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**Violence against women is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It cuts across all levels of society in every European country, at huge social and financial cost.**

According to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, an estimated 13 million women in the EU have experienced physical violence within the previous year, while some 3.7 million women have experienced sexual violence. One in twenty women over the age of 15 has been raped.

The people of Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein are committed to support joint and coordinated efforts to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls.

Through the EEA and Norway Grants we assist our beneficiary countries in Central and Southern Europe in improving the lives of victims subjected to violence simply because of their gender and preventing it from happening.

We have made close to €25 million available until 2016 supporting programmes and projects ranging from shelters and counselling services to awareness raising and judicial reform.

We draw on the expertise of the Council of Europe and on the legally binding standards in the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention in closing the gap and raising the bar in the protection of women's rights in Europe.

# Bulgaria

**In Bulgaria, Norway strengthens victim support. Measures range from improvements in the legal framework to the establishment of support services.**

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence

**Results:**

- Improved support services for 1 100 victims of domestic violence
- The establishment of a women’s shelter or crisis centre
- A research study on gender-based violence in Bulgaria
- Five information campaigns to help change public perceptions on gender-based violence
- Five information activities on domestic violence to be carried out in areas predominantly populated by Roma

**Project example**

The Bulgarian Ministry of Justice, working with the Council of Europe (CoE) will help to bring the Bulgarian legal framework in line with CoE standards. **“Improvement of national legal framework”** also

includes strengthening the capacity of law enforcement authorities and social workers through the training of 550 professionals. The project receives €200 000 in support from Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Bulgarian Ministry of Interior

**Programme Partner:** Council of Europe

**Total Grant Amount:** €2 000 000

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/BG12/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/BG12/PA29)

# Cyprus

**The construction of a new shelter will more than double the existing shelter capacity for victims of domestic abuse in Cyprus.**

## Project example

The Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family implements the project **“Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence.”** Cyprus’ first purpose-built shelter will accommodate up to 24 women and children experiencing abuse. A crisis centre will be established in the same building, providing specialised services for both women and men, including counselling services and psychological

support. Seventy people are trained to provide support services for adults and children, and the shelter will reach out to both the Greek Cypriot and the Turkish Cypriot communities. The Norwegian Secretariat of the Shelter Movement is involved as a partner, providing advice and guidance based on its extensive experience in victim support services in Norway. The project, receives €742 920 in support from Norway.

**Project Promoter:** The Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family

**Project Partner:** The Norwegian Secretariat of the Shelter Movement

**Total Grant Amount:** €742 000 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CY04/PA38](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CY04/PA38)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project example

By providing assistance to victims when they testify against traffickers, the organisation Cyprus Stop Trafficking is working to reduce the number of victims of sexual exploitation and forced labour in Cyprus.

**“Enhancement of the Identification, the Protection and Support of the Victims of Human Trafficking”** also includes helping trafficking victims to reintegrate into Cypriot society. The project receives €101 339 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Fund Operator:** Pricewaterhouse Coopers Ltd

**Total Grant Amount:** €101 339 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CY03/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CY03/PA10)

# Czech Republic

**In the Czech Republic Norway is funding two programmes tackling domestic and gender-based violence. The NGO programme also funds smaller-scale initiatives within this field.**

**Programme:** Let's Give (Wo)men a Chance!

**Results:**

- 40 new or broadened support services for victims, including telephone hotlines, crisis and advice centres
- 15 new research studies on domestic violence
- Training modules for schools to raise awareness
- Creation of partnerships and strengthened cooperation between relevant stakeholders in tackling gender-based violence
- Treatment and counselling programmes for offenders

**Project examples**

The project **“Men against Violence towards Women and Children”** will work with abusers, and implement methods of therapy not previously used in the Czech Republic. The project is implemented by the organisation League of Open Man, and the Norwegian Resource Centre for Men (Reform) is a partner. The project receives €62 802 in support from Norway.

