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### ACTION FOR CHANGE:

#### Achieving Resilience, Recovery and Choices for women and children following domestic violence

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##### **Objectives:**

- \* To develop and exchange best practice in establishing specialised services to enable women and children to recover and reduce the need for removal of children
- \* To empower women victims of domestic violence (DV) in steering and delivering the project to ensure services are responsive to their needs
- \* To develop the 'invest to save' business case for establishing specialised services and develop recommendations for establishing provision at local, regional and national level across partner countries
- \* To improve awareness and understanding of the needs of target beneficiaries and encourage and assist member states to develop service options that address gaps in provision

##### **Activities:**

- \* Steering Committee in the UK, in Romania and in Italy, with the involvement of women survivors of domestic violence, organised in the Shadow Women's Board
- \* Organisation of 4 Round Tables on the topics of birth mothers and families and implementing adequate support services to prevent the placement of children from women living in violent environment - stakeholders, academics, researchers, policy makers, practitioners and the women's shadow boards will be directly engaged
- \* Desk-based and qualitative research (interviews with women survivors and practitioners) to map the existing services and report on the best practices in delivering support to the target group
- \* Design and implementation of new services delivered as pilot projects for women at risk of losing a child to care as a result of domestic violence
- \* Development of a Best Practice Toolkit for practitioners, based on the findings of the research, the Transnational Workshops, the Round Tables, the women's shadow board, and pilot project evaluations

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##### **Results:**

- \* Women's Resources and Women's Shadow Board
- \* 4 Pilot Projects in UK, Romania, Hungary and Italy
- \* 4 Transnational Workshops and 4 Round Tables on the topics of birth mothers and families
- \* Desk-top Literature and Best Practice Review
- \* Pilot Project Evaluation Report
- \* Best Practice Tool
- \* Final Dissemination Conference in the UK

##### **Partners:**

- \* Coordinator: RBKC - Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (United Kingdom)
- \* Advance (United Kingdom)
- \* Inclusion (United Kingdom)
- \* CFCECAS - Center for Lifelong Learning and Evaluation of Skills in Social Work (Romania)
- \* G-Led (Hungary)
- \* Borgorete (Italy)

##### Associated Partners

- \* Westminster City Council (United Kingdom)
- \* London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (United Kingdom)
- \* CESIE (Italy)

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