

## **A human rights perspective on domestic and gender based violence**

### ***Exchange of best practices from Norway in the work with victims of domestic and gender based violence***

**Workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria, 02 – 04 December 2015**

#### **Wednesday, December 2nd**

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | Registration   |
| 09.30 - 9.45  | Welcome and presentation   |
| 09.45 - 10.15 | Presentation of the project: National Study of Domestic violence and Gender Based Violence in Bulgaria. Development of a victim support model.<br><br><i>Daniela Kolarova, PhD, Director, Partners Bulgaria Foundation</i> |
| 10.15 - 11.30 | What do we understand by domestic and gender-based violence?<br>Group work.<br><br><i>Lillian Hjorth, Human Rights Academy</i>   |
| 11.30-11.45   | Coffee-break   |
| 11.45-12.15   | Definition. Domestic and gender-based violence in Bulgaria. What do we know about the situation?<br><br><i>Slavyanka Ivanova, Senior researcher, Center for the study of democracy</i>                                     |
| 12.15-12.45   | Discussion   |

12.45-14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.45	Domestic and gender based violence in Norway. <i>Solveig Bergman, Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress</i>
14.45-15.15	Discussion
15.15 - 15.30	Coffee-break
15.30 – 16.45	Domestic violence: Who is responsible? Group work <i>Lillian Hjorth, Human Rights Academy, Norway</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Summing up

### **Thursday, December 3rd**

09.15 - 10.30	Introduction to human rights. Group work and lecture. Human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the international human rights system. <i>Lillian Hjorth, Human Rights Academy, Norway</i>
10.30 – 11.15	International framework. Convention on the elimination for all discrimination against women (UN). Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Council of Europe). Lecture and plenary discussion. <i>Lillian Hjorth, Human Rights Academy, Norway</i>
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee-break
11.30 – 12.15	Domestic and gender based violence in Bulgaria: Legal, policy and institutional analysis <i>Miryana Ilcheva, legal expert, Center for the Study of Democracy</i> <i>Elmira Nesheva, expert, Partners Bulgaria Foundation</i>

12.15-12.45	Discussion
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Judicial responses to domestic violence in Bulgaria Daniela Alexandrova, magistrate in Sofia District Court
14.30 – 14.45	Discussion
14.45 – 15.15	Police response to domestic violence Maria Anastasova, police inspector Directorate of Ministry of Interior, District Burgas
15.15 – 15.30	Discussion
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee-break
15:45 – 16.45	The Norwegian experience: Support services for victims of Domestic and gender based violence. <i>Solveig Bergman, Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress</i>
16.45 – 17.15	Discussion
17.15 – 17.30	Summing up

### **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

09.00 - 10.00	Dialogue exercise <i>Lillian Hjorth, Human Rights Academy, Norway</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Working with victims – achievements, difficulties and challenges Ilina Terzieva, Crisis Centre "Samaritan House", Stara Zagora city

10.30– 11.00 Domestic violence in the Roma communities

Vasilka Alexandrova, Health care specialist in Roma community in  
Kjustendil city

11.00 – 11.15 Discussion

11.15 – 11.30 Evaluation and closing the seminar