



association for liberty
and equality of gender

About A.L.E.G.

A.L.E.G. is a Romanian nongovernmental organization active since 2004 on promoting gender equality and fighting gender-based violence. We are a local association (Sibiu). A.L.E.G. acts as focal point and member in the Coordination Committee of **WAVE network**- Women Against Violence Europe, **AWID member**- Association for Women's Rights in Development and in the steering committee in **ASTRA network**- Central and Eastern Europe women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. During 2008- 2010 we were partners in 3 EU-funded projects (Daphne and Grundtvig) and in 2011-2013 implemented 3 Youth in Action projects. At local level we are members in the Equal Opportunity Committee and Sibiu Social network.

Our services are accredited by the Labor Directorate and inspected for compliance every 3 years:

- ♀ **Counseling and trauma therapy for victims of gender-based violence**- with the goal to offer psychological support in crises, individualized therapy programs for trauma recovery. The counseling is free of charge. Funding: the Global Fund for Women, the Global Fund for Children, DWS Sibiu's German Businessmen Club
- ♀ **Information and awareness on violence against women and gender equality**- with the goal to prevent gender-based violence addressed to youth: activities in schools, educational camps, public campaigns etc.
- ♀ **Lobby and advocacy** projects for improving national laws in combating domestic violence. In 2013, together with other 8 NGOs we are implementing a project funded by Open Society Foundation for monitoring the implementation of the 6new family violence act, which introduced the protection order, for domestic violence victims.



Main sources of funding in 2013:

Global Fund for Children: 13.000 USD)
Daphne Program: 35.000 Euro (2 years project)
EU's Youth in Action Program: 4850 Euro
FDSC: 2485 Euro
Junior Chamber International: 10.000 RON
Sibiu County: 500 RON

Local Partners:

Directorate for Child Protection
The Probation Service of Sibiu's Courthouse
The County Police Inspectorate
Sibiu Women's Association shelter
ASTRA Sibiu County Library
Pupils County Council



I. The Psychological Counseling Programme

In 2013, 23 women of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors aged between 25-46, contacted A.L.E.G.'s counseling service.



These women were from: Sibiu, Agnita, Avrig, Cristian, Gura Râului, Râu Sadului, Ocna Sibiului, Alba Iulia, București. All women had at least 1 child (aged between 5 and 16). The women addressed to our service directly, through e-mail, telephone or through other institutions (Social Services, Child Protection, Police, Court, NGOs). In all cases we offered information and guidance regarding victims' rights, risk assessment, safety planning, procedures required by law (in particular the protection order), and psychological counselling. A.L.E.G. referred cases to domestic violence centers/shelters from Alba Iulia, Bucharest and Sibiu. 6 women required and followed long-term counseling sessions consisting in regular meetings at the A.L.E.G.'s center, they received information regarding DV causes, effects, stereotypes, also with

them a risks assessment, based on victim' self-evaluation were establish and a set of basic safety measures and a counseling plan were set.

Compared to previous years, there was an increased request for legal and psychological counseling in divorce cases. 5 cases have received information concerning divorce procedures, separation, child custody, the role of mediation and protection order. In 4 cases women were supported in filling in the protection order.

In 6 cases, parent-child counseling was offered, for trauma processing and understanding caused by witnessing domestic violence, support in cases of divorce/separation from spouse/partner were offered. Women were helped to regain confidence and self-esteem, discover new resources in themselves, resources that would help them move forward and lead a healthy life free of violence. Women experience strong emotional conflicts, they go through love-fear for-of the partner/husband, which alternate between an affectionate behavior and a typical violent cycle of violence. The way out of this pattern of violence is difficult, especially if the woman is single and has no support from family, friends, etc.

Case examples

(1) Dana, aged 25, mother of 3, submitted a request for issuance of Protection Order in March. She collaborated with a lawyer who supported her throughout the divorce and guided her to A.L.E.G.'s counselling service to better understand the phenomenon of violence. We worked with her and her 5 years old daughter. She managed to start a new life, moved away from her ex-husband lived and started a new life with her parents and children.

