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## No more Gender-based Violence: New EU-wide Competences Framework for Youth Workers published

Today, the Erasmus+ funded project "A Chance for Change" announces the publication of the Competence Framework for Youth Workers: Preventing Gender-Based Violence Through Restorative Justice & Media Education.

The published Competence Framework is available on the project website <a href="www.achance4change.eu">www.achance4change.eu</a> and for <a href="download">download</a>. The publication of the Competence Framework consists of a nr. of competencies (precisely 14) which have been identified as not included in the fundamental and comprehensive Competencies Frameworks for youth workers already available in the EC literature, such as the ETS Competence Framework for Youth Workers (Salto Youth).

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, the Founder and Director of the project's coordinator, Restorative Justice for All, said:

"This competence framework for youth workers could not be more timely. Gender-based violence has tripled in all countries due to the lockdown and COVID19 wider impacts. Using restorative justice and digital tools will bring innovation in a much-needed area of policy and practice"

## Desiree Noriega, RJ4All youth project officer said:

"We are excited about the publication of the Competence Framework, as it reflects the experience and needs of youth professionals in terms of Gender Based Violence prevention and intervention. It provides a new approach that can guide future training for youth workers and youth organizations interested in promoting gender equality and non-violence."

## Panagiotis Amiridis, EPIMORFOTIKI KILKIS Director, said:

"We could not be more satisfied and happy about the publication of the Competencies Framework for Youth Workers. We feel that we have offered Youth Workers a really useful and innovative tool, which will help them address the root causes that lead to GBV and Gender Discrimination in youth settings, from a perspective that no European program has approached so far. We are proud of our contribution.

Theo Mavrosavva, OTI International Projects Manager and Project's Communication Officer said: "This new publication comes on the right moment, where awareness about tools and information for prevention of GBV is again on demand as covid-19 has again isolated everyone at home and especially those affected whom experience Gender-based violence daily in their lives. The framework published is a tool for youth workers via GBV Pedagogy, Restorative Justice and Media Education."

