









**STOPVI.E.V.** Stop Violence Against Elderly Women

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# Giving voice to the victims. Media campaign as a tool for raising awareness

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## 1. MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- to inform Slovenian public that the elderly in Slovenia, especially the elderly women, are victims of their families, institutions and of their social environment;
- to raise awareness and sensibility of the needs of the elderly, and of the violence the elderly are victims of;
- to inform the public and especially the elderly women about where to find help;

### 2. RADIO CAMPAIGN

#### Radio campaign:

- run during the whole year (1 or 2 / month) on the national and the majority of local radio stations;
- radio teams composed of: a specialist in the field of violence, a representative of a government institution, a representative of an NGO dealing with violence against elderly women or the violence in the family;
- discussions focused on violence against elderly women; on legislation concerned (Family Violence Prevention Act), official duties of the police, centres of social work and hygiene;
- through direct telephone line people were able to call in and ask questions to which they received immediate answers, or share their own or other people stories.

#### 3. MEDIA CAMPAIGN AS A TOOL FOR RAISING AWARENESS

- MEDIA CAMPAIGN IS THE STRONGEST AWARNESS-RAISING ACTIVITY WITH WHICH GENERAL PUBLIC CAN BE REACHED
  - •Media that are most commonly used by the elderly (elderly women) should be used to reach them:
- •- **RADIO** (74% of elderly in Slovenia listen to radio regulary, source: BOPRO ZDUS 2011)
- •- LIFE STORIES, cases of violence, types of help, good practice should be frequently present in media:
  - warning about social consciousness and responsibility
  - •building zero toleranc towards violence against elderly women

empowerment of elderly victims

calling attention on the needs of the elderly (elderly women)

#### 4. GIVING VOICE TO THE VICTIMS

**RADIO CAMPAIGN ENTIRELY MET, AND EVEN** SURPASSED, THE SET OBJECTIVES THROUGH:

Coverage of the entire country

>active participation of people calling in during every single broadcast

➤a great number of questions asked by "callers-in" showing the need of this type of information, and of the presence of violence in our society

>the project revealed the necessity to talk publicly about the violence, and as such it should be continued.