

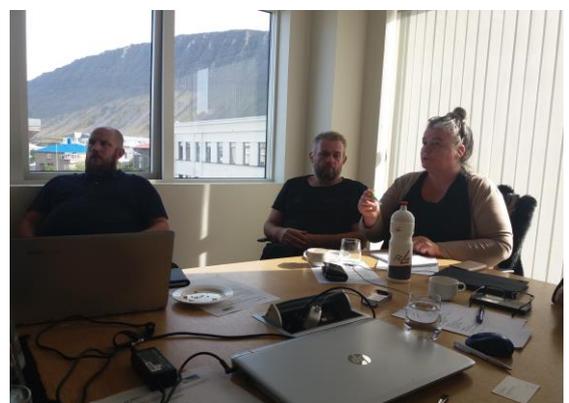
INNOVATIVE INITIATIVE

Thus, in order to achieve sustainable and long-term results it is necessary to work not only with survivors of violence, but also perpetrators. In order to provide quality complex help for these target groups it is necessary to improve competences of the adult educators working in this field.

Therefore, VšĮ Žmogiškųjų išteklių stebėsenos ir plėtros biuras (ZISPB) from Lithuania has initiated the NORDPLUS ADULT project “Nordic-Baltic Collaboration in Creating Innovative Training Programme for Adult Educators To Work with Perpetrators, Women and Children who Suffered from Domestic Violence” (NPAD-2016/10025) to contribute to changing this situation. The background of the project is based on the belief that it is necessary to apply a holistic approach of helping all parties involved in domestic violence (DV) – perpetrators (abusers) and survivors of DV (women, children).

A quality and experienced partners have been invited to form the consortium. Partners from Iceland (Solstafir), Sweden (BIIA resource center) have experience in working with women, children who suffered from DV, ZISPB from Lithuania is working with perpetrators, Folkeuniversitetet Midt-Norge from Norway has solid experience in training programmes preparation for adult learners.

Currently the partnership is in the process of combining the different experience of partners and creating Training Programme which in the spring of 2018 will be tested in 4 Baltic-Nordic countries and accredited in Lithuania to prepare social workers to provide support to all parties involved in DV. This will contribute to



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providing quality services and reducing the negative effects of DV to the lives of survivors of domestic violence and changing behavioural patterns of perpetrators of abuse.

The competence development, preparation of adult educators is also achieved through local training workshops which are being organised upon the return from the training hosted by project partners. For example, in October 2016 project partners were in Lithuania and have been introduced with the methods in changing violent behavioural patterns of perpetrators of DV. At the end of March 2017 representatives of partner organisations went to Sweden to learn from BIIA resource center trainers about the work with children who suffered or witnessed domestic violence. Quite recently (September 2017) partners came back from Iceland where “Solstafir” presented the best working model (“the Stigamot method” as they call it) of the work with women who suffered from sexual or domestic abuse. After each of visits the knowledge has been shared with at least 12 adult educators in Sweden, Iceland, Norway and Lithuania.

In addition to this, as a part of the project Good Practice Handbook of methods, tools to work with women, men and children involved in DV has been prepared in English (<http://domesticviolence.zispb.lt/en/products/>). It includes the most popular and effective methods identified by partners in the work with perpetrators and survivors of domestic violence.

Soon the Handbook will be available in Lithuanian, Swedish, Icelandic and Norwegian and accessible on the project website <http://domesticviolence.zispb.lt>

