updates on immigration policies, legislation and the asylum support systems), the main European report about asylum seekers and refugees and the best protocols in Europe.

Finally, each partner of the project will produce a chapter of the book that will consist of three main sections:

1. The situation in the region
2. The research method used and the main results of the field research
3. Concrete examples of "good and bad practices" detected

## Next steps

The third meeting of the PROVIDE project will take place in Trapani on February 19<sup>th</sup> and on February 20<sup>th</sup>, at the "Centro Polifunzionale" of Contrada Cipponeri.

During these days, will be discussed some items about the training courses (trends, strengths and criticalities); the highlighted opportunities and criticalities of the PROVIDE book, as well as the external reference and publication times, and any other questions about the UNIPA webpage of Provide, the website and the newsletters.

Moreover, this will be a time to speak about the next Final Conference of PROVIDE that will take place on Palermo to evaluate how to exploit the project's products after its end, to identify potential users for the replication or the transfer of the project, to enhance networking and mutual trust initiatives, and to launch cooperation agreements.

During the final event, all relevant project results and outputs will be presented to the broad public. A representative of each partner of the Consortium will intervene to present project's results in his/her region. Associates will be present and will be invited to intervene.

