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The FATIMA 2 project partners from eight EU countries <u>Folk Universitetet</u> (SE), <u>Rinova</u> (ES), <u>DAF Новини</u> (BG), <u>FISPE</u> (FR), <u>Refugee Team</u> (NL), <u>ZRS Koper – Znanstveno-raziskovalno</u> <u>središče Koper</u> (SI), <u>ARCI</u> (IT) and <u>DIMITRA</u> (GR) continue their activities in the field of preventing honour-related violence against women.

Partner organisations met in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 discussing the progress of the activities and exchanging experiences and practices. The agenda of the second day was dedicated to showcasing FATIMA 2 project, engaging regional and national stakeholders in this field, exchanging good practices and networking.

Hilde Wiberg and Basem Al Nabulsi (Uppsala youth service, The Social Administration, Uppsala municipality) presented Uppsala municipality (Sweden) model of community engagement and support provision related to youth through preventive social work and engagement of different stakeholders.

Representatives from diverse organizations in Bulgaria presented the Bulgarian model addressing gender-based violence (GBV), encompassing prevention, combatting, awareness-raising, and service provision.

Rumyana Tolova - Deputy Mayor of the Central Plovdiv District Liliya Nedeva - Director of the Health directorate in Plovdiv Municipality Vesselina Boteva - Director of the Municipal Department for Social Policy Aneliya Derneva - Dorector of the Child Protection Department of the State Department for Social Policy Gergana Toshkova - Legal adviser of the Child Protection Department of the State Department for Social Policy Boryana Uzunova - Director of the Crisis centre for women and children victims of domestic violence Rumyana Zaykova-Kaleeva - Deputy Regional Prosecutor Nikola Karaboychev - Police coordinator of domestic violence in Plovdiv and three representatives of the Youth Red Cross

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Through presentations of their work and discussions of significant legislative and organisational changes in the recent years, the importance of a well – established cross-sectoral collaboration in the field of GBV was highlighted. Furthermore, the event provided a platform for dialogue between partners and stakeholders fostering a deeper understanding of the evolving landscape of GBV prevention and responses. Participants left with a renewed commitment to collaborative action, recognizing the pivotal role of partnerships in achieving lasting impact in this area.

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