Though helplines for victims of abuse in the Czech Republic exist, they are currently chargeable. Through **“Helpline for victims of (domestic) violence”** the organisation White Circle for Safety will provide the first free-of-charge helpline in the Czech Republic. The project receives €461 890 in support from Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Open Society Fund Prague

**Total Grant Amount:** €2 997 813 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ12/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ12/PA29)

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence, Equality and Work-Life Balance

**Results:**

- A TV and billboard campaign to prevent domestic violence
- An analysis of the economic impacts of domestic violence
- An awareness survey on the harmful effects of domestic violence
- An evaluation of the implementation of the national action plan on domestic violence
- Conferences on various themes related to domestic violence, from the economic impacts to the issue of social and legal protection of children

The Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs carries out the activities in cooperation with the Norwegian organisation "Alternative to Violence".

**Programme Operator:** Czech Ministry of Finance

**Total Grant Amount:** €428 052 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ13/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ13/PA29)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

One of the priority areas in the NGO programme is gender equality, including preventive actions and services for women threatened by violence.

**Project examples**

Through offering counselling and therapy, the Christian Aid Centre in Prague is working to help individuals living in abusive relationships. "**Stop Violence in abusive relationships**" also includes research activities and a publicity campaign. The project's geographical focus is Prague, though help will also be offered to people from other regions. The project receives €80 141 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

By establishing a counselling centre in Prague providing comprehensive assistance to victims of domestic violence, the organisation proFem aims to improve the help provided to victims of domestic violence in the Czech Republic. "**Help and support for victims of gender-based violence**" will also work to improve cooperation between professionals working with victims. The project receives €80 552 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Civil Society Development Foundation

**Total Grant Amount for gender-based violence relevant activities to be decided**

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ03/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/CZ03/PA10)

# Estonia

**Raising awareness, improving quality of support services and funding much-needed research in the field are among the supported activities in Estonia.**

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence

**Results:**

- Improving support services for 170 victims of violence yearly
- Raising awareness about domestic violence among the general public
- Increasing the efficiency of law enforcement authorities to respond to cases of domestic violence, and offer support to victims through training of 150 professionals

The Norwegian Directorate of Health is a partner in the programme.



## Project examples

The project **“Building a Uniform System for the Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence”** focuses on developing a uniform system to prevent violence from partner or spouse in Estonia, through demonstrating the financial cost of violence from partner or spouse, integrating all parties dealing with violence, and awareness-raising among the risk groups, general public, specialists and legislators. The project is implemented by the Estonia Institute for Open Society Research, in cooperation with the Resource Centre on Violence, Traumatic Stress and Suicide Prevention, Western Norway (RVTS Vest), and receives €260 000 in support from Norway.

The NGO Eluliin in Tallinn is improving services for victims of trafficking. Self-help groups have been established, as has a support programme for victims who have children. The services at a shelter in the municipality of Atoll and a rehabilitation centre in Vega are improved through the project. **“Supporting victims of trafficking”** also includes research on the needs of victims and training for specialists. The project receives €278 188 in support from Norway.

By operating a free around the clock countrywide helpline and providing easy-to-understand information on how to access psychological and legal support, the **Estonian Women’s Shelters Union** is working to improve victim support services. The project, which receives €908 510 in support from Norway, also gives the Union the possibility to hire more people and provide better services.

The NGO Living for Tomorrow from Tallinn is working with the Norwegian Secretariat for the Shelter Movement to prevent trafficking and supporting victims by developing further anti-trafficking hotline services.

