

Press release

Final conference – disseminating the results achieved within the project "EVA IRFAM - There is Hidden Violence Affecting Migrant Women"

The **ICAR Foundation** is organizing on May 29, 2023, starting at 10:00 a.m., the **final Conference** to disseminate the results of the project "**EVA IRFAM - There is Hidden Violence Affecting Migrant Women**". The event will take place in Bucharest, at the Holiday Inn Bucharest-Times Hotel.

Representatives of public authorities and non-governmental organizations active in the field of migration and violence, intercultural mediators, and other interested parties are invited to participate.

The purpose of the conference is to disseminate the results achieved within the project, which contributes to increasing the capacity of migrants to recognize and get out of situations of gender-based violence. Within the project, support services were provided to victims/potential victims of gender-based violence, capacity building sessions were organized in which specialists from public institutions and non-governmental organizations were trained to identify, intervene, and prevent this phenomenon, as well as an awareness campaign with migrant youth to improve knowledge about gender-based violence. At the same time, it was also made the first research report on this phenomenon among migrants, which contributed to the development of the ICAR Foundation as a resource center on gender-based violence.

The "EVA IRFAM - There Is Hidden Violence Affecting Migrant Women", project implemented by the ICAR Foundation in partnership with Health and Human Rights Info, with the financial support of Active Citizens Fund Romania, programme funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through EEA Grants 2014 - 2021, was implemented between April 1, 2021, and May 31, 2023, and benefited from funding in the amount of 249,751.50 euros. The aim of the project was to increase the capacity of migrant women, youth and LGBTIQ people to recognize and get out of GBV situations by providing support services, an awareness campaign and training of specialists working for public institutions at national level in identifying, intervening, and preventing this phenomenon and the development of the ICAR Foundation as a resource centre on GBV by making the first research report on GBV on refugees in Romania and developing a working guide for specialists.

About Active Citizens Fund Romania

The Active Citizens Fund Romania programme is funded through the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The overall objective of the Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities, and to strengthen bilateral relations between 15 beneficiary countries and the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). The programme is administered by a consortium composed of Civil Society Development Foundation, Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation, Resource Center for Roma Communities, PACT Foundation and Frivillighet Norge, acting as Fund Operator designated by FMO – Financial Mechanism Office of the EEA and Norway Grants. The objectives of the Active Citizens Fund Romania are to strengthen civil society and active citizenship and to empower vulnerable groups. With a total allocation of 46,000,000 euro, the programme pursues a long-term development of the civil society sector sustainability and capacity, stepping up its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights, while strengthening bilateral relations with organizations from the Donor States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. For more information about the Active Citizens Fund in Romania, please go to www.activecitizensfund.ro. For more information about the EEA and Norway Grants, go to www.eeagrants.org.

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