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STOP VI.E. W. Stop Violence Against Elderly Women

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## SOME STORIES ARE HARD TO TELL

European conference to present project results and outlook



### Tuesday 29 January 2013

Circolo della Stampa Corso Venezia 48 - Milano - Italy (Metro - Palestro)









INVITATION



Every day in Europe millions of women of all ages and social class suffer sexual, physical, psychological and financial abuse, mainly in the home and at the hands of partners, family members and acquaintances. Many of them are elderly women aged over 65, who are weaker and more dependent in an individual and a social sense, and therefore increasingly at risk of mistreatment, neglect. blackmail, abandonment, insecurity and coercion, both in the home and in institutions which should be caring for them.

Many of their stories remain invisible, forgotten by official statistics, difficult to identify and describe. It is important to bring these situations to light. along with their underlying causes and consequences. Elderly women need to find better support from other women and from solidarity networks in order to break free from solitude, fear and powerlessness. Social organisations and institutions need to take on new responsibilities and to implement more effective safeguards and protection in order to prevent and combat violence against elderly women

These have been the objectives of the European programme STOP VI.E.W., funded by the Daphne III Programme and co-financed in Italy by Auser Regionale Lombardia (lead partner) together with the Regione Lombardia regional government department for the family, conciliation, integration and social solidarity and ANJAF in Portugal, CNIDFF in France, UNAF in Spain, ZDUS in Slovenia, BGRF in Bulgaria. The project has now successfully completed its operational phase. It has tackled a highly complex issue that calls for a strong social focus and a fresh perspective in order to open up new horizons and adequate, forward-looking strategies of intervention.

The European conference will present the concluding part of the programme, its results and initiatives put in place with the help of a vast network of people and social organizations, and will open up a debate with representatives of institutions and associations involved in different ways with gender violence and the mistreatment of elderly people.

#### **PROGRAMME**

Moderator: Paolo Carmassi

930 a m Opening of proceedings

> Rappresentante della Regione Lombardia Rosa Romano - Auser Regionale Lombardia

SESSION ONE

Partner projects: action and results

Catarina Sousa - ANJAF (Portogallo) Dijana Lukic - ZDUS (Slovenia) Julia Pérez Correa - UNAF (Spagna) Elena Triffonova - BGRF (Bulgaria) Christine Passagne - CNIDFF (Francia) Clara Bassanini - Pari e Dispari srl

Coffee-break 11 30 a m

Midday **SESSION TWO** 

Monitoring and evaluating

the project

Gabriela Giovilli - Coop Europolis

Speeches and presentations

Robert Moulias

Associazione ALMA (Francia)

Marisa Guarneri

Casa delle Donne Maltrattate di Milano

Francesca Zaiczyk

Delegata alle Pari Opportunità del Comune di Milano

We have invited:

Sezione Famiglia Tribunale di Milano

Questura di Milano

**CONCLUSIONS** 1.15 p.m.

**Future outlook** 

**Outcomes and development strategies** 

Rino Campioni - Auser Regionale Lombardia

**Buffet lunch** 1.30 p.m.

> There will be simultaneous interpretation into Italian. The conference will include a screening of the video made for the project:

> > Some stories are hard to tell director Filippo Ticozzi