The project includes helping at least 2 500 persons via the trafficking hotline service, directing victims to shelter and rehabilitation services. **“Human trafficking prevention and victim support** also includes raising awareness of trafficking among Estonian youth. The project receives €170 000 in support from Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs

**Programme Partner:** The Norwegian Directorate of Health

**Total Grant Amount:** €2 000 000

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/EE11/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/EE11/PA29)

# Hungary

**We contribute to the fight against gender-based violence in Hungary through projects supported under our NGO programme in Hungary.**

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project examples

The NANE Women's Rights Association in Budapest fights for the rights of victims of domestic violence through the project **"Together for battered women and children"**. The project also includes providing professional help and information to victims about their rights. The project receives €118 279 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

In response to recent violent crimes in Hungary, the Carbon Cicle Club runs a campaign promoting non-violence against women. The campaign includes producing a short film and posters using known football players from PMFC Matias Futball Club. **"Men for Women"** also includes other activities and receives €8 615 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Drug Prevention Association combats prostitution among young people through the project **"Liberty, equality, relationship"**. The project receives €9 597 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through highlighting the needs of disadvantaged women and examining the health care system the Birth House Association in Budapest is working to improve the rights of new mothers from

disadvantaged backgrounds. **"Diversity in Maternity Care"** also includes promoting research and supports networking through information campaigns, conferences and workshops. The project receives €1 095 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Patent Association Against Patriarchy helps women victims exercise their legal rights as part of the project **"Court Watch of Intimate Partner Violence Cases"**. The project, which receives €9 547 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, also works towards making court cases more accessible to the public and encouraging public debate.

**"Nothing about us without us"** is carried out by the Association of Hungarian Sex Workers. The project provides opportunities for marginalised sex workers to advocate for their own interests. As part of the project, the association is also working towards changing public opinion on sex workers and engaging with public authorities to follow up on the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (UNCEDAW) recommendations on sex work. The project receives €9 911 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Fund Operator:** Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation  
**Total Grant Amount:** €178 000 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)  
**More information:** [www.eagrants.org/programme/view/HU05/PA10](http://www.eagrants.org/programme/view/HU05/PA10)

# Latvia

**In Latvia, we are providing funding to tackle gender-based violence through small-scale initiatives implemented by non-governmental organisations.**

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project examples

By encouraging changes to safety legislation and promoting safety policies in municipalities, childcare institutions, universities and healthcare, the NGO Establishment Centre Dardedze in Riga is working to protect children from violence. **“Dardedze for society against abuse”** also includes anti-bullying campaigns and other activities aimed at changing peoples’ attitudes. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide €57 000 in support to the project.

Covering the municipalities of Dobele Salacgriva and Roja, the project **“Promoting a safe and child friendly family environment in Latvia”** works towards preventing violence, protecting children and promoting family welfare. Efforts include a pilot project on how to prevent gender-based violence within the family and the training of professionals working with related issues. The project receives €95 000 from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through the project **“Shelter House”** the Association Shelter Safe House in Riga is supporting existing activities in a shelter for trafficking victims. This includes developing a 24/7 hotline, organising awareness-raising activities, facilitating the development of a common national approach for NGOs to reduce trafficking and strengthening the capacities of NGOs working with gender-based violence. The project receives €57 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Association Family Support Center **“Atvērtība”** is establishing family support groups to improve family conditions and reduce problems related to violence through the project, **“Establishment of a family support system to reduce violence problems in Kraslava”**. Measures also include carrying out crisis centre activities and improving professional competences. The project receives €47 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Society Integration Foundation  
**Total Grant Amount:** €255 856 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)  
**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/LV03/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/LV03/PA10)

# Lithuania

**Lithuanian and Norwegian police are sharing experiences and good practices. Through the NGO programme, small-scale projects address gender-based violence.**

**Programme:** Capacity Building and Institutional Cooperation

**Results:**

- Developing a training programme for police officers working directly with domestic violence
- Training of some 500 Lithuanian police officers to better handle domestic violence cases
- Developing and publishing recommendations to police officers on how to handle investigation of domestic violence cases
- Purchasing and setting up Lithuania's first alarm system for victims of domestic violence
- Raising awareness of domestic violence through an educational film

The Norwegian Police Directorate is a project partner, providing expertise in training of police officers.

