



European Street Children Anti-Violence Programme and Exchange – ESCAPE (2011-2012)

FINAL CONFERENCE

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European Economic and Social Committee
Room TRE 7701 (7th floor) Trèves Building
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The aim of this Daphne project, ESCAPE, is to foster a trans-national knowledge exchange on methodologies to contrast and prevent violence against children with a migration or minority background. To these ends, the project has carried out a mapping and analysis of best practices in six different European contexts (Bulgaria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovakia). Based on this and building on the co-operation among NGOs involved in child protection EU-wide, the alliance has developed a trans-national and transferrable violence prevention programme. This programme, also referred to as a 'Toolkit', contains a Practitioner's Training Guide to be used by social workers/operators dealing with the above-mentioned target group, and a selection of life-skills and experiential learning methods for the prevention of street and peer violence and risk behaviours related to harmful lifestyles.

The conference will aim to present the main results of the ESCAPE project; the toolkit and its effective practice-oriented practitioner's training guide for operators dealing with minors victims of violence, and furthermore the promising results obtained in the countries where the Programme was piloted, making of this, a highly successful action.



AGENDA

08.45 Registration of the participants

09.00 Welcoming speeches

Reinhold Müller, Director of the European Federation for Street Children
Aleksandar Romanovic, Policy Officer European Commission - Child Rights Team
Edgardo Iozia, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee - President of Prosolidar ONLUS
Mr. Eugen Lucan, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Rapporteur on the 'Problem of Homelessness' SOC/48

09.30 **The vicious circle of homelessness and violence: EESC requirements for a European protection for children at risk**

Mr. Eugen Lucan, President of Angel Association

10.00 *Contextualisation and Aims in the framework of the Daphne III Programme:*

Carla Chirico, Project Co-ordinator (EFSC) and **Reinhold Müller**, Director (EFSC)

Analysis of the phenomenon in key Eastern and Western European countries

- Mapping of intervention strategies and best practices addressed to street living/working minors with minority background, victims of violence - Country-based analysis

Marta Distaso, Researcher (Synergia)

The toolkit -Methods and best practices for autonomous protection and prevention of violence against minors

- *The transferable Practitioner's Training Guide: Practice-oriented approach for life-skills training methods*
Carla Chirico (EFSC), **Alessandra Minesso** (Istituto don Calabria) and **Maria João Carmona** (Instituto de Apoio à Criança)
- *Pilot test of the Practitioner's Training Guide*
All ESCAPE Project Partners

Indicators and Monitoring

- Guidelines, recommendations and experts' validation of the Practitioner's Training Guide - Main findings in the Monitoring Phase
Rebecca Zanuso, Head of Unit (Synergia)

12.00 **Coffee Break**

13.00 **Round table**

The protection and prevention of violence against children as a challenge to the EU - Child supportive approaches between EU Policy concepts and local scenarios

Moderator: Reinhold Müller

With the participation of representatives from the EU Institutions, NGOs and the ESCAPE project partners

14.30 Concluding remarks

Reinhold Müller and Carla Chirico



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