

## **PATENT Association**

### **Court monitoring and utilizing its experiences in intimate partnership violence cases**

#### **Project description**

##### **Aims:**

- To introduce the practice of court monitoring in legal cases of intimate partnership violence (IPV), and in other types of discrimination cases, as well.
- To achieve that in the course of legal education, IPV becomes permanently thematized, and legal professionals acquire appropriate knowledge and skills in this area.
- To assure the quality of the legal aspects of victim aid services in Hungary.
- To initiate changing legal practice in an area where legal regulation itself has improved in the past few years but legal practice has not followed this development.
- To have courts handle IPV cases as a separate case group.
- To raise social awareness and reduce the frequency of IPV.
- To enable NGOs working with other types of violence and discrimination cases (e.g. LGBT people, Roma people) apply our methodology and experiences as good practice.
- To increase the transparency of court proceedings and to strengthen civic control and activity.
- To involve abused women in the attainment of legal changes affecting them.
- To advance gender equality.

##### **Main activities:**

- Monitoring court proceedings
- Training judges and compiling a training material
- Trainings at legal clinics
- Dissemination of the methodology portfolio of court monitoring
- Capacity building for NGOs working with DV victims with respect to legal service provision
- Involving the experiences of abused women in the production of training materials
- Strategic planning
- International conference
- Dissemination

##### **Expected results at the end of the project:**

- 50 new and at least 10 old volunteers participate at our trainings. A network of local coordinators (future volunteer trainers) gets formed. The professional knowledge of our volunteers increases and becomes more thorough. Their work has a mobilization impact, as well.
- Experience-sharing interviews with abused women: we have conducted 15 interviews with victims of IPV who shared their experiences about authorities and courts. Their experiences will be incorporated into the judge training material and the final report.
- Legal Clinics: contributing to the professional development of legal experts and law students; dissemination impact (4 legal clinics, at least 40 people).

- NGOs working with victims / women's NGOs: capacity building for 4-5 NGOs, quality assurance of the legal aspects of victim aid services. Participants so far: Holdam Association (Miskolc), BFKH Victim Aid Department, a group in Veszprém which is being established, Temporary Home for Families (Mosonmagyaróvár).
- Advocacy NGOs of other discriminated minorities: at least 2 (LGBT, Roma) organisations, at least 10-10 (i.e. 20) people. Result: dissemination of methodology.
- Strategic planning: work with professionals in NGOs working on increasing the transparency of court operations (30-50 people). Result: capacity building and increasing the expertise of organisations.
- Training materials: ready-made, applicable and adaptable, two-semester long seminar material for legal clinics; developing the material for training judges.

### **Organisational aspects:**

- The project is innovative and it is a significant step forward in the life of PATENT: strengthening the training elements corresponds with our medium-term strategic plan.
- We increase the social acceptance of our aims: we lay great emphasis on communication and the dissemination of our experiences and the conclusions of the project (mailing lists of NGOs, community pages, websites, press, broader public).
- Members of PATENT and some of the volunteers will become more experienced trainers.
- The volunteer recruitment increases our mobilisation capacities.
- Our working and organisation methods increase the transparency of PATENT.
- Strategic planning with other NGOs and the dissemination of experiences and methodology strengthens cooperation among NGOs.

### **Funding:**

Budget from 1 March 2015 to 30 April 2016. Funded by NCF and OSF (EUR).

<b>Human resources</b>	<b>38 432</b>
Project coordinator	17 818
Monitoring volunteers' work (in kind)	2 319
Legal advisors	5 117
Trainers	2 571
Supervisor	675
Volunteer coordinator	5 400
Financial coordinator and administrator	4 050
Writing publications	482
<b>Travel costs</b>	<b>610</b>
Project participants' travel to trainings and court trials	610
<b>Tools</b>	<b>916</b>
Training tools, stationery	193
Toner	257
Mobile phone	225
Flipchart	112
Molino	129
<b>Service costs</b>	<b>8 357</b>

Mobile phone costs	900
Post	225
Trainers' accommodation	225
Press conference catering	97
Conference catering	964
Trainings catering	803
Conference venue rent	160
Trainings venue rent	643
Publications editor	610
Publications printing	3 118
Multiplication of training materials	98
Logo and image design	193
Printed canvas bags	321
<b>Indirect costs</b>	<b>3 375</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51 690</b>

**Budget plan for 1 year for continuing the project (EUR):**

Human resources	28 900
Travel costs	650
Tools	435
Service costs	8 240
Indirect costs	3 560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41 785</b>

**Project activities:**

1. *Training of court monitoring volunteers:* compilation of methodology portfolio; recruiting and training of volunteers (old and new volunteers, trainers and local coordinators). Developing training materials. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists, volunteer coordinator.

2. *Court monitoring:* observation of court proceedings, note-taking (with special attention to the protection of personal data), case research and analysis, correspondence with volunteers, supervision. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists, volunteers, volunteer coordinator.

2. *Feeding back the results of monitoring into the operation of courts:* sensitizing trainings for judges; compilation of training material for judges. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists.

3. *Development of a two-semester long training material for seminars at the legal clinics of faculties of law:* compilation (based on existing research and project experiences) and dissemination of training material. Staff: our legal experts.

4. *Dissemination of the methodology portfolio of monitoring:* methodology training for NGOs doing advocacy for other discriminated groups. Development of training material, communication, correspondence. Report writing. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists, volunteers.

5. *Capacity building for NGOs working with victims / women's through legal trainings:* compilation of training materials; conducting trainings. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists.

6. *Experience-sharing interviews with abused women*: experience sharing, recording, collecting of examples, incorporating their experiences into training materials and the final report. Staff: our legal experts and psychologists.

7. *Strategic planning with other NGOs*: Negotiations with other organisations (possible joint goals: e.g. the integration of the legal institution of *amicus curiae*; the reform of minutes-taking). Staff: our legal experts and psychologists, project coordinator.

8. *Conference*: topic: the publicity and transparency of the work of courts, the integration of the legal institution of *amicus curiae*; the reform of minutes-taking. Organising and staging the conference, reaching the media and professional and civic publicity. Staff: project coordinator, financial coordinator, our legal experts and psychologists, volunteers.

9. *Reaching out to the professional and broader public*: blog, project closing press conference, regular reports on community pages, civic fora, civic mailing lists and our website. Writing and dissemination of final report in Hungarian and English. Staff: our legal experts, the project coordinator, our communication expert, volunteers, translator.