(2) Ioana, aged 34, mother of a 9 year old boy. After many years of physical violence, threats and control, Ioana turned to A.L.E.G.'s counseling service. She decided to break away from the partner and to rebuild her life after several meetings where we explained to her the phenomenon of violence and its effects her and her boy. We helped her fill in the Protection Order. She was assisted to find and rent an apartment and her boy was enrolled in a Day Care Center to spend his time while his mother was at work. We collaborated with the Social Services in this case.

Online counseling

In 2013 A.L.E.G. had its website www.aleg-romania.eu redone, with a more user-friendly concept. The reconstruction of the



website paid attention to the victims' need of information; thus special buttons were created for victims and counselling, including the possibility of online counselling, by logging in. A software is to be acquired in order to build a confidential database and technical training of the staff for online counseling. The 'Victims' button includes information about domestic violence victims, causes, effects, the role of counselling and referral to a Services Map produced within the advocacy campaign for urgent implementation of changes from the Law 217 Republished in 2003, in particular the Protection Order, implemented by Transcena in partnership with other NGOs, including A.L.E.G.

II. Projects

May 2013 – March 2014, Education for the Prevention of Gender Based Violence Through Action Methods and Theatre (Theatre Against Gender Violence). The main objective of the project was to prevent and combat gender violence using action methods, decomposed theatre and peer education. The project included interactive training sessions for the implementation team members on the following topics: gender violence among youth, peer education, personal skills development, and verbal and gestural communication. The youth from the project team wrote two forum theater scenarios which they performed during the Gender Equality Festival and the Super Volunteers Gala. The performances offered the audience the opportunity to get involved in solving problematic situations described in the play - bullying among peers, complicated by teacher-student harassment. The teenagers from the audience have found ingenious solutions to the problem, they presented and applied



them tactfully, managing to change in a positive way the ending of the play. Once the school year began, the project team thought situations of decomposed theatre based on what they had learned in the training sessions under the guidance of a professional actress, Doriana Tăut, and went in three high schools (Liceul Teoretic O. Ghibu, Colegiul Tehnic Independența and Liceul Tehnologic H. Coandă) as peer educators, transmitting to their peers their knowledge about avoiding and settling cases of gender-based violence. In the end, a number of 300 students were involved in this project; each module lasted for 3 hours. The project was awarded during the Act Responsably Gala.

Statistics



We followed the change of students' knowledge and attitudes towards violence, and the evaluation of educational sessions by applying initial and final questionnaire in the 3 high schools included in the project. At first, most teenagers associated violence mainly with physical harm, 32% of respondents answered that for them violence means beating. Very few (5%) recognized economic, psychological or sexual violence. After the sessions, 11% of teenagers listed psychological violence as a form of gender-based violence and 15% of them listed sexual violence, which indicates a change in their knowledge about forms of gender violence. 53% of teenagers think that they have

changed their opinion about gender violence a lot through this project. Furthermore, 46% of the students consider that the introduction of a subject titled 'Education for the prevention of gender violence' into the school curricula would be very beneficial. The project received an award at the Act Responsably Gala.

The project team: Bianca Drotleff, Diana Lupu, Denisa Stănilă, Sandra Popimoișe, Ioana Șurubară, Dariana Nistor, Alexandru Gubiță, Emanuel Miron, Mihai Cătănescu, Călin Cociș, Dorian Olteanu, coordinated by Camelia Oană, Doriana Tăut și Liviu Gaja.

Financers: The European Commission through Youth in Action Programme, co-financed through the Junior Chamber International Romania Federation through the „We act responsibly” project – Social Network RSC.



13-17.09. 2013- Gender Equality Festival, the 8th edition, is an educational campaign addressed to youth, which aims at preventing gender violence and promotes behavioral patterns based on respect and gender equality through non-formal education methods: forum theatre, living library, interactive exhibitions, creative workshops, etc. Gender violence is fostered by preconceptions and stereotypes that make women's subordination a common thing.



