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FOMEN Conference



The FOMEN final conference “Addressing Intercultural Sensitivity, Gender Equality and GBV Prevention in the Work with Men with Migration Backgrounds” took place online on 27 October 2021. The event provided attendees with a Europe-wide overview of the FOMEN experience, approach and methodology. It was also an opportunity for participants to discuss how to follow up the dialogue around gender equality, intercultural sensitivity and violence prevention within the migration context. The breakout sessions allowed practitioners to put forth their perspectives on a variety of themes within the larger context.

The video recording is now available on [YouTube](#) and on the [FOMEN website](#). The FOMEN Team would like to thank the moderator Daniela Jauk, all panellists, FOMEN partners, and the 100+ participants for making the conference an enriching experience for everyone involved

FOMEN Manual



The FOMEN Manual “Intervention and Education Program on Gender Sensitization and Gender Based Violence Prevention with Male Migrants and Refugees” is now available on the [FOMEN website](#).

The manual serves as a practice-oriented guide for facilitators on the implementation of intervention and education programmes when working with men from migrant backgrounds around gender equality.

The manual includes key findings of the Transnational Needs Analysis, the FOMEN Quality Standards, and the training modules and toolkit developed and fine-tuned over two years.

The FOMEN intervention and education Programme aims to work with male migrants and refugees in the form of dialogue-oriented workshops. The program is a preventive tool consisting of eight modules designed to encourage male migrants and refugees to reflect on gender roles, self-care, social relations, violence prevention and caring masculinities.

The intervention and education program is based on FOMEN quality standards and offers methods and knowledge for self-education of practitioners as well as guidance for trainings and workshops for the work with men with migrant backgrounds with intercultural sensitivity.

Partner Updates and News

VMG - Austria

5th National Awareness Raising Seminar in Austria

In the course of a cooperation of the projects FOMEN and WomEN CARE (Austrian Red Cross) the workshop on the topic Female Genital Mutilation and Circumcision (FGM/C) took place on 16 November, 2021. The specific workshop explored the questions of why FGM/C is practiced and its psychological and physical affects. Katharina Tappauf (WomEN CARE) led the workshop, which was attended by 17 people from the social sector, men's work, politics and the health sector.

SPA - Croatia

At the end of October one more group of 10 asylum seekers participated in the Educational and Intervention Programme. It was delivered by Medecins du Monde – the multiplier who previously took part in Capacity Building Programme. Participants were from Afghanistan and Iran with interpretation provided in Farsi. The evaluation showed that participants were very satisfied with the programme and found it useful.

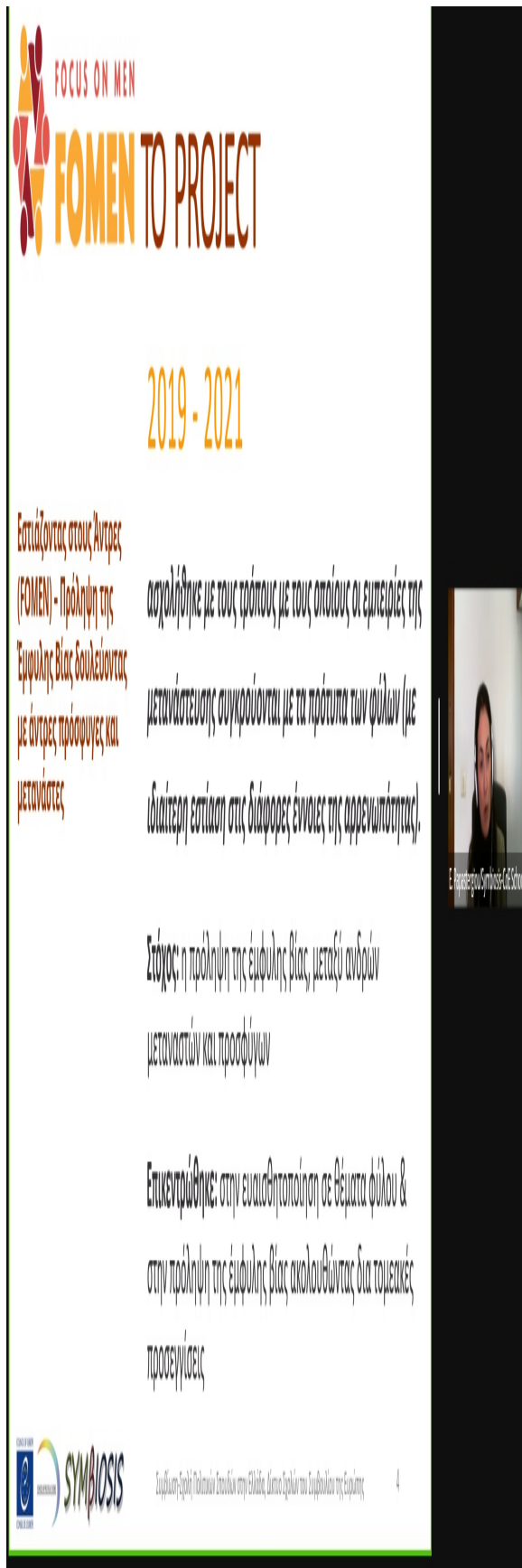
On 22 November the 3rd NARS was held gathering 50 participants from Croatia and the regional countries. It was a great opportunity for dissemination not only of experiences from the Educational and Intervention Programme in Croatia, but also of the Fomen project in general. The speakers were from SPA, Status M, Centre for Peace Studies and Medecins du Monde. In addition, outcomes of the study *Socio-psychological integration of refugees in Croatia* conducted by Department of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb were presented. Participants rated the NARS as a very successful and useful event.

