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An educational project to improve the ability to assist women victims of violence

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VIVIEN - Victim Violence Educational Network: *An educational project to improve the ability to assist women victims of violence*, aims to contribute to prevent and to tackle violence against women (VAW), with a specific attention to women with disabilities. VIVIEN is a European project of two years, started on the 1st November 2018, funded by the European Union's Right, Equality and Citizenship Programme and coordinated by Giolli Cooperativa, Italy. The project activities will be implemented throughout 4 European countries: Italy, Finland, Bulgaria and Croatia, gathering good practices and innovative models from all Member States. The project addresses current challenges and needs of civil contribution to governmental efforts to end violence against women and take into consideration the specific vulnerability and needs of women with disabilities.

Last part of the project

After the summer we are facing the autumn season implementing the activities for the last part of the project that will finish at the end of January 2021. Of course we have a new situation to deal: the dangerous of COVID pandemic, the new lock down in some part of Europe, a lot of restrictions. Something has to change but the project must go on, and we are going to the end of the project, ready to implement the last part activities, moving several events and activities online, where it is not possible planning them in person.

Due to the slowdown of the activities during COVID pandemic, the new deadline of the project is the 31st January 2021

Last on site trainings in the autumn: the case of Bulgaria

In Bulgaria at the very beginning of the autumn, 02-04 September 2020, were held two Intermediate Multi-professional trainings after an assessment of the temporary situation and the short term tendency of the COVID-19 pandemic spread.



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In the weeks of 10-23 August 2020 in Bulgaria was registered a substantial decrease in the numbers of affected by COVID-19 persons compared to the numbers of the previous week, though the Council of Ministers took a decision on 26 August 2020 to prolong the declared emergency situation in the country till the end of September. So we decided to use this 'window' and conduct some live trainings.

And lately the statistical data for the period 31 August - 06 September 2020 has proven it to be a good decision as the cases of acute respiratory diseases for the period was 11,19 of 10 000 people against 11,69 of 10 000 people for the previous week. And happily, no one of the attendees in our trainings got ill.

The two Intermediate Multi-professional training seminars took place in two schools in Sofia where the pupils were predominantly of Roma origin and the girls could be endangered of early marriages, domestic violence and, the disabled ones, forcible begging in the streets (the first training held on 01-02 September 2020, and the second one on 03-04 September 2020). Though the participants were mainly educators who missed the training for multipliers, for what reason we included part of it in the training agenda, participants from other target groups - health workers, judiciary, social sector and NGOs were also included in the training. Unfortunately representatives from the police could not get engaged, due to strong daily civil protests in the streets in many cities which required the full potential of the police force for protection.

Online event in autumn

We are planning and implementing several project events and activities online: the last part of the training for multipliers, seminars, national trainings, project presentation events, the international training and the final conference of the project.

Initially we had several doubts about moving online activities such as training (our training are very interactive, or theatre forums, because of course we lose an important part about being in presence, with the body and self awareness about our body, an aspect important in our training and methods used by our trainer (for example Somebody and Theatre of Oppressed). Anyway we had no choices and we found a way to keep some interactive aspects in the online work. SAMK implemented the third day of the National Training online. Association B.a.B.e. is conducting Supervision meetings with professionals online. Giolli did their first [online theatre forum](#) that you could see on Vivien YouTube Channel (in Italian language).

The results were really satisfactory and we realized the potentialities of the online activities.





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Facebook live

In this historical moment when the relation in person are limited, we decided to carry on several moment to share, in a virtual way, pillow of our project. The Monday of Vivien was exactly this: a weekly live in Facebook where we and our partner talk about the VIVIEN project and the issue of Violence on Women. Here the link where you could find our live sessions <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Vivienproject/videos/>



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THE MONDAY OF VIVIEN
The best way to start the week

Facebook live sessions to meet our project VIVIEN

Every Monday from 14:00 (Rome time)
30 minutes to talk, ask questions, exchange experience