The Festival included:

- two **interactive exhibitions** provided by the FILIA Centre, Bucharest, one **on street harassment** and the other regarding **offensive advertising**; the exhibitions were marked by debates as well

- **Sibiu disapproves gender violence** sticker. Using stickers, volunteers marked public spaces disapproving and discouraging abusive behavior
- 2 **forum theatre performances**, based on a script designed and performed by 10 A.L.E.G. volunteers. Over 50 young people from the audience had the opportunity to get involved in finding solutions to the question: how can we change the way the characters act in order to have a positive outcome?
- Creating a **video** resulting from the photos and interviews gathered during the **'Outside the gender stereotypes box'** calls for young people and professionals in the field - editing video with personal examples of situations that made them step out of the box of stereotypes. Video available online.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j_UTgtupul



- The **Living Library** knocked down prejudices giving people the opportunity to borrow human-books on topical issues such as Roșia Montana (*You can not buy me* - the story of an Austrian who declined an offer from RMGC), and with regard to issues such as violence against women, feminism, beer and bravery, the courage to be yourself and get out of your shell or how to make a career out of a hobby. Acknowledgements to the living books that have accepted the invitation: Eleonora Pokola, Gruian Alexandra, Daniela Cosma, Simona Maria Chirciu, Diana Ribana, Miky Paicu, Mihaela Stroe, Liliana and Doriana Tăut.



- **Stencils Workshop** for gender equality, with artist Dana Andrei. 15 teenagers learned to create templates for art in urban space, and with the support of Dan Perjovschi, who lent us the wall near the "Radu Stanca"

National Theatre, where he carries out a project on his own, we included gender symbols in this `vertical newspaper' of Sibiu.



- **'The Cardboard Box'** – a theatre play which took place at Cavas, a successful French comedy performed by young-student-actors from Sibiu.

The Festival was organized in partnership with Sibiu Bookfest, Sibiu House of Culture, Association Project 1200, Caffe Gea, "Radu Stanca" National Theatre, Sibiu Students' County Council, Ille et Villaine Friendship Association, Fila Centre in Bucharest.

Financed. A 2013 Cultural Event Agenda project funded by the Sibiu County Council through the ASTRA Library and the Global Fund for Children.

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LOG IN- Laboratories On Gender violence In New media. A.L.E.G. The project's overall objective is to prevent and fight gender-based violence through the promotion, among teen-agers, of responsible behaviors in their use of social networks. The project includes laboratories and workshops in schools and youth associations, based on the methodology of PEER EDUCATION. LOG IN starts from the thesis that the new methods of communication and relation through social networks are not neutral, but can negatively influence the quality of affective and relational life, in as much as they promote "fast" and superficial forms of interaction. These new methods can also have an

important role in encouraging various forms of verbal, psychological and physical violence towards women, considering that the stereotypes and the images that circulate on internet usually stick roles to women and men that only separate them instead of making them closer. A common methodology was defined by the LOG IN project partners during the first phase of the project implementation. The methodology was adapted to the local contexts by a group of experts in each country, from different backgrounds, all aware of the present needs of youth and the issue of GBV. The methodology was further elaborated in the practical training packages ready to be used by the trainers



and to be disseminated among teachers or other interested parties: lesson plans/overviews, supporting power point presentations, reading lists, handouts or illustrative videos, were prepared that can be adapted depending on the time or topic of interest. Each session's methodology was adapted by a GBV expert and psychologist. In Sibiu, A.L.E.G. implements the pilot actions in 5 highschools and vocational schools during school time. The laboratories constituted of 6 sessions in total of 2 hours each. The youth who will participate to sessions will develop peer education activities for other 700 peers by face to face meetings or through internet, debates on educational movies, participating in different educational shows, etc. The online peer education will be carried out



mostly through the local Facebook page since this communication tool is widely used by most of the teenagers. The sessions for adults will involve 400 parents, psychologists, teachers, each module lasts between 3-6 hours.

LOG IN project was coordinated by the City of Modena (Italy) in partnership with: Centro Documentazione Donna di Modena (Italy), Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (Cyprus), Women's Issues Information Centre (Lithuania) and Association for Liberty and Equality of Gender- A.L.E.G. (Romania).