**Programme Operator:** Lithuanian Ministry of the Interior  
**Programme Partner:** Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities  
**Total Grant amount:** €1 000 000 (for gender-based violence related measures)  
**More information:** [www.eagrants.org/programme/view/LT10/PA25](http://www.eagrants.org/programme/view/LT10/PA25)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

Our NGO Programme in Lithuania emphasises the issue of gender-based violence, and has so far made funding available for three projects in this field;

**Project examples**

The Kaunas Women Society is providing specialist training in the district of Kaunas on how to prevent violence through the “**Women initiative against violence**”. The project is developed in close cooperation with the KUN Centre for Gender Equality in Norway and receives €140 000 from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through “**Lithuanian society against trafficking**” Caritas Lithuania in Kaunas is developing a best practice national model for how to provide support to victims of trafficking by bringing together experts from NGOs, local police officers, prosecutors, social workers and municipalities. The project, which is implemented in cooperation with the Norwegian NGO Rosa and the Oslo Police, receives €114 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through “**Global Rights Local Actions**” the Centre for Equality Advancement in Vilnius is preparing a response to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination of Women, focusing on development of advocacy skills and other competences of Lithuanian NGOs. The project is carried out in cooperation with the Norwegian partner the KUN Centre for Gender Equality. The project receives €112 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Human Rights Monitoring Institute  
**Total Grant Amount:** €366 000 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)  
**More information:** [www.org/programme/view/LTo4/PA10](http://www.org/programme/view/LTo4/PA10)

# Malta

**Tackling gender-based violence is priority under the NGO programme in Malta, where we support two projects addressing the issue.**

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project examples

Through **“IRENE – Women involved in street prostitution, outreach and basic services”** the St. Jeanette Antide Foundation is working to combat poverty, social exclusion and sexual exploitation. The project includes interviews with affected women to define their needs as well as establishing a drop-in centre. The women are offered counselling, sexual health education, hot meals and other services during the project, which receives €25 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Write Deal Association is retelling three popular traditional fairy tales as cartoons as a way of dealing with issues related to social and human rights, inequality, poverty and exclusion. The goal of **“And they Lived Happily Ever After”** is to promote gender equality and raise awareness of issues such as gender-based violence among a young audience. The project receives €25 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

**Programme Operator:** Solidarity Overseas Service Malta  
**Total Grant Amount for gender-based violence relevant activities to be decided**  
**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/MTo3/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/MTo3/PA10)

# Poland

Through the Grants, Norway provides support to a Polish programme that aims to tackle domestic and gender-based violence through research, awareness raising, training and improved interagency cooperation.

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence

## Results:

- Research on domestic and gender-based violence in Poland
- National media awareness raising campaigns
- Training of some 3 000 professionals engaged in counteracting domestic violence
- Improving the quality of support services provided for 1 700 victims
- Corrective and educational programmes for some 1 200 perpetrators
- Improvement of facilities providing services for victims

## Project examples

The Central Board of the Prison Service provides training for professionals dealing with perpetrators, by developing existing rehabilitation programmes and establishing new ones. The goal is to prevent repeat convictions. **“Stop Violence-Second Chance”** receives €582 015 in support from Norway.

A specialist support centre with around the clock shelter services for victims will be established in the county of Szydłowiec under the project **“Power to**

**Help”**. Target groups include adults and teenagers subjected to violence. The project is implemented by Szydłowiec County and receives € 48 381 in support from Norway.