WWP EN - Germany

The FOMEN Leaders of Change Training 2.0 by WWP EN is taking place from 6 to 10 December 2021. Using a role-model approach and providing space for dialogue, the trainers aim to work alongside aspiring male community changemakers towards gender equality. The training will be held in Arabic by professional trainers and will take place online. For more details on the training, please contact [Mahmoud Rihawi](#).

The final NARS will be held online in English on 17 December, 2021. To learn more about the event, please sign up to the [WWP Events Newsletter](#). Invitations will be sent out soon.

Symbiosis - Greece



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FOMEN TO PROJECT



2019 - 2021

Εστιάζοντας στους Άντρες
(FOMEN) - Πρόληψη της
Έμφυλης Βίας δουλεύοντας
με άντρες πρόσφυγες και
μετανάστες

ασχολήθηκε με τους τρόπους με τους οποίους οι εμπειρίες της
μετανάστευσης συγκρούονται με τα πρότυπα των φύλων (με
ιδιαίτερη εστίαση στις διάφορες έννοιες της αρρενωπότητας),

Στόχος: η πρόληψη της έμφυλης βίας, μεταξύ ανδρών
μεταναστών και προσφύγων

Επικεντρώθηκε στην ευαισθητοποίηση σε θέματα φύλου &
στην πρόληψη της έμφυλης βίας ακολουθώντας διατομεακές
προσεγγίσεις

  Συμβίωση-Σχολή Πολιτικών Σπουδών στην Ελλάδα, Μέλος Σχολών του Ευρωπαϊκού της Ένωσης

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On 27 October 2021, Symbiosis-School of Political Studies in Greece, participated online in the FOMEN Final Conference.

All the results and outcomes from the Education Program for Refugees and Migrants as well as the Capacity Building were presented and discussed.



Moreover, on 30 November 2021, Symbiosis-School of Political Studies in Greece, affiliated to the Council of Europe Network of Schools, presented on the FOMEN project and the influence of (social) media on migration, within the framework of an online workshop organized by the Cities Network for Integration.

CAM - Italy

Corso di Sensibilizzazione per Uomini migranti e rifugiati

**Sensibilità interculturale e
sensibilizzazione al genere per favorire
l'uguaglianza e la parità di genere nelle
relazioni**

**Focus On Men: affronta la sensibilità Interculturale, l'uguaglianza di genere e
la prevenzione della violenza con uomini migranti e rifugiati.**

Il CAM di Firenze, all'interno del progetto FOMEN, realizza dei percorsi educativi rivolti a uomini migranti e rifugiati con l'obiettivo di riflettere insieme rispetto alle relazioni di coppia, le relazioni paterne, di amicizia etc. e tutti gli aspetti che possono risultare poco familiari per uomini che hanno background migratorio. Il percorso vuole rendere più consapevoli i partecipanti rispetto le loro relazioni e scelte al fine di favorire una maggiore libertà dagli schemi di genere.

La formazione è finanziata dalla Comunità Europea sarà completamente gratuita.

A CHI CI RIVOLGIAMO?

- A uomini* e giovani adulti migranti e rifugiati, etc., e a tutti coloro che sono interessati ai temi.

DOVE?

- Firenze e Bologna

From October to December, CAM is implementing educational programs for male migrants and refugees. In all, 4 courses of about 12 hours each were carried out, involving 35 men and unaccompanied minors from mostly African countries and Eastern Europe

Together with the participants, we built a space of trust that allowed participants to get involved and express their emotions and beliefs about roles and gender and their feeling of security or not in a still little known country.

We have received a lot of positive feedback and as a team are very happy to be part of the FOMEN project.



Conexus successfully finalised the second Education Programme with a group of 12 young migrant men, mainly from northern Africa. After actively participating in the four group sessions from 14 October until 4 November the young men gave a very positive feedback on the programme and the safe and brave space offered for their reflections.

Additionally, Conexus presented the FOMEN project at the “Contexto Suma” conference in Valencia on 11 November in front of more than 160 interested participants.



Follow up

Message from Elli Scambor, VMG Austria, FOMEN Coordinator on conclusion and future of FOMEN



“We have been working in FOMEN in a highly productive partnership on very relevant needs and materials in working with male refugees and migrants. FOMEN has highlighted the needs of multipliers but also the needs of male refugees for interventions and psychosocial programs which focus on support and the development of a gender sensitive and nonviolent behaviour. Caring Masculinities have been addressed which strengthen gender equality, psychosocial relations and a healthier society. And we learned that we need to take a step further towards programs in which men become allies of change towards a more equal society.

Thanks to all the people who made FOMEN possible!”

See you soon by FOMEN partners!





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