Financer: European project co-financed by the European Commission, Directorate-General Justice, in the framework of the Daphne Programme (JUST/2011/DAP/AG/3033)

March, 2013- March 2015 –Identifying domestic violence cases with increased risk and providing integrated support for victims and their children. Project aims:



- Capacity building of the local team to identify high risk domestic violence cases
- Providing integrated support services (information, legal/psychological counselling) to victims and their children
- Preventing to perpetuate the violent behaviours by children witnessing domestic violence
- Piloting the methodology for identifying high-risk cases for a period of 12 months involving all local partners and Police
- Risk self-assessment through actively involving the victim

Financer: AVON social responsibility component in the Respect Campaign

III. Advocacy, information, and awareness raising campaigns

8.03.2013- Advocacy campaign for the urgent implementation of changes to Law 217 from 2013 Republished, with regards to protection orders. The project's goal was to develop an advocacy campaign focused on those institutions



relevant to the implementation of the republished Law 217/2013, in order to speed up the implementation of the National Strategy for the fighting and prevention of domestic violence, and of the Action Plan proposed in the strategy, particularly the protection order. The project was carried out by the TRANSCENA Association in partnership with: GRADO, CPE, ARTEMIS Cluj, A.L.E.G., The SENSIBLU Foundation, Centrul FILIA, The FRONT Association. On March 8th the **National Study regarding the implementation of protection orders** was

launched simultaneously in Bucharest and Sibiu, while on December 4th the second part of the study was launched in Bucharest, together with a study of social services. The Open Society Institute financed the project.

3-4.04.2013 – During the **Week “Să știi mai multe, să fii mai bun!”**, as part of the V-Day Campaign, the A.L.E.G. team ran a series of informal activities for girls: *V-Girls on the secret life of Barbie*, and for boys: *V-Boys campaign for fighting violence against women from a male perspective*. The activities took place at the “Octavian Goga” High school and the “Avram Iancu” Technical high school. These topics took into account the students' preferences.

1-2.06.2013 - SmArtPark- A.L.E.G. prepared educational activities on gender equality for both parents and children. The event was organized by the Chamber for Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture, while A.L.E.G. participated as a partner together with other institutions and organizations that run activities for children. Amongst the activities in the A.L.E.G. tent we can count personal development activities: *The Family Gallery*, *That's what girls are like – that's what boys are like*, *Free Barbie* and a *Treasure Hunt*. Through sketches, drawing, games and team competitions we aimed at countering the gender stereotypes girls, boys, and parents encounter every day, at the same time forming new attitudes based on respecting and accepting each other's differences, all the while encouraging alternative, non-violent ways of interaction and communication between parents and children. Additionally, we wanted to raise awareness amongst parents with regards to the stances and behaviors they model for their children through the way they relate as family and through the games they buy for their children.



16-17.05.2013 - Camelia Proca participated in Bucharest at the **„Round table on improving implementation of Chapter IV**



Protection order from Law 217/2003 Republished”. The discussions were focused on the results of the first „National Study on the implementation of protection orders. The event was put together by a group of 9 organizations: Transcena Association, GRADO, CPE, Centrul FILIA, FRONT Association, ANAIS Association, A.L.E.G., The SENSIBLU Foundation, The Association of Women Against Violence – ARTEMIS CLUJ in partnership with DPC – The Labor, Family, Social Protection Ministry, and coordinated by the Transcena Association. Judges, representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the General Police Inspector and 5

police stations from Bucharest were present at the round table. Representatives from the Institute for Research and Crime Prevention as well as from the Family Planning Institute in Târgu Mures were also present at the round table.

25.11.2013 – Silent witnesses speak up! - As part of the International Day for Fighting Violence against women, NGOs active in the field of fighting violence against women sent a common message: **INDIFFERENCE FEEDS VIOLENCE**. The message was particularly aimed at those in decision-making positions, responsible for intervening in cases of violent abuse: judges, prosecutors, policemen, and local authorities. Every woman is on her own. The aggressor, however, is constantly receiving a helping hand. From judges who fail to emit protective orders in due time; from courts that decide to set rape offenders free; from everyone who thinks „if she submitted, she must have liked it”. From relatives, neighbors and friends who advise the woman to forgive so that she won't be embarrassed. In Sibiu, A.L.E.G. organizes every year on November 25th the Silent Witnesses Speak Up - street event. The silent witnesses are red silhouettes that symbolize women who lost their lives because of domestic violence. Every silhouette had a story written on it. According to the Forensic Medicine Institute in Sibiu, 181 women abused by their partner demanded the release of a forensic certificate in 2013. Out of fear and lack of trust in public institutions, many women continue to endure abuse in silence. A.L.E.G. invited Sibiu residents to an evening of vigil in order to draw attention to the fact that violence against women is not just a story for sensational news, but a reality that we all contribute to through our indifference. Together with D.G.A.S.P.C. Sibiu and the members of the inter sectorial team, we were able to distribute information materials regarding protection orders and the services available to victims of violence in Sibiu county.