In the project **“To Help the Family”**, the City of Chełm aims to develop an inter-institutional approach to tackling gender-based violence, provide counselling for victims as well as therapy for perpetrators. The project receives € 47 354 in support from Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

**Total Grant Amount:** €3 000 000

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/PL14/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/PL14/PA29)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project example

The project **“Closer to One Another’ – Support Model for People Who Experience Violence”** is implemented by Association OPTA in Warsaw, and provides

legal assistance, therapy, and family counselling. It receives € 62 494 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Stefan Batory Foundation

**Total Grant Amount for gender-based violence relevant activities to be decided**

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/PL05/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/PL05/PA10)

# Portugal

**In Portugal, we provide funding to a nation-wide survey on sexual harassment, alongside smaller initiatives carried out by non-governmental organisations.**

**Programme:** Mainstreaming gender equality and promoting work-life balance

## Project example

Gender-based violence is tackled indirectly through promoting work-life balance in a project developed and implemented in cooperation with the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS). **“Sexual Harassment in the Workplace”** will result in a study comparing sexual harassment in the current Portuguese

labour market with the situation in 1994. The sharing of knowledge and experiences between Norway and Portugal will be facilitated, and training on harassment in the labour market will be provided to labour inspectors, judges, municipalities and companies. The project receives €400 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG)

**Total Grant Amount:** €400 000 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eagrants.org/programme/view/PTo7/PA14](http://www.eagrants.org/programme/view/PTo7/PA14)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

## Project examples

The NGO - COOPERACTIVA- Social Development Collective - runs the project **“Rights and Duties for Dignity”**. It works to strengthen the rights of victims of domestic violence and improve their access to legal services as well as advocating for new public policies in this field. The project receives €22 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The project **“New Faces”** focuses on awareness raising activities in Portel County, a rural area in Alentejo.

**“New Faces”** also includes establishing a permanent support office for victims. The project receives €21 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Association of Women against Violence works with implementing new legal policies under the project **“New challenges in combating sexual violence”**. Supported measures also include awareness-raising activities and the establishment of a support office. The project receives €112 424 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Fund Operator:** Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

**Total Grant Amount:** €156 000 (for gender-based violence relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eagrants.org/programme/view/PTo5/PA10](http://www.eagrants.org/programme/view/PTo5/PA10)

# Romania

**In Romania, Norway is providing support to tackle domestic violence and trafficking. Efforts include improving support services for victims, raising awareness and improving law enforcement.**

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence

**Results:**

- Establishing shelters and counselling centres
- Supporting existing shelters and counselling centres
- Establishing or supporting at least one counselling centre for perpetrators
- Raising awareness among the Romanian population, including Roma, of the existence of the law on domestic violence
- Training at least 250 professionals on issues related to domestic violence

**Project examples**

The project **“Joint action against domestic violence”** provides training for 300 professionals including law enforcement, prosecutors and judges in Romania. The goal is to improve how cases of domestic violence and discrimination are handled in the justice system. The project receives €500 000 in support from Norway.

The Norwegian Police Directorate and the Council of Europe are involved as partners. The project receives €1.4 million in support from Norway.

In Bucharest, a specialised shelter for victims of trafficking is being established under the project **“Best practice model on assistance for victims of trafficking in human beings”**. The aim is to provide shelter for 100 victims, and provide information to girls and women at risk about the trafficking industry.

**Programme Operator:** Romanian Ministry of Justice

**Programme Partner:** Council of Europe and the Norwegian Police Directorate

**Total Grant Amount:** €4 000 000

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/RO20/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/RO20/PA29)

# Slovakia

**Increased access to support services for victims all over Slovakia is the main focus of support. New shelters and counselling centres are established.**

**Programme:** Domestic and Gender-based Violence

**Results:**

- Setting up 15 new counselling centres
- Establishing more than 200 new places in women’s shelters
- Continued support for existing support services for victims

**Project examples**

Slovakia will establish a new national centre, **Coordinating Methodological Centre for prevention and elimination of violence against women and domestic violence**, to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women. The project is implemented in partnership with the Council of Europe and the Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies. It also includes developing a guide for prevention, launching national awareness-raising campaigns, and the training of professionals. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, and receives €2 million in support from Norway.

The Civic Association Help for Children in Danger will implement the project **“Raising-awareness activities and detection of victims of domestic violence in specific target groups”**. The organisation also carries out an awareness raising campaign focusing on violence perpetrated not just against women, but against the elderly, disabled and children and where the abusers are family members. The project receives €31 730 in support from Norway.

