## SYNERGY Network members from 7 countries complete course to increase access to justice for women

Eleven members of the SYNERGY Network against Gender-based and Domestic violence have successfully completed a 6-module training course on Access to Justice for Women in August 2021.

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The course was provided by the Council of Europe in order to support EEA/Norway Grants' efforts to combat violence against women and domestic violence, in line with European standards including the <u>Istanbul Convention</u>.

The course ran for three months with participants from Bulgaria, France, Greece, Lithuania, Norway, Romania and Slovakia, facilitated by a specially trained HELP Tutor from Italy. Participants included civil servants, judges, lawyers, psychologists and independent consultants tasked with addressing the issue of violence against women.

The Council of Europe cooperates under the EEA/Norway Grants as an International Partner Organisation and is the main international partner of the SYNERGY Network against Gender-based and Domestic Violence.

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