

**Twinning and Partnership Block Grant
Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme**

▯ Interim Project Report ▯

<i>Number of Small Project Implementation Agreement:</i>	TPPA/2011/09/18
<i>Name of the Small Project Executing Agency:</i>	Sex Educatio Foundation
<i>Title of Small Project:</i>	Development of social services for women living in prostitution in Hungary and Switzerland
<i>Reporting period:</i>	1. 03.01. 2012 - 05.31. 2012

1. Summary by activity¹

Project management: Initiation of Skype conferences, continuous contacts, compliance with the partners and the Block Grant Intermediate Body (BGIB) and various other services. Definition of the contents of these contracts, precise determination of tasks, line-up of performance indicators, agreement on execution and financial payments and their follow-up. Preparation of written reports (professional and financial) to BGIB.

Kick-off appointment: Our discussion took place on 04.22.2012, in Budapest. Consortium partners clarified the framework of the project partnership, expectations for each other and the forms of communication.

Study visit in Hungary, Network Meeting in Budapest, Pécs and Nyíregyháza:

We have shown the activities of the working group, the aim and tasks of the current projects and we also opened with the experiences of the invited guests. For the Network Meeting we invited those organizations with whom the working groups' members work daily. We sought to provide an opportunity for them to share each other's work, and share experiences and opinions. There were also opportunities for in-field observation and participation in professional workshops. Workshop discussions focused on outreach social work opportunities and experiences, as well as comparisons of Swiss and Hungarian good practices.

Completion of Methodology Tool kit and training materials for social work professionals:

Complex summary of the Methodology Tool kit of the project partner organization by the outreach social work with women living in prostitution. Fieldwork problems, and their potential solutions, were raised. Hungarian and Swiss best practices will be shown. One section of the tool kit will include the summary of a 30-hour sensitivity training course. The writing of the tool kit is currently

¹ Please summarize in a few sentences what has happened in the last period, broken down by activity. Please evaluate the progress and achievements both on the whole and individually.

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Flora Dora

- 1, Introduction
- 2, Introduction of the target group
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- 4, Satisfaction survey

Sex Educatio Foundation

- 1, Introduction
- 2, Post-traumatic stress disorder from the aspect of assisting relations
- 3, Professional methodological aspects — relations, institutions, in-street services, security, connection with the victim service - participation in the rescue, supervision, trainings, teamwork, case discussion, technical background, ideologies and approaches -dilemmas and raising questions on fieldwork
- 4, Research, research methodology

Research: As part of the fieldwork we will conduct interviews and questionnaires with experts and women living in prostitution. Topics of the research are victimization, reasons of migration (social, economic, psychological) and comparison of services in Switzerland and Hungary from the perspective of women living in prostitution (e.g. available services, services needed, etc.).

Currently the filing of questionnaires is occurring in Hungary and in Zurich with complementation of the satisfactory questionnaire of Flora Dora that is remade every two years. We are currently conducting expert interviews as well.

Study visit in Zurich: The objective of the longer stay in Zurich is the exchange of experiences, case discussions, and the outreach social work in cooperation with Hungarian and Swiss social workers. In Switzerland the Hungarian social workers are attending in the street and performing office work as well, they keep contact with clients and help the work of cultural mediators between Swiss social workers and Hungarian women living in prostitution (later WLP). They also help the returning women with up-to-date information on available services in Hungary.

In this time we are acquiring more and more information on the needs of the WLPs—primarily their 'exit' alternative needs. The longer Swiss visit assists in the cooperation of the project partners, the elaboration of mutual protocols, and gaining more concrete experience with each other's professional work. In practice it is proven that the exchange of experiences and the dissemination of available services in both of the countries (mapping the exit opportunities from prostitution and the developed recommendation for the improvement of missing services, etc.) strengthens professional cooperation and assists the progress of mutual cases.

