



Prevention and protection
for women with violence
experiences
International network

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Network history



- Selection of NGOs from countries of Eastern and Western Europe (since 2006)
- Establishment of Le Pont Network in 2007 on the initiative of Diakonisches Werk of Evangelical Church of Rheinland, Germany at Foyer Le Pont, France
- Official start of the project **“Le Pont – Combating Violence against Vulnerable Women and their Exploitation in Eastern Europe”** on January 1, 2009

Project profile



- **Ground concept of the project:**
- “Prevention of Violence against Women Involved in Migration Processes”
- **Project aims:**
- prevention work in countries of origin,
- better protection of victims of human trafficking through counseling and reintegration programs
- **Project target groups:**
- Vulnerable women and children
- Victims of human trafficking

Project participants



- **Ukraine** – Zhytomyr Regional Association of Social Experts. Project coordinators: Veronika Myshkivska, Olga Antonyuk
- **Moldova** – NGO “Compasiune”. Elena Mereacre
- **Belarus** – NGO “Perspektiva”. (January – December 2009)
- **Romania** – “Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania – AIDRom”, project coordinator Elena Timofticiuc (January 2010 – December 2011)
- **Germany** – Diakonie Rheinland Westfalen Lippe. Project expert Werner Stepan (project expert evaluation)

Project implementation



Each country implements its own component:

- **Ukraine:** awareness-raising campaigns among young people using innovative social methodology - interactive social theater, and through counseling
- **Moldova:** vocational reintegration, counseling, informational campaigns
- **Romania:** prevention, counseling, informational campaigns

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Four levels:

1. **Preventive:** interactive theater, trainings with future leaders, awareness-raising campaigns,
2. **Practical assistance:** counseling, self-help groups,
3. **Education:** school of social technologies incl. training in crisis counseling (for social workers working with at-risk women in Zhytomyr region),
4. **Interaction with local authorities** on combating human trafficking and gender discrimination (participation in public councils on work coordination of NGOs and local authorities).

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Networking



Meetings of the project partners twice a year for:

- Reporting about project results
- Experience exchange concerning working with state and local officials
- Determining future strategy of the project
- Launching cooperation in related subject-matters

Project development strategy



- Further development of the network with partners from other countries
- Involving local and state authorities, state institutions, politicians, churches, NGO etc. to discussions and roundtables about acute social problems
- Developing a manual with new social methodologies
- Including training programs to the university curriculum

Thank you!



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