The event in Sibiu was part of a national campaign for the safety of women in the domestic environment. As part of this campaign a number of organizations active in fighting violence against women ran parallel events in Bucharest, Târgu Mureş and Cluj Napoca.

Approaches and petitions:

A.L.E.G. was amongst the NGOs who demanded in an open letter that the Ministry of Interior treated with maximum seriousness the case of a policewoman from Bals, and created an internal system that facilitated the investigation of complaints from policewomen victims of sexual abuse committed by their colleagues or superiors. The letter also demanded the urgent implementation of a prevention protocol of any form of sexual harassment and abuse of female employees. *“We need firm measures in order to eliminate gender discrimination and offer equal chances to both men and women so that they can assert themselves within local Police structures and benefit from a secure work environment.”*



In January A.L.E.G. signed a petition against the introduction of rape in the Mediation Law. We demanded the amendment of the law and the removal of rape from the offenses covered by this law. We need to pressure lawmakers into eliminating this provision! Sign the PETITION and for those of you in Bucharest, participate at the protest!



In June A.L.E.G., through the ASTRA network, sent a declaration to the UN Human rights Council as part of the revision process for the way in which Romania is abiding by the Human Rights Convention (Universal Periodical Review). We stressed the issue of teenage pregnancy and that of violence against women, as well as the necessity of ratifying the Istanbul Convention!

IV. Organizational development

In 2013 the A.L.E.G. team participated in the following events:

28.03.2013 - Camelia Proca and Enikő Gáll participated in the **Social Services Providers Fair** that was organized on the occasion of Social Assistance Days. This event constituted an opportunity for reflection, analysis and future projections, for encountering civil society's answer to this need, as well as an occasion to share our own experience and models of best practices. A.L.E.G. received public recognition for its contribution to the development of the social sector in Sibiu County, and for its dedicated commitment to community life through the services it developed and the programs it has rolled out.



12.02.2013 - Enikő Gáll participated at the conference for the dissemination of the results of the project titled: **Comparing interventions in cases of sexual aggression**, which took place in Târgu-Mures.

In the context of a mobilization financed by the Bilateral Relations Fund, part of the NGO Fund, A.L.E.G. representatives



Enikő Gáll and Irina Costache travelled to Iceland in July, in order to participate in a work visit with the organization STIGAMOT, addressing sexual violence and support groups. From STIGAMOT we learned how important it is to work with responsible lawmakers who are open to coopting experts as part of their work teams. With the help of SEE, Norwegian, and NGO Fund grants that encourage partnerships with organizations from Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein, we hope to collaborate with STIGAMOT and to bring expertise in the field of sexual violence from Iceland. We would like to benefit from their expertise in what concerns providing special services (including replicating support group models and a prevention and information campaign aimed at teenagers), as well as to strengthen Romanian organizations' advocacy capacity in this field. We have elaborated two projects that have been submitted to the NGO Fund for these particular objectives.

26-27.02. 2013 – Irina Costache was in Moscow for the “Central and Eastern Europe Health Consultation/review of MDG implementation, Maternal health in Central-Eastern Europe”. The conference was organized by the Astra Network together with ICWWR and financed by WHO.



May-July 2013 - Enikő Gáll took part in training courses for **Holiday Center Facilitator** – this theoretical and practical training was organized by the Friendship Association Ille et Vilaine as part of the project *Together for a child's smile. [Impreună pentru un zâmbet de copil.]* The course is certified and recognized on a national and international level, and is accredited by the CNFPA.

23-24.03.2013- Călin Cociș took part in Bucharest in the workshop: **Hate doesn't shut mouths: How do we respond to on-line hate speech** The workshop provided an environment for discussion, sharing of experience, knowledge and creativity, and finding strategies and models for fighting against this type of violence.



In March A.L.E.G. took part at the UN negotiations – The Committee for women's status, where women's NGOs asked that traditional values stop being invoked in order to justify serious human rights abuse. The declaration was also signed by the ASTRA network, of which A.L.E.G is a member.

