

**SYNERGY Network Meeting**  
**“Protection of people experiencing domestic violence”**  
**(Warsaw, 26 September 2024)**

**Venue:** Hotel NOVOTEL\*\*\*\* Warszawa Airport

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- Working languages: English and Polish (simultaneous interpretation)
- Conference bulletin to be distributed

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, 26th September 2024**

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09:00-09:10	<p><b>Opening speech by:</b></p> <p><b>Lene Nilsen, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norway, coordinator of the SYNERGY Network</b></p> <p><b>Synergy Network-related topics and plans</b></p>
	<p><b>GREVIO findings and the Istanbul convention standards.</b></p> <p><b>Exchange of promising practices/measures of immediate response.</b></p> <p><b>Exchange of views on risk analysis and perpetrator-oriented recovery programmes.</b></p>
09:10-10:20	<p><b>Workshop 1: GREVIO findings and the Istanbul Convention standards and best practices</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The Istanbul Convention standards and best practices regarding the protection from violence, in particular children as victims and witness of VAW and DV (Jenna Shearer Demir and Kerstin Schinnerl, Council of Europe)</b></li> <li><b>2. GREVIO findings regarding Poland (Kerstin Schinnerl, Council of Europe)</b></li> <li><b>3. Perspective of Norway’s experience (Wanja Sæter, Salten Crisis Center Norway)</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b>4. Perspective of a SYNERGY country's experience (Rachel Eapen Paul, Member of GREVIO 2018-2022)</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up</b></p>
10:20-10:40	Coffee break
10:40-11:50	<p><b>Workshop 2: Psychological aspects – special mode of interviewing children or people with diminished capacity, needs-assessment questionnaire, child-friendly rooms for interviews, non-verbal and alternative methods of communication</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Council of Europe's standards and promising practices on protection and support of victims of violence who have diminished capacities (Jenna Shearer Demir and Kersten Schinnerl, Council of Europe)</b></li> <li><b>2. Norwegian perspective on facilitated interrogations (Tone Davik, National Crime Investigation Service)</b></li> <li><b>3. Polish perspective on interviewing children in child-friendly rooms (Dariusz Cieřlik, Polish Ministry of Justice, Family and Juvenile Matters Department)</b></li> <li><b>4. Perspective of Polish non-governmental agencies (Paulina Masłowska, Empowering Children Foundation (Fundacja Dajemy Dzieciom Siłę), Poland)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up</b></p>
11:50-13:25	Lunch break
13:25-14:45	<p><b>Workshop 3: Risk assessment – how to evaluate the risk of domestic violence, how can the conclusions from such assessment help to protect potential victims? What are the procedures and promising practices?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Council of Europe's standards and promising practices on risk assessments (Jenna Shearer Demir and Kerstin Schinnerl, Council of Europe)</b></li> <li><b>2. Norwegian perspective on risk assessment (Sarah Thoen, Oslo Police District)</b></li> <li><b>3. Polish perspective on risk assessment in practice (Marta Świnecka, Polish National Police Headquarters)</b></li> <li><b>4. Perspective of a Polish institution (Anna Mazurczak, Department for Equal Treatment, Chancellery of the Prime Minister)</b></li> <li><b>5. International organisation's perspective (Aleksandra Kusek, WHO Poland)</b></li> <li><b>6. Perspective of a SYNERGY country's experience (Rute Azevedo, Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality, Portugal)</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up</b></p>
14:45-15:05	Coffee break
14:05-16:20	<p><b>Workshop 4: Perpetrator-focused exchange of promising practices regarding perpetrator rehabilitation programmes and prosecution – from the perspective of NGOs, institutions and authorities / agencies that work with perpetrators</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Council of Europe’s standards and promising practices on preventive intervention and treatment programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence (Jenna Shearer Demir and Kerstin Schinnerl, Council of Europe)</b></li> <li><b>2. Polish perspective on perpetrator-focused rehabilitation programmes (Sebastian Lizińczyk, Central Board of the Prison Service, Poland)</b></li> <li><b>3. Perspective of Polish non-governmental agencies (Grzegorz Wrona, Warsaw Centre for Crisis Intervention (Warszawski Ośrodek Interwencji Kryzysowej), Poland)</b></li> <li><b>4. Perspective of a SYNERGY country’s experience (Monaliza Cîrstea and Carmen Niculescu, National Agency for Equality between Women and Men in Romania (ANES))</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up</b></p>
16:20-16:30	<p><b>Final session:</b> Lessons learned, concluding word</p> <p><b>Goodbyes and departure</b></p>