

E-LEARNING PORTAL FOR PROFESSIONALS TO END FGM IN EUROPE –

Project 101096782 _END FGM E-CAMPUS – CERV-2022 - DAPHNE

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Objectives

The overall aim of the project is the creation and development of a web-based knowledge platform on FGM, which has the following objectives:

- Provide high quality, comprehensive, holistic and interdisciplinary theoretical and practical knowledge to professionals dealing with FGM-affected individuals and communities.
- Provide up-to-date gender- and culturally- sensitive multidisciplinary information, which is evidence-based and scientifically robust, to front-line professionals from a variety of sectors;
- Contribute to increased quality of public services and victim/survivor- centred access to prevention, protection and support services. (Developed by experts in the field and in synergy with existing tools developed by EU-wide networks and community-based organisations);
- Be a valuable resource for professionals dealing with survivors or those at risk of FGM.

Specific Objectives:

1. Increase the capacity of frontline professionals to provide survivors and those at risk of FGM with gender-specific and culturally appropriate support through the development of an online e-learning portal on FGM providing up-to-date information and training;
2. Provide country-specific knowledge and information on FGM to raise awareness and provide relevant, up to date information on legislation and policies, prevalence, survivor support services, good practices, and resources, in synergy with the End FGM EU Interactive Map;
3. Contribute to the systematic training of professionals on FGM through the EU-wide promotion of the END FGM E-CAMPUS and advocate for its integration in initial and in-service training (as per Article 15 of the IC);
4. Facilitate dialogue and knowledge-exchange among relevant stakeholders, including affected communities and policy makers, to promote the adoption of integrated policies and services for survivors of FGM and women and girls at risk;
5. Contribute to the systematic access to multidisciplinary training for professionals on FGM and up to date information to access services for FGM survivors through the development and adoption of a sustainability path for the END FGM E-CAMPUS.

Activities

- **Conceptualisation and technical development of the e-learning portal** - Design templates and technical development of the e-learning portal: front and back-end, technical specifications, Learning Management System (LMS) and language requirements;
- **Development e-learning training methodology and modules** - tailor made addressing current needs and gaps in the field of female genital mutilation such as: introduction to FGM, health, community engagement, protection and prevention. [5 modules X 5 languages EN, EL, FR, IT, PT];

- **Desk research and development of 4 e-country-factsheets** - mapping the existing situation in 4 countries in synergy/complementarity with the End FGM EU Interactive Map (CERV Priority 1) by mapping the relevant organisations and support services for survivors and resources for professionals-to complete the mapping and avoid duplication;
- **Development of project visual identity** - design and development of the visual identity of the project including logo, colour schemes, MS Office templates etc. ;
- **Designing a communication, dissemination, and endorsement strategy** - promote and ensure visibility of the project and the e-learning and training portal;
- **Promotional events** - 2 EU promotional Webinars – Info Cafes, 12 National launch events and 4 stakeholder meetings at the EU level and promotional events in Brussels
- **E-learning Impact evaluation:** qualitative and quantitative impact assessment;
- **Sustainability strategy/plan:** a sustainability plan will be discussed from the onset of the project in collaboration with the sustainability expert to safeguard the viability of the portal after the project ends in terms of funding, long-term technical and content upscaling/updating/maintenance of the e-learning portal.

Type of persons benefiting from the project

Within this scope, a wide spectrum of target groups will benefit from the END FGM E-CAMPUS, including:

- Health professionals (e.g., nurses, midwives, doctors, gynaecologists, mental health professionals);
- Asylum and migration officers/reviewing authorities;
- Professionals in reception centres and migration services;
- Legal professionals and judicial authorities officers;
- Social and child protection officers, social workers;
- Police officers/ law enforcement professionals;
- Educators, academics, students;
- Journalists and media professionals;
- Staff in Ministries (responsible for asylum, health, home office, justice);
- EU and national institutions and agencies dealing with international protection, migration and the rights of victims of crime;
- NGOs/CSOs, women’s rights organisations, migrant associations, shelters;
- States and statutory agencies to better comply with their international obligations.

The final beneficiaries are women and girls affected by or at risk of FGM who will receive better protection, have better access to justice, be offered.

**The target number of people who will benefit from the E-campus will be determined jointly with the consultant*

Expected results

1. Development of a dynamic e-learning and training portal accessible to professionals dealing with FGM;
2. Increased knowledge and capacity relevant professionals/stakeholders (knowledge and practical skills) and to address issues related to harmful practices/affected communities, and understand their role in multi-agency cooperation (e-learning modules);
3. Enhance the quality of specialised services for survivors and women affected by or at risk of FGM (public and non-public);
4. Increased interdisciplinary dialogue, mutual learning and exchange of good practices with and among the trained professionals (through webinars, national events, and EU side dissemination activities);
5. Prevention of harmful practices through education, capacity building, and engagement of diverse professionals, via gender-specific and culturally appropriate information for victim-centred access to services, integration, and justice.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- Website: END FGM E-Campus portal hosting 5 stand-alone e-learning modules in 5 languages;
- Awareness Raising/Promotional Campaign for END FGM E-CAMPUS portal - promotional materials: factsheets/leaflets, press releases, social media campaign;
- 2 promotional EU-wide Webinars-info-cafes;
- Launch Events and EU-Wide Launch Event;
- 12 National information events to promote the END FGM E-CAMPUS portal;
- 4 stakeholder meetings and promotional events in Brussels;
- Partners Contacts/Networks;
- Partners Websites and social media ensuring visibility of the project branding and EU funding/visibility;
- Partners' Electronic Newsletters (subscribers include over 10,000 organizations and individuals across Europe).

Complementary projects

The proposed project will work in complementarity and synergy with other successful digital projects produced by the members of the END FGM EU such as:

- **Interactive Map:** the END FGM E-CAMPUS will be linked with the existing End FGM EU Interactive Map (See here: [End FGM](#)), so that country specific information will be shared, streamlined and updated on a regular and complementary basis. Specifically, the END FGM E-CAMPUS portal will host pages with information on each project partner country (Cyprus, Portugal, Belgium, Italy) on available survivor support services, resources, and materials; these will be linked, and users will be directed, to each partner country's information page on the online Interactive Map that will provide information on the current legal and policy framework, as well as available data on the prevalence of FGM. This will ensure simultaneous updating of all country specific information on both webpages/online tools and will provide learners/users

of the e-modules easy access to up-to-date background information on the legal and policy context to facilitate and better improve their learning outcomes from the training.

- **Building Bridges between Africa and Europe to end FGM project:** and, specifically, its Community of Practice on FGM (<https://copfgm.org/>), that will contribute to the dissemination and promotion of the END FGM E-CAMPUS among its subscribers and provides a space for exchange and mutual learning for professionals that users will benefit from.

Project Partners

The partnership consists of:

- Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) – Cyprus : Coordination of the project. <https://medinstgenderstudies.org/>
- The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) – Cyprus. <https://www.cut.ac.cy/?!languageId=1>
- AIDOS – Italy. <https://aido.it/>
- GAMS Belgium – Belgium. <https://gams.be/>
- The Family Planning Association (APF) – Portugal. <https://www.ippf.org/>
- End FGM European Network (End FGM EU) – Europe. <https://www.endfgm.eu/>