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Ready for piloting...

...this was the headline of our last project newsletter. Just a few weeks later the Corona Pandemic reached Europe and almost blocked all FSEPS activities for several months. So for our piloting activities this meant: *"Please wait..."*

Especially for the staff in women's shelters with whom we would like to pilot the "Our Time" programme, the last months were very challenging. Additional project work was hardly possible. But now the FSEPS activities are slowly getting moving again. The Spanish partners, the University of Navarra, were the first to start.

In the end of June the first session of the train-the-trainer event took place in Navarra - of course in compliance with the distance rule and with mouth-and-nose protection.



Due to the given circumstances, the training was organised in a mixture of a face-to face event and an online training. 20 participants, professionals from refuges in Navarra, but also representatives of the INAI- Equality Institute of Navarre (Government of Navarra) and SMAM- Municipality Women's Service in Pamplona (Pamplona City Council) attended the training.



The training course was continued two weeks later. On the 2nd of July, professionals from "Date una Oportunidad" ("give yourself a chance") refuge of the City Council of Pamplona (Spain), received the second session of the train-the-trainers event. Participants in this session mainly worked on ideas how to adapt the "Our Time" programme to the characteristics of their refuge and the families living in there.



Kick-off for the “Our time” programme implementation in Spain

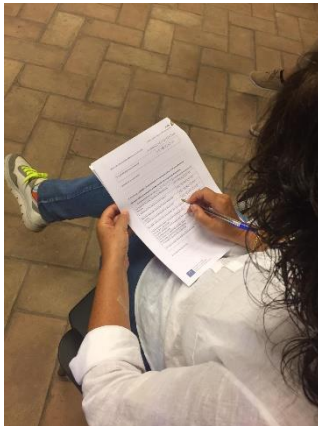
The Spanish piloting will start on July 23th and for a duration of approx. three weeks, they will test the “Our Time” programme with children between 6-10 years and their mothers. The activities in the programme aim at combating social isolation of women and their children living in refuges or other places of safety.

The piloting phase in all other partner countries – Italy, United Kingdom, Romania and Bulgaria – had to be postponed but all partner organisations are optimistic to start with their activities in early September. Let’s hope the virus will not thwart our plans!



Postponed is not abandoned!

The FSEPS team used the time between March and June for more intense work on the improvement of the “Our Time” programme and some “fine-tuning” activities.



The training material and programme activities will be available on the project [website](#). Interested trainers and professionals working in the field of gender-based violence will find an online repository of material. A webinar about first experiences in the piloting and some hints and guidelines how to work with the “Our Time” programme will be scheduled for September 2020. Visit our [website](#) to check the current date!

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