## Coming up: Training for support and social service providers on domestic violence

About 30 participants from Romania and Norway gather in the north of Norway to share good practices for policy-making to combat domestic and gender-based violence.

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One of the aims of the seminar is to contribute to an exchange of experience with institutions providing social services and shelter for victims of violence. (Illustration photo: iStockphoto)

The meeting to be held 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January is part of a series of meetings to exchange knowledge, experience and good practices, between Romania and Norway.

This is a cooperation project between the Crisis Centre in Salten, Norway and ANES, Romania under EEA GRANTS: Supporting the Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

The meeting is being held in a region of Norway with a significant Sami population.

The aim of the seminar is to:

- 1) contribute to an exchange of experience with institutions providing social services and shelter for victims of violence.
- 2) gather good practices for policy-making on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention at policy level, as well as work with NGOs and professional institutions, including the Police, working with cases of violence against women and domestic violence.

Wanja J. Sæther, the director of the Crisis Centre in Salten, will together with colleagues present good practices from the centre during the two days of the training. On the agenda is also a visit to the Crisis Centre in Salten (Bodø).

The second day includes a presentation from the police and Alternative to Violence (ATV) on coordinated support for victims of violence against women and victims of sexual assault and/or rape.

 $All\ together\ 26\ representatives\ from\ Romania\ will\ participate\ in\ the\ training\ in\ Bod\emptyset\ together\ with\ representatives\ from\ the$ Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, project consultant Rachel Eapen Paul as well as the Council of Europe.

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