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ANNOUNCEMENT

CARE POWER: Healthcare professionals from across Greece receive training to detect and support survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence

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With the aim of meaningfully empowering healthcare professionals in the critical role they play in the prevention, early detection, and support of gender-based violence cases, the CARE POWER project announces the launch of an Open Online Asynchronous Training Course (MOOC) entitled “Empowering healthcare professionals to identify and support women survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence”, as well as the organization of a series of in-person training seminars.

The initiative targets healthcare professionals working in Primary Healthcare and Hospitals, at a time when the data, according to the organizers, are particularly alarming. According to ELSTAT/NCSR data (2024), nearly 42% of women in Greece have experienced at least one incident of psychological, physical, or sexual violence by a current or former partner during their adult lives.

Already, more than 360 healthcare professionals from across the country have been trained through synchronous online seminars completed in December 2025, while an additional 70 are expected to participate in in-person trainings in Ioannina (17 January), Thessaloniki (31 January), and Larissa (14 February).

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The design of the training interventions drew on extensive literature review as well as focus group discussions with healthcare professionals and medical students. According to the organizers, the findings highlighted common and recurring barriers, such as lack of specialized training, absence of clearly defined roles and protocols, limited institutional support, and insufficient intersectoral collaboration. Participants’

testimonies are indicative: *“I don’t know exactly what I should do...”, “We are on the front line, but without training and clear protocols.”*

“The initiative comes to fill a critical gap in education by offering essential knowledge and tools,” state the CARE POWER project contributors.

The CARE POWER MOOC is a comprehensive, free asynchronous e-learning platform that offers flexibility and high-quality educational content. The program includes six training modules covering the entire spectrum of addressing domestic and intimate partner violence: from understanding the phenomenon and clinical assessment to intersectoral collaboration and referral systems.

The training combines theory and practice, featuring more than 10 clinical cases, 50 critical-thinking questions, over 40 flashcards, and rich interactive material (images, videos, and podcasts). Upon completion, participants receive a certificate of attendance.

The course is available free of charge at the following link:
https://arecs.org.gr/openeclass/modules/auth/info_course.php?c=TMA101

The CARE POWER project is implemented by the Society for Research and Education in Primary Healthcare and Clinical Skills, based at the Laboratory of Primary Healthcare, General Practice, and Health Services Research of the School Medicine of the Aristotle University.

CARE POWER is implemented within the framework of the PREVENT–Preventing gender-based violence and violence against children program, which is co-funded by the European Union (CERV), the Bodossaki Foundation, and the NGO Support Centre, with a total budget of €2.3 million.

More information about the project is available at:

<https://arecs.org.gr/index.php/education/actions/care-power>

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