



## **PACT - Promoting Awareness for Cooperation and Training in the Field of Domestic Violence**

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### **Abstract**

Violence against women crosses all socio-economic levels, age, groups, races, religions and countries. Numerous studies have been published that document the prevalence of domestic violence and its serious effects on women and children. PACT is funded by the European Commission to sustainably improve competences in the area of violence against women and children in different institutional environments on a European level. PACT addresses professionals in education and vocational training as multipliers as well as in various services offered to victims such as medical and psychological care, shelter, legal consultancy and empowerment.

The PACT consortium consisting of partners from Germany, Austria, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland and Portugal has developed a training kit which is designed for use in training and further training courses for professionals in various fields. It includes fundamental information on the issue of domestic violence which are relevant for all vocational groups as well as more detailed information for professionals who actually deal with domestic violence.

The PACT training is based on a combination of technology-based materials and face-to-face sessions used together to deliver instruction. The online modules are designed as self-learning course for an individual, and with interaction in a group. They are delivered on a specifically designed Moodle platform. The PACT training kit consists of seven modules with an overall duration of approx. 70 hours:

An integral part of the national pilots (March-June 2011) will be a two-day international workshop in Lisbon that will bring physically together representatives of various backgrounds to promote an international exchange.

Further information on the project can be found at the project website: [www.pact-eu.org](http://www.pact-eu.org)