CALL FOR PARTNERS

Sharing practices for preventing gender-based violence and supporting victims

Partnership building
23rd-29th November 2026 (travel days included)
Palermo, Sicily, Italy
Open to: EU member states and third countries associated with Erasmus+ programme

InformaGiovani and its IGnet network members are organising a partnership-building activity called **"Sharing practices for preventing gender-based violence and supporting victims"** within the frame of InformaGiovani Erasmus+ Accreditation in the field of Youth. The activity will be implemented in cooperation with the PGV Network.

CONTEXT

This activity is part of InformaGiovani and IGNet's strategy to address and prevent gender-based violence, an issue we have been working on for several years. As part of this strategy, we have adapted the *violencemeter*, distributed it, and implemented its use in schools, youth centres and workshops with young people. We have also addressed topics such as building positive relationships, gender education and preventing violence in international projects involving young people.

Our association is part of *Preventing Gender-Based Violence Network (PGVNet)*, an informal network of 16 organisations from 15 EU countries promoting dialogue and cooperation on tackling gender-based violence. The network is coordinated by Solidarités Jeunesses within the framework of the CERV Programme.

According to the Council of Europe's youth-sector guidance, organisations should:

- adopt a written GBV and safeguarding policy;
- train all staff and volunteers;
- create accessible and safe reporting channels;
- ensure gender-balanced leadership structures;
- include discussions on consent, equality and respectful relationships;
- work with local GBV specialist services;
- regularly review policies and collect data on incidents.

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However, a survey conducted by the IGNet Network across eight European and non-European countries gathering the experiences of 668 youth workers, volunteers and participants on gender-based violence, revealed that many organisations in the NGO sector fall short on these points. The most common causes were poor communication between staff and volunteers - even where a policy exists - and a lack of training. The survey also found that, while many organisations hold good principles and pay some attention to the topic, they largely lack operational and systematic tools.

We believe that bringing together organisations with diverse knowledge of the topic can help share good practices, protocols and intervention methods among practitioners who work regularly with young people, useful for tackling cases of violence and abuse and for supporting victims. This would strengthen the role of the NGO sector in addressing this phenomenon across Europe and beyond.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The activity aims to bring together organisations looking to expand their knowledge of gender-based violence prevention, with the goal of identifying ways and tools to address the issue with young people. At the same time, as violence and abuse are increasingly reported in projects involving young people, the activity aims to bring together organisations with experience in handling such cases, so they can share information and measures for supporting victims.

The activity is aimed at organisations interested in developing policies for safer partnerships, built on clear educational standards and specific preventive measures, as well as guidelines for preventing and managing cases of violence. Starting from how the phenomenon is perceived and addressed in each country, and an analysis of needs, participants will work together to develop policy ideas and guidelines that better prepare those working with young people to handle such situations. Participating organisations will also have the opportunity to build further cooperation for future projects addressing the prevention of gender-based violence.

The partnership-building activity will address the following objectives:

- Reflect on common policies existing or to be adopted
- Share existing tools on preventing GBV to be adapted or replicated
- Share good practices, protocols and intervention methods for tackling cases of violence and abuse and for supporting victims
- Explore the need for common advocacy
- Build up partnership for future cooperation
- Establish contact with specialist services at local level

In line with **European Youth Goals 2 (gender equality) and 3 (inclusive societies)**, the mobility aims to empower participants by equipping them with the knowledge and tools to address the topic with young people, raise awareness of gender-based violence, promote equality and create safer, more inclusive communities.

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ACTIVITY

Date: November, From 23rd to 29th (travel days included)
Place: Palermo, Italy
Venue: Hotel D'Amato - Via Messina Marine 178/180, 90121 Palermo, Italia
Countries involved: EU member states and third countries associated with the programme
Insurance: Participants are insured against illness, accident, third party liability and death. European participants must bring their European Health Card.
Methodology: Non-formal Education, sharing of experiences, work in groups, reflections, simulations, etc.

Important: As this project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, participation is free of charge. Therefore, no fee can be charged to participants or leaders.

PROFILE OF ORGANISATION AND PARTICIPANTS

Organisations suitable for this partnership-building activity are those with experience of working to prevent gender-based violence and support victims who want to help develop guidelines and policies to build more reliable partnerships and empower practitioners working with youngsters to handle cases of violence and support victims.
We are also looking for organisations that can contribute by sharing the tools and practices they use with young people in their own community for tackling GBV and related issues. The participation also includes organisations that wish to start working on preventing GBV and need to gain more knowledge and tools.
Profile of participants: The activity will involve 26 people among youth workers, educators, teachers, social workers, and young journalists aged 18 or over who have experience in the youth field.

