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# Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations

addressing
human rights violations
in the context of
interpersonal relationships



### Overview

The Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV) addresses human rights violations in the context of interpersonal relationships. CAHRV is a broad-based, collaborative effort of 22 research institutions in 14 European Countries, policy networks, and individual researchers, funded through the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme.

# **Objectives**

Violence against women and abuse and exploitation of children have been recognized as serious human rights violations. This framework needs to be extended to recognize that this applies also to elderly and male victims as well as to encompass awareness that all interpersonal violence can represent a threat to democracy and social cohesion. The field of interpersonal violence typifies fragmentation in addressing human rights violations. Each type of violation has been seen as a distinct concern; theoretical and practical links between the different aspects of violence have been neglected.

CAHRV aims to account for and overcome fragmentation in research, policy and practice, linking and building on networks for women, children and men. It will integrate parallel research discourses on violence and:

- ▶ unify a theoretical and empirical basis for policy
- survey a wide territory with a case study approach,
- ▶ structure co-operation through sub-networks
- ▶ identify further sites of excellence.

In a practical perspective, CAHRV aims to:

- build a research foundation for recognizing good practice,
- make standards for services and interventions available on a European level,
- ► contribute to policy-related data collection,
- ▶ improve dissemination and co-operation with NGO's, agencies and governments.

### Thematic areas

CAHRV will integrate research across gender and generational divisions, connecting these with aspects of citizenship and governance. There are four subnetworks:

Sub-network 1: Identifying and profiling victimisation (Co-ordinator: Manuela Martinez, University of Valencia, Spain)

Sub-network 2: The roots of interpersonal violence: gendered practices, social exclusion and violation (Co-ordinator: Keith Pringle, Aalborg University, Denmark)

Sub-network 3: Addressing gender-based human rights violations (Co-ordinator: Jalna Hanmer, University of Sunderland, UK)

Sub-network 4: Protective environmental factors securing human rights (Co-ordinator: Ralf Puchert, Dissens e.V., Germany)

Each sub-network contributes to the action as a whole, using its specific topical focus as the example or demonstration case. CAHRV also examines when policies and interventions are effective and what context variables need to be considered for transfer.

Cross cutting activities such as annual conferences and high-level expert groups and an interactive web-based communication system ensure a continuing dialogue between the sub-networks.

# **Expected Results**

CAHRV works to develop sustainable structures for cooperation and dialogue. Results will include

- ➤ An overview of European research on prevalence, health and human rights impact, a design for comparative re-analysis of data, and indicators for monitoring
- ► A data base and a shared methodological framework for European level research on the roots of violent behaviour
- ▶ Research synopses on the justice system as an arena for the protection of human rights, and on evaluation of interventions and measures and their potential for transfer
- ➤ An interdisciplinary research map on the web of protective factors in work, families and social networks.

Transnational partnerships, policy papers, conferences and publications will articulate a distinctively European voice in the global discussion of human rights in everyday life.

# Membership /

Additionally to the 22 research institutions in the Consortium, 52 individual researchers, from overall 23 countries are members of the Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations.