

Project *Flying Team against Violence*

Combating Honour Related Violence and Forced Marriages

In January 2011 MOVISIE and foundations Welsaen and Kezban in The Netherlands launched the European project “Flying Team against Violence”. They are joined by several organizations from Sweden, Germany, Cyprus and Turkey. The project focuses on actions against harmful traditions as honour related violence, forced marriage and abandonment from grass root organizations and nongovernmental organizations (NGO’s). The work of these organizations is infinitely precious and mostly unappreciated.

Main goal of the project is to generate attention and support for these organizations. In addition, the project aims to unite the organizations in an international network in order to learn from each other, develop work methods and enhance their position. The European project partners are: ALMAeuropa (Sweden), Papatya (Germany), MIGS (Cyprus) and a women organization for women’s rights in Turkey. The project is financed by Daphne funding of the European Commission.

Good practices

The project team intends to describe “good practices” of grass root organizations and NGO’s. Which activities can be used to successfully promote awareness and debate about 'harmful traditions' in communities? What can we do to considerably increase empowerment and tenability against (group) pressure and violence? The findings will be published in national reports in all participating countries and a European report (in English) to be distributed throughout Europe.

Flying Team

One good practice from every country will be elaborately described in a ‘*toolkit*’. The toolkit will be distributed by the “*Flying Team*”, which will be formed in January 2012. The team will consist of representatives of grass root organizations and NGO’s, one person from each participating country. Then, in each country the Flying Team will present the toolkit at a *national meeting*. At the meetings the teams will offer consultations and workshops to the visitors from grass root organizations and NGO's. Other invitees are national stakeholders, policy makers and politicians.

The European project aims to create a network of grass root organizations and NGO's from different European countries and Turkey, the homeland of many migrants in Europe. Organizations should learn from each other's experiences as well as adopt successful strategies and methods.

Approach by governments

An additional project aim is to inform stakeholders, politicians and policymakers

about the work of grass root organizations and NGO's, about their wants and needs in light of the actions against harmful traditions.

One of the focal points in the desk research and in the interviews with grass root organizations and NGO's is the influence of government policy. What will enhance actions, what are impediments? How does the (negative) political and social climate surrounding migrants and refugees in many countries affect the work? In the report and at the national meetings the project team will present recommendations for regional, national and European politics and policy makers.



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