23.04.2013 - Irina Costache was in Bucharest to participate at the launch of the project **Sex vs. Stork**, an online educational project for teenagers and youth. The project launch was organized by the Biblionet Program.

24-25.04.2013 - Liviu Gaja and Camelia Oană took part at information sessions regarding the results of the project: **Instruments and competencies for adopting social and environmental responsibility within civil society organizations**, to which A.L.E.G. was a partner.

26-28.05.2013 – Through our young member Georgiana Epure, A.L.E.G was present at the opening of the European Youth Week **"Youth First"**, in Bucharest. The event aimed at bringing into focus national and European youth initiatives, as well as promoting dialogue with regards to youth policies. The meeting aimed to identify the leading issues affecting youth at a national level and the drafting of potential solutions that can be included in youth policy. At the same time the focus was on exchanging examples of best practices and sharing knowledge between the representatives of various youth organizations working on projects and methods for encouraging participation.



28-30.05.2013 - Miruna Roman took part in Braşov in the **female entrepreneurship week**, organized by the Romanian Women's Association, through the project "Equal Chances and Respect – Entrepreneurial Instruments from a gender perspective".



3.06.2013 –a mentorship session titled "Storytelling about the future" was organized at the ASTRA Library of Sibiu by the Student Council from „O. Goga” high school of Sibiu. The activity took the form of workshops, where approximately 70 students chatted with the guests on subjects related to alternative education, involvement, self-knowledge, digital education, and gender equality. The participants discovered new ways to develop, manage and optimize their own talents. They understood that education is the art of shaping the people of tomorrow, and enthusiastically discussed the importance of equality between men and women.

19.06.2013 - Enikő Gáll participated in a round table organized by the National Agency for Fighting Human trafficking, regional Center Alba Iulia, part of the prevention campaign **"Working is a right! Work exploitation is an offense!"**

28.06.2013 - Camelia Proca and Enikő Gáll attended a workshop themed “**The protection and assistance of domestic violence victims. Practical aspects, challenges and network intervention models.**” During this meeting the first network of Romanian centers for sheltering victims of domestic violence was constituted. This event was organized by IEEER, The Sibiu Women’s Association, and Diakonia Rheinland.

3-4.07.2013 - Camelia Proca was in Geneva participating in the consultation process with civil society from the UNECE region with regards to the revision of **ICPD** (International Conference on Population and Development). During the meeting the UNFPA report was discussed – State of the Population 2013, as well as strategies for advocacy at national and regional levels concerning reproductive health, which will contribute to future meetings and decisions of the UN Committee for Population and Development in April 2014.



17.07.2013 - A.L.E.G. was invited to hold a presentation at the conference “Un-Equal Chances” - “**Activities for combating age and disability based inequality**” part of the strategic project titled “The center for Personal and Professional development CENTRUM”

In August A.L.E.G. participated in the project “Take volunteering out of the museum” - “**Scoate voluntariatul din muzeu**”



which set out to raise awareness amongst Sibiu’s inhabitants of the importance of volunteer activities and community development, by producing a photo essay in collaboration with NGO volunteers. A.L.E.G.’s photo sessions took place in the open air ASTRA Museum Sibiu, and captured specific elements of our association by presenting the activities behind our projects. The results were part of a photography exhibition open to the Sibiu public, which encouraged people to get involved in their local community. The team that participated in this effort was: photographers Gabriel George and Liviu Gaja, and our volunteers Diana Lupu, Anamaria Halcea, Denisa Zăbavă, Carina Avram, Alexandru Dumniciuc, Cosmin

Dumitru, Alexandru Gubiță. The project was realized with the support of Sibiu Community Foundation and implemented by The Association ReGeneratia.

10-12.10.2013 - Camelia Proca and Irina Costache participated in the Annual **WAVE** Conference in Sofia where they held a presentation on violence against women in Romania. Camelia and Irina presented at length the infamous case of a policewoman from Bals, as well as the actions of women’s rights organizations in this particular case. Their presentation also addressed the result of a national investigation into sexual harassment inside the Romanian Police forces.