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The tool kit includes the elaboration of the project, the phenomenon and services concept:

In the tool kit we will demonstrate and evaluate the cooperation of project partners, the research report and recommendations based on the projects, and the development of the **services concept**. The writing of this publication is currently in progress; we cannot share any text at this time, however, the table of contents is as follows:

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Salutation - SEA

Salutation - FD

1, Presentation of the consortium (antecedents, Study visit in Zurich, presentation of past and present projects, experiences during the project)

2, Hungary-Switzerland, topics and relevant information concerning the project:

1. Social services Periféria - FD
2. Child protection Periféria - INDIT - FD
3. Health situation Periféria - FD
4. Legislation concerning prostitution INDIT - FD

3, Social background of prostitution (deep poverty, women, exclusions, etc, stb.) - Periféria - poverty, Huszár settlement; INDIT - question of Roma

4, Results of the research

5, Drafting of concept of service development (based on the research). What are the needs SEA, INDIT, Periféria, FD

Consortium contacts: We believe that we couldn't execute the project without this. There is a contact-keeping person from every organization dealing with the leader and members of the consortium during the time of the project.

Lobby activities: Since the beginning of the project we have started our lobby with national and local stakeholders, governmental representatives and the competent professionals of the field. We inform them about the aims and results of the work we have done.

Publicity:

We make visible in all materials, reports, publications, and press releases that the project is supported by the Swiss. We attempt to provide greater and greater publicity for the project. A part of this effort is a microsite in the homepage of the consortium leader where introductions of project partners, plus news, events, and press materials are uploaded. From the microsite we can link to the project partners' sites. We feel it is important our efforts appear in local and national written and electronic media.

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2. Report on the current status of project objectives²:

Objective / Result	Planned Indicators	Achieved Indicators	Next planned / expected steps	Remark
Overall objectives				
1. Long-term cooperation between partners for the victim support, follow-up, and social services for women living in prostitution	Continuous Skype conferences, preparation of future cooperation	4 Skype conferences	Continuation of Skype conferences. Searching for new forms of financing and new partners' involvement to the project	
2. Recommendations on increasing the number of exit programs for women living in prostitution	Recommendations for stakeholders	Participation in a governmental / civic round table discussion	Continuation of lobby activity. Informing the governmental actors on the project	
3. Development of social services for women living in prostitution	Recommendations for stakeholders Methodology toolkit Training toolkit	Elaboration of two publications	Elaboration of the two projects	
Direct purposes				
1. Institutional knowledge advancement and capacity building of participating organizations	Exchange of experiences	One-week study visit in Hungary	Continuation of the exchange of experiences and deepening current connections	
2. Involvement of Swiss and Hungarian wider professionals, their	New partnerships Sensitivity dissemination	Contacting Swiss and Hungarian organizations (39 organizations)	Continuation of the exchange of experiences and deepening of current	

² Please fill in the Objective / Result and Planned columns in accordance with Annex 1 of Small Project Implementation Agreement, then describe in Achieved column the values already realized during the reporting period, lastly, in expected steps, please describe how the next stages of the completion of the indicators are planned.

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sensitivity and elaboration of cooperation	about the topic by media		connections	
3. Information for stakeholders for solving the problems	Stakeholder map	One detailed lobby map, contacts with six governmental organizations	Continuation of the exchange of experiences and deepening of current connections	
Results				
1. Kickoff Meeting and Network Meeting in Budapest, methodology workshop	30 people, 1 day	28 people were there	closed	
2. Study visit in Pécs and Nyíregyháza, field work, meeting with local actors, case discussion, methodological workshop	30-30 people, 3-3 days	22 people in Pécs, 23 in Nyíregyháza	closed	
3. Study visit in Zurich, methodology workshop	4 people, 2-2 days	Until now one study visit has closed and one is in process	More two study visit will be accomplished	
4. Methodological Toolkit and Training Toolkit of social professionals	100 pages, 400 issues in electronic data medium	We continue the writing of these publications	We continue the writing of these publications	
5. Research (interview and questionnaire forms) with experts and WLPs	30 interviews and 120 questionnaires with WLPs	Elaboration of interviews and questionnaires are in process	We continue the filling of interviews and questionnaires	
6. Closing of project, summary report, and drafting of recommendations on system level	100 pages, 100 written issues (75 Hungarian and 25 German) and 400 issues in electronic data medium	We continue the writing of publication	We continue the writing of publication	

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3. Description of tasks performed related to visibility³

Webpage: In part of this there is a microsite in the homepage of consortium leader:
<http://www.sexeducatio.hu/index.php?subpage=iris2012>

We have uploaded here the presentation of project partners (http://sexeducatio.hu/index.php?subpage=iris2012_2), news, project events, (http://sexeducatio.hu/index.php?subpage=iris2012_3) publications, and press releases. There are also links here to the webpage of the partners.