COORDINATING ORGANISATION AND HOST

The Associazione InformaGiovani APS ETS (IG) was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting human and civil rights, especially for young people facing or at risk of facing social obstacles. Since 2010, it has been the coordinating body of an international network of various non-profit organisations, recognised and supported by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme and, since 2026, in the frame of the CERV Programme.

The association has four main fields of action and intervention

- promoting and encouraging access to information and the correct use of media and digital tools;
- training young people and adults in non-formal education tools and techniques;
- local and international volunteering as a tool for social intervention and active citizenship training;
- supporting the participation of young people with fewer opportunities

The association is accredited by the Italian Youth Agency for the implementation of activities under the EU programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, and is a training body recognised by the National Order of Journalists. It is part of the Italian Eurodesk network, for which it manages a centre in the city of Palermo, in

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collaboration with the Municipality and the Regional Authority for the Right to Study. It is also a partner of the Alliance of Voluntary Service Organisations.

ACCOMMODATION

The whole activity will be organised and hosted in Palermo, Italy at Hotel D'Amato - Via Messina Marine 178/180, 90121 Palermo, Italia
Check-in available from 14:00 (2 PM) on arrival day
Check-out by 11:00 AM on departure day
Accommodation is provided in 4-bed-rooms equipped with towels, bed linen, blankets, soap and a hairdryer.
Breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner will be organised at the hotel.
Wi-Fi is available

All the activities will be implemented at the hotel using indoor and outdoor spaces
Working hours are around 6 hours per day and all participants are required to take an active role in all activities and in the daily tasks.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND PARTICIPANTS' CONTRIBUTION

Participants are expected to engage actively throughout the activity. Those who wish to share a tool are responsible for preparing it for the "tool fair". Everyone is encouraged to give visibility to the activity throughout its implementation and disseminate its results once they are back home.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

This mobility is funded by the Erasmus+ Program (KA151-YOU): board, lodging and insurance are covered 100% by the Erasmus+ funding.
Travel cost will be reimbursed on the basis of actual expenses up to budget limit calculated according to Erasmus+ distance band calculator and table below.
Expenses incurred in currency other than Euro will be converted according to the monthly rate set on the official website InforEuro.

Travel Distance	Maximum travel reimbursement	Green Travel
10 – 99 km	28 EUR	56 EUR
100 – 499 km	211 EUR	285 EUR
500 – 1999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	395 EUR	535 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	580 EUR	785 EUR

Reimbursement will be done by **bank transfer to the partner organisation** after receiving the needed supporting documents. Each party will bear the cost of its own bank commissions.

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The supporting documents are:
• Bus/train: original tickets / invoice
• Flight: e-booking or invoice, plus boarding passes

Note: photos or screenshots of tickets, receipts, invoices are not accepted. Scanned copies are fine as well as screenshots of electronic boarding passes (complete screenshots, not partial).
Public means of transport will be reimbursed. Taxi is not refundable.

HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINE

Interested organisations have to apply by filling in the form below as soon as possible and no later than **23.10.2026**
LINK TO THE APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERESTED ORGANISATION

For further information please contact Monica/Stefania at **erasmus@informa-giovani.net**

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	24.11	merc 25.11	giov 26.11	fri 27.11	28.11
9:30 12:30		**Get's the mood on + evaluation of the previous day**	**Get's the mood on + evaluation of the previous day**	**Get's the mood on + evaluation of the previous day**	**Get's the mood on + evaluation of the previous day**
	Get to Know activities Agenda, expectations, contributions	GBV in my Country / my NGO needs	3rd round of NGO introduction	Tool Fair	Partnership for future cooperation
	Youthpass Key competences ETS [youth workers frame]	2nd round of NGO introduction	From NGO needs to common policies for the NGO sector (working in groups)	Tool Fair	Inclusive and accessible communication
13:00	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	
15:00 18:30	Team Building GBV in EU and Common ground	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - Joining city NGOs initiatives	From NGO needs to common policies for the NGO sector (working in groups)	Meeting local NGO's preventing GBV / How to handle cases (TBC)	Exploring common advocacy
	1st round of NGO introduction				Final Evaluation
20:00	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**
After-dinner					

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