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ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR ROMA WOMEN VICTIMS OF GBV

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Launched in September 2023, the RoW-Power project aims to enhance the skills and capacities of Roma Mediators and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) professionals. The initiative addresses the urgent need to support Roma women, who face significant cultural, linguistic, and social barriers in accessing GBV services. Organisations from Germany, Slovakia, Ireland, Spain, North Macedonia, Romania, and Greece are collaborating to improve service delivery, foster cultural understanding, and promote stronger cooperation between mediators and professionals.

Through tailored training and capacity-building, the project will equip Roma Mediators and GBV professionals to better understand the challenges Roma women face, provide high-quality support and counselling for those at risk of GBV, and strengthen collaboration across sectors. RoW-Power responds to the Erasmus+ 2023 priorities by reaching people with fewer opportunities and offering flexible, high-quality learning opportunities for adults.

Project Results

RoW-Power will deliver practical guidelines for Roma Mediators and GBV professionals, alongside a targeted capacity-building programme to enhance skills and knowledge. Awareness-raising campaigns and workshops will empower Roma women to understand their rights, safely access support services, and make informed decisions about their wellbeing.

The project will also strengthen trust and collaboration among mediators, GBV professionals, and local communities, helping to address the often under-recognised risks of violence faced by Roma women. By breaking down barriers and promoting inclusion, RoW-Power aims to create safer, more equitable communities across the participating countries.

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