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**The Erasmus+ SAFE partnership announces the launch of its third intellectual output, a policy paper on prevention and intervention in cases of violence against older women.**

The aim of this document is to strengthen and sustain the capacity of public, government, nongovernment organizations and service providers to prevent, identify and respond in an adequate manner to violence and abuse of older women. It will be strongly connected with the VET educator/trainers who educate and train future social and health care professionals and teachers/trainers for the field of elder abuse.

It also introduces strategic principles and general guidelines for prevention, identification and response to suspected or identified cases of violence and abuse. It gives recommendations for the services, identification and response, multi-agency work, promoting public awareness and education and training.

The partnership applied the methodology of Collaborative Learning Groups, i.e. multi-professionals working group involving experts in the health and social care field, social and health care trainers/teachers and experts in gender-based violence, discussing together and sharing ideas and experiences on a list of topics proposed by the partnership. Specifically, this time experts were asked to provide inputs in relation to:

1. Development and consolidation of professional competences through adapted training for different categories of professionals working in the field of violence / abuse against older women
2. Development of inter-institutional cooperation and work relations in each country and between institutions inter-countries at EU level in the field of violence / abuse against older women and for ensuring integrated services in the same field
3. Adopting effective and adapted prevention measures in the field of violence / abuse against older women

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SAFE is a project funded under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission that intends to achieve the following objectives:

- to improve quality of teaching and training for developing working life oriented training curriculum of prevention of violence against older women in the Collaborative Learning Groups and in the framework of Professional Learning Community Model;
- to improve professional development of teachers and trainers to work as educators in violence against older women area and in gender specific issues, challenging ageism and gender discrimination from international Human Rights and Women's Rights perspective;
- to improve capacity of social and health care professionals to identify and intervene abuse of older women and empower them in home care and residential settings;
- to support social and health care authorities and professionals, and stakeholders to develop intervention measures in cases of violence against older women.

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