On October and November 2020



October

- 5th Oct **The problem of violence on women with disabilities**
languages: ITA - ENGL
- 9th Oct **SPECIAL FRIDAY EDITION from SAMK University: Vivien in Finland**
language: FIN
- 12th Oct **The role of the anti-violence network and multipliers**
languages: ITA-ENGL
- 19th Oct **European best practices: Differenza Donna di Roma (Italy)**
languages: ITA-ENGL
- 26th Oct **Different training? Theater and Somebody method**
languages: ENG- FIN

November

- 2nd Nov **Violence on women during COVID. Data and experience in Europe**
languages: CRO-ITA
- 9th Nov **How to help women (with disabilities) victim of violence during COVID lockdown?**
languages: ITA- ENGL
- 16th Nov **Fighting gender violence: the important of the network**
languages: ENGL-CRO
- 23rd Nov **The best path training: the research of UNIPR**
languages: ITA-ENGL
- 30th Nov **Looking forward: the commitment of the Regione Emilia Romagna Italy**
languages: ITA-ENGL

Next steps

We are glad to invite you to our final events:

The international training. A training addressed to professionals, activists and volunteers of Europe who would increase their ability to help women victim of violence, with particular attention to women with disabilities.

We have planned 4 sessions, in order to dedicate each session to one main approach among the ones used/experimented in the partnership. The idea is to keep the specificity of each method so that participants can get an impression of 4 different ones, such as Theatre of Oppressed and Somebody Methods.





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The training is based also on the research carried on by University of Parma, about the effectiveness of training, and the research to detect European researches about training in VAW analysis to find key elements of effectiveness, finally the survey about the European Best Practices of violence against women with disabilities management. The training will be in English language.

The final conference. A two days international conference to share the result of the project, ask questions and see future prospects. The conference will be in English and Italian languages.



SAVE THE DATE
VIVIEN PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

To raise awareness of trainers all over Europe about possible methods to train professionals, activists, volunteers about the Violence against women issue with particular attention to women with disabilities

To connect experts from various fields of work and make them to discuss openly about their issues and ideas to improve their ability to assist women victims of violence

14,15,25,26 JANUARY 2021
ONLINE
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SAVE THE DATE
VIVIEN PROJECT
FINAL CONFERENCE

An international conference to share the results of the project, ask questions and see future prospects

VIVIEN project addresses current challenges and needs of civil contribution to governmental efforts to end violence against women and take into consideration the specific vulnerability and needs of women with disabilities

20-21 JANUARY 2021
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We chose to planning both the events online, to be sure to be able to carry out the events in this particular moment, difficult for some aspect, but at the same time rich of new opportunities. In fact we are sure that moving our final events online, we could reach more people in all Europe. We have the important partnership of the Region Emilia Romagna (Italy) to planning the two events, as result of a good collaboration about the issue. Soon we will publish the detail agenda of both events on the VIVIEN webpage: <https://vivien-project.eu/news/>





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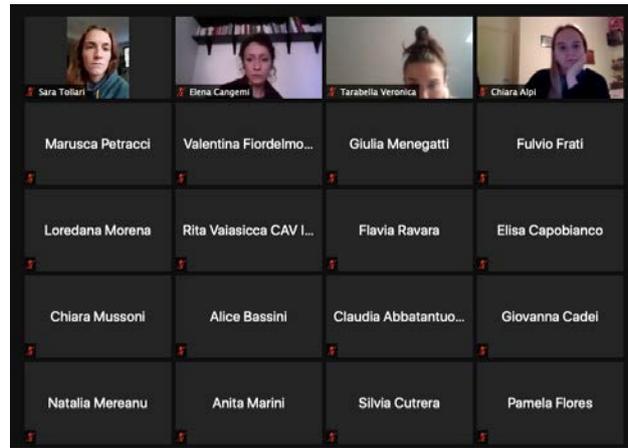


Next national events

We are planning and implementing several national events in our four Project Countries: Italy, Finland, Croatia and Bulgaria.