The HANA civic association in central-eastern Slovakia will provide crisis intervention via a helpline as well as social and psychological counselling, legal help, and establish support groups for women and for their children. The project, **“Counselling Centre Hana”**, receives €49 176 in support from Norway.

**Programme Operator:** Government Office of the Slovak Republic  
**Programme Partner:** The Norwegian Health Directorate and the Council of Europe  
**Total Grant Amount:** €8 440 000  
**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/SK09/PA29](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/SK09/PA29)

## Programme: NGO Fund

### Project examples

The NGO Fenestra is working to increase the accessibility of specialized services and improving the quality of protection, help and support for women in Eastern Slovakia. Activities include counselling, evaluation of service provision in line with the Council of Europe minimum standards; analysis of data and case studies; workshops for employees of relevant institutions and consultations in individual cases. **“School of Human Rights”** receives €121 221 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Addressing gender inequality in Roma communities and discrimination against Roma women is the main focus of **“When tradition hurts”**. Carried out by the NGO QUE VADIS o.z, the project works to strengthen Roma women’s NGOs and to contribute to positive changes with regard to gender-based violence. The project receives €56 000 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The NGO Možnosť voľby is supporting the process of ratification of the Istanbul Convention in Slovakia. **“Advocating towards the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence”** includes spreading information about the Convention and its impact to the general public as well as ministries and public institutions, and creating working groups and coalitions supporting the convention. The project receives €97 455 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through the project **“Love ≠ Violence”** the NGO OZ Woman in distress is assisting women who need help because they are in abusive relationships. The project provides advice and support as well as a safe area. The project receives €65 163 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Fund Operator:** Open Society Foundation

**Total Grant Amount for gender-based violence relevant activities to be decided**

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/SK03/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/SK03/PA10)



# Spain

**We support efforts to translate progressive legislation on gender-based violence into concrete measures.**

**Programme:** Gender equality and Work-Life Balance

**Results:**

- Implementing good practices and knowledge on policies related to gender-based violence in at least 3 self-governing regions in Spain
- At least 2 transfers of good practices between Norway and Spain on policies related to gender-based violence
- 150 women from vulnerable groups participating in activities to improve their labour market accessibility
- 15 training module developed and implemented, aiming at improving accessibility to the labour market for women from vulnerable groups

**Project examples**

Six regional authorities across Spain are given funding to **improve support to victims of gender-based violence**. Coordination between the relevant public authorities is improved in order to ensure that support services are provided in a uniform way across the country. The project receives €1 million in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

A study comparing legislation and public policies on gender-based violence in Spain, Norway and Iceland has been prepared. The study will be followed by a report on best practices on tackling gender-based violence. **“Exchange of**

**best practises and legal instruments in the fight against gender-based violence”** is coordinated by the Spanish Government Delegation on Gender-based Violence in cooperation with the Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud., and receives €37 000 in support.

Small-scale funding is available for non-profit and non-governmental organisations working with women belonging to the most vulnerable groups in Spain. Supported activities include awareness raising, advocacy work and support to resource centres for victims.

**Programme Operator:** Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality

**Programme Partner:** The Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud

**Total Grant Amount:** €2 220 663 (for gender-based violence-relevant activities)

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/ESo4/PA14](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/ESo4/PA14)

**Programme:** NGO Fund

**Project example**

Spain will see the creation of a **state-wide network composed of social groups** to focus on violence against women, and develop an agenda to defend women’s rights as

it relates to violence against women. The project is carried out by the NGO MUGARIK GABE and receives €147 375 in support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Programme Operator:** The NGO Platform of Social Action

**Total Grant Amount for gender-based violence relevant activities to be decided**

**More information:** [www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/ESo3/PA10](http://www.eeagrants.org/programme/view/ESo3/PA10)



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