4-6.11.2013 - Irina Costache took part in a workshop organized by the ASTRA network and ICWH (International Coalition for Women’s Health) on the topic “**Advocacy Strategies at UN Level**”. During the workshop the discussions focused on the needed steps for advocacy in order to bring in line national and international approaches, and for the reinforcement of capacities to promote women’s rights in national, as well as international policy making. Additionally, discussions touched on finding efficient means to involve national organizations in international processes, so that specific interests, issues and agendas (at the grass-root level) are represented in international debates.

7-9.11.2013 - Irina Costache was present at the Regional UNECE Consultation on the topic of sustainable development: **European and Central Asian perspectives on the post 2015 development agenda**. During the meeting Irina briefly addressed the link between gender and migration as a social phenomenon that bears a significant impact in the UNECE region.



29.11.2013- Liviu Gaja took part at the online discussions organized by the European Institute for Gender Equality, as part of the campaign: **Men against Violence: The White Ribbon Campaign**, the largest campaign for fighting violence against women that also involves men. As one of its founding principles, A.L.E.G. supports getting men involved in promoting gender equality, since change requires both sexes.

4.12.2013 - Irina Costache was in Bucharest for the Romanian launch of the European Campaign initiated by the European Women's Lobby "**Act against rape! Use the Istanbul Convention!**"

3.12.2013 - COLORS Association from Braşov and A.L.E.G. organized the 8th edition of the **Super Volunteer Gala** during which prizes for volunteering were handed out to organizations as well as individuals from Sibiu.

5.12.2013 - Irina Costache, Enikő Gáll and Liviu Gaja represented A.L.E.G. in the **Acting Responsibly Gala**, an award-giving event recognizing organizations from across Romania, who work in the field of promoting social responsibility, amongst which A.L.E.G. is proud to be!



V. Mass Media Visibility

A.L.E.G. representatives participated in TV shows and gave interviews on different local TV stations from Sibiu (Antena 1 Sibiu, TV Eveniment, the shows "Raluca și Razvan", "Ce bună-i dimineața") where they spoke about the awareness raising activities we do to prevent domestic violence, the services we offer as well as the importance of protection orders. At the same time, the association benefited from a good level of media promotion of its activities in written and online media, particularly in Sibiu 100%, Turnul Sfatului, Hermannstädter Zeitung.



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SUCSESSES and AWARDS

2005: Award from the international organization AWID (Association of Women in Development) in a call for essays and case studies on "women's organizations and movements": publication of the study and free participation to the *AWID 10th Forum* in Thailand in October 2005

2005: Scholarship for the leader of the organization provided by the Swedish International Development Organization to participate in a training of trainers program on women's rights at the *Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Raol Wallenberg* in Sweden

2005, 2008, 2011: Accreditation and re-accreditation as social services provider from the Department of Labor, Family and Social Solidarity

2006: Award for Project of the year for A.L.E.G.'s "*Owning My Body*" – public campaign for reproductive health and sexual abuse prevention in rural areas at Volunteer's Gala organized by the Red Cross Sibiu

2007: Volunteer Gala Awards: best volunteers' coordinator and best project of the year "*Girls club*"

2010 - Award received at the SUPERvolunteer Gala organized by the Colors Association – "*The Gender Equality Festival*", won at the category "the project with the largest number of volunteers involved"

2011- Award for the best project of the year: Scoala de vară "*EU ALEG viitorul*" ("I Choose my future Summer school") - at the annual Volunteer's Gala

2012- Camelia Proca received the Woman of the year award in a national gala organized by Avantaje magazine and Avon – Respect Campaign.

2013: A.L.E.G., during the Social Services Provider's Fair received public recognition for it's contribution to the social sector's development in Sibiu, for **special involvement in the communities' life developing and implementing social programs**

2013: A.L.E.G. received the diploma, as hosting organization, for supporting YouthBank Sibiu program during the 2012-2013 school year, for the Sibiu' Students Gala project

2013: During the "We act with responsibly" gala active member organizations in promoting social responsibility in all developing regions of the country were present. A.L.E.G. recieved 3 awards: "**The most dynamic youth organization in the region through Act with Responsibly Network Center**", diploma for the project "**Youth against gender violence**" and recognition for it's **contribution to promoting the principles of social responsibility** and sustained activity in Network Act with responsibly.



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