

Proposal summary for Seeking International Partners DG Justice (JUST/2015/SPOB/AG/VICT)

WORKING TITLE OF THE ACTION: SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS
STRAND: Daphne strand

OBJECTIVES: To develop holistic multi-agency support service to meet the needs of mothers experiencing domestic violence who have complex needs (mental health and substance violence issues).

CALL PRIORITIES ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS PROJECT:

- **Capacity building for professionals:** *training professionals to work with mothers with complex needs who have been affected by and at risk of violence in close relationships*
- **Specific support programmes for vulnerable groups:** *project will support mothers with complex needs (mental health and substance violence issues) who are victims of domestic violence. This group is extremely vulnerable and particularly hard to engage due to the intensive support required.*
- **Mutual learning, identifying and exchange of good practices, development of transferable working methods:** *This project will act as a pilot which will develop good practice for dealing with this particularly vulnerable beneficiary group, share experience, methods and findings between partners and share with wider sector.*
- **Awareness raising activities:** *Raise awareness of the particular group and their needs in comparison with other victims of domestic violence*

TARGET GROUPS:

- Mothers and their children affected by violence in close relationships, problematic substance use and mental ill health
- Professionals in specialist support services, substance misuse, mental health, social workers, police, witness care service, legal representatives, housing, health, local authorities across EU.

FINAL BENEFICIARIES: Mothers who have been or are the victims of domestic violence who also have complex needs (here defined as mental health and substance violence issues)

WORKSTREAM	1. Direct assistance and specific support to women victims of violence in close relationships
TYPES OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot an integrated support service for 50 women and their children affected by domestic violence, problematic substance use and mental ill health by complementing case working/advocacy and therapeutic work. The service will apply a woman-centred approach that will include: advocacy, information and advice, 1-2-1 counselling, group therapy, filial therapy (mothers and child/ren) and peer support; • Encourage service users' involvement throughout the project, particularly active participation in the design and delivery stages to ensure services are responsive to their needs.

NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National activities • International-exchange of experiences and mutual learning on the level of project partners
WORKSTREAM	2. Capacity building for professionals
TYPES OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and deliver training on best practice for specialist services staff on supporting the target beneficiaries to enable recovery and sustainable change; • Support to implementation of related EU directives; • Support the implementation of protection measures.
NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and international trainings: Increasing pool of professionals able to provide counselling for this beneficiary group • National in relation to national regulation and practice, International on the directives' implementation and exchange of practice among professionals and their associations
WORKSTREAM	3. Mutual learning and exchange of good practices with policy actions for their institutionalisation
TYPES OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of knowledge on the pilot via seminars and independent review based on service users' feedback • Raise awareness of particular needs of this specific beneficiary group
NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and International: trainings • Exchange of good practice information between partners • Provision of final report including methods, outcomes and lessons learned
WORKSTREAM	4. Advocacy and awareness raising actions
TYPES OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership meeting in Bruxelles • Dissemination of the service users-led review
NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL IMPACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of particular needs of this specific beneficiary group