Italy

The national training is ready to start on 30th of November 2020. We received many request to participate from all part of Italy. We have received many requests for participation from all over Italy. This result has been possible thanks to the support of the Emilia Romagna Region and the fact that the training will be online facilitating the participation from different geographical areas. Also the online event to present the project on 20th November was very attended with almost 50 people from all over Italy. More than 70 Medical students attended the online event in Vivien on November 27, 2020, very interested in how to increase their attention to the topic as future doctors. We have the next events to do, for example on **Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 10:00 am** we present our **Vivien theatre forum**, an interactive theatre play about the violence on women with disabilities and about how to help them improving our ability of professionals in services. To participate please write to vivien@giollicoop.it



Finland

The University course "Tools for work against violence and its development" started in October. The course is aimed at students in Tampere University and Satakunta University of Applied Sciences and it is organized entirely online.





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Croatia

In Croatia, Association B.a.B.e. Be active. Be emancipated. is now organizing a series of Sectoral trainings for police officers, social workers, health professionals, NGO's employees and students from relevant fields, with a goal to improve their ability to assist women victims of violence. The trainings are interactive and highly participatory, providing theoretical knowledge and concrete practical suggestions on the prevention and combating of GBV.

Bulgaria

The delay of the International Training for Multipliers, conducted at the end of February, just at the eve of the COVID-10 pandemic, unfortunately affected the planned schedule of the series of trainings in Bulgaria and faced the Bulgarian partners with lot of challenges to decided, one of them the impossibility to plan exact dates at a time of uncertainty. Except for the restrictions based on health prevention measures, the pandemic and, specific for Bulgaria, the parallel huge civil anti-government protests practically deprived us of health and police target groups as participants in trainings.

And the move to online training does not constitute a solution for their participation.

The both Bulgarian partners still face the conducting of the national and regional seminars. And the big challenge is that these trainings should be organized and attended in December and beginning of January in the country with recently the highest rate of mortality from COVID-19 in the world, where all schools are closed and our target group of teachers fully engaged in digital training and consultations, health professionals target group overworked, police still occupied with not likely to stop before the elections in March civil protests (nurtured by opposition leaders), overloaded with numerous new tasks social workers. But we should cope in some way and finalise the project activities.

And we are still looking for a solution for the planned performances of the Theatre of Oppressed which for us is a new activity, not usual, as it is for Giolli. Meantime since a week Sv.Sv. KIM-1924 as all other cultural institutions was closed. So we do not have any more access to its infrastructure - we need to rent halls and technique and, most of all, to find way to implement it with online distribution. The big challenge though is not the distribution but the creation of the performance.

Lot of tasks to fulfil in the short time till the end of the project.

National videos and Project video

During Summer we produces the videos we need to present and spread our project. We realized a 20 minutes Project video and several short National videos (in local languages) to use them in our project presentation events, seminars and meetings.

Here the [Vivien YouTube Channel](#) with the Project video and the National videos.



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The project video:

[Vivien project: the whole story](#)

The Italian National videos:

[Multipliers experience - ITALY - Vivien Project](#)

[Best Practice - ITALY - Vivien Project](#)

The Croatian National videos:

[VIVIEN - National Training in Tordinci, Croatia](#)

[VIVIEN - Advanced Multisectorial Training in Vinkovci, Croatia](#)

[VIVIEN - Seminar for Directors in Zagreb, Croatia](#)

The Finnish National videos:

[Greetings from SAMK, Finland, VIVIEN-project](#)

[Näkökuomia väkivaltatyöstä, VIVIEN-hanke](#)

[Kokemuspuhuja, VIVIEN-hanke](#)

[Setlementti Tampere, VIVIEN-hanke](#)

[Tampereen Tyttöjen Talo, VIVIEN-hanke](#)

The Bulgarian National videos:

[Project VIVIEN: Bulgarian contribution in prevention and protection of disabled women from violence](#)

[Multiplier's Role in VIVIEN project in Bulgaria](#)

[Българските читалища в подкрепа на закрилата на жените с увреждания срещу насилие](#)

[НПО за хора с увреждания в борбата за по-добра закрила срещу насилието на жените с увреждания](#)

Keeping in touch

Our project offers several ways to keep in touch:

The web site <https://vivien-project.eu/>

The Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vivienproject/>

The Twitter <https://twitter.com/ProjectVivien>

The YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_XQcxfQNlev7ICLYUxqkww



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