Media representations:

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4. Description of the fulfilment of horizontal aspects⁴

Environmental protection

- We assume that in the frame of the project we will only print the most needed and others will be published electronically
- We use a minimal amount of paper during the project, and we favor recycled paper

Equal opportunities:

- During the project we ensure and keep the principles of equal opportunity: the grantees will be chosen by qualifications, professional experiences and language skills
- In the meetings and conferences the priority is the accessibility

Sustainability:

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- **Lobby.** Since the beginning of the project we have started our lobby with national and local stakeholders, governmental representatives and the competent professionals of the field. We inform them about the aims and results of the work we have done.
- **Follow-up.** The project is continuously followed by case discussions that will be continued after the project as well, because we consider the cooperation important.

³ Please describe in a few sentences which ones and how have been carried out of the Visibility Plans in accordance with Annex 1 of Small Project Implementation Agreement by the end of the reporting period.

⁴ Please describe in a few sentences the progress of the implementation of Horizontal objectives in accordance with Annex 1 of Small Project Implementation Agreement, which ones and how have been achieved.

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- **Accreditation** According to Hungarian legislation, personal service providers are obliged every five years to collect certain training points. The training toolkit developed in the project will be appropriate for the accreditation after the project. With the accredited certification the project partners can disseminate the project results. The accreditation process is a difficult one, and the partners have already completed the process.

5. Description of problems encountered and their solution in the reporting period, during the project implementation⁵

The exchange rate of Swiss and Hungarian money has changed, affecting our efforts, so we have added to the consortium contract that the risk of rate changes will be the cost of the partners.

The bankruptcy of Malev has further aggravated our case since the price of airplane tickets has doubled since the proposal's writing phase. Thus, we sought the modification of the contract and budget.

We have realized in the preparation of the Study Visit that we will have much more translational costs and English as working language can be used hardly, so we decided upon translating all written materials.

We have realized in the Study Visit that in the Hungarian countryside it is more difficult to find reliable, prepared translators. Despite every preparation (e.g. special dictionaries sent in advance) we had negative experiences. Consequently, we will only work with the translator we employed in Budapest, with whose work there were no quality exceptions.

In organizing the Network Meeting of Budapest and Pécs, we have realized that establishment of cooperation with the Hungarian National Police's concerned departments requires greater proactivity and organization. We try to inform them continuously. We also cooperate with the other department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and asked help from the Zurich unit for successful common work.

We discovered that it was harder to fill questionnaires in Nyíregyháza than we had anticipated. We were aware of the sensitivity of the topic so we calculated with a few people who could fill the questionnaires in Nyíregyháza, but we realized that the potential interviewees don't want to answer them so we could only fill 10 questionnaires. Thus, we changed the structure of questionnaires so we can validate the indicator.

6. Delays compared to original schedule. Their explanation and handling⁶

⁵ Please describe the problems encountered in the reporting period, their root causes and the efforts made to obviate and address them. Furthermore, what extent the project implementation is affected by these problems.

⁶ Please explain, which areas were affected by delays compared to the original schedule of the project (Annex 1 of Small Project Implementation Agreement), these delays have arisen from what, furthermore, what kind of attempts were made to address and solve the related problems.

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There was no delay during the elaboration and we don't anticipate one. We work on a very strict and accepted working plan, keeping the originally planned deadlines.

7. Description and management of risks incurred during the reporting period and incurring later potentially ⁷

During the elaboration of the project there is still the potential risk of impossible working conditions of prostitutes in Zurich because of the aggravation of legislation of Switzerland. We believe the women living in prostitution have such good relations with Flora Dora in Zurich that if it would be possible that the contact keeping would be continuous.

8. A brief summary of cooperation with partners⁸

We have difficulties and the reason for this is the engagement of the Hungarian organizations; it is a great effort for them to mobilize their knowledge and energies. The continuous communication and Skype conferences help to smooth their efforts.
We furthermore aim for the democratic working of the consortium and everyone participating in the work. The aim of project management is to promote cooperation, and overcome difficulties constructively.

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⁷ Please describe the risks incurred during the reporting period (Annex 1 of Small Project Implementation Agreement), and their seriousness. Please explain how the situation endangers the implementation of the project, and describe the attempts which were made to manage the incurred risks.

⁸ Please describe your experience with the partners and the process of cooperation, especially in respect of the following topics: allocation of tasks, communication, cooperation.