

# Partner search

	Project idea: Girls and violence
Policy Area	Street and peer violence
EU-programme title	Daphne III
Deadline	Sagene District wishes to apply for Daphne funding within the call to be announced around December 2009. Start of project will be late spring 2010.
Lead partner (incl. type of organisation)	Sagene District – Department for Children and Youth
	Sagene District is one of 15 local districts within the City of Oslo. District officials are responsible for providing primary health care and social services. The Department for children and youth within Sagene District is responsible for the pre-schools, after-school care, child care, youth-clubs and a child health centre, in addition to other services for children and youth.
	The department for children and youth is at the moment leading one EU project within the Leonardo Da Vinci - Lifelong learning program (transfer of innovation), and is participating in another project within the Health Program.
Lead region/country	Norway
Target partners	Sagene district seeks contact with practitioners in the field for further development of the project idea.
Project details	
Project title	Girls and violence (working title)
Project description	Background/Aim In recent years there seems to be a tendency to increased violence conducted by girls. This is confirmed by the police and by the social services. Additionally there seems to be a tendency for girls with violence- and aggression problems to exhibit several and more serious symptoms of emotional and social problems than boys.
	In Norway, however, it has been written and documented considerable less about girls with violence- and aggression problems than about boys with the same problems. Research and preventive activities around the topic girls and violence has not been prioritised neither in research communities nor among the practitioners and as a result there is less knowledge about girls and violence than when it comes to boys. A project focusing on girls who use violence will therefore be innovative and will provide new knowledge.
	Since 2005 Sagene District has led two projects on the topic girls and violence. One is a city-wide project named "girls, violence and

threats" focusing on measures and exchange of experiences. The other is a Ph.D (doctoral) project named: "Girls, Friendship and Violence") researching girls who use violence in gangs/groups by focusing on questions like; how and why does friendship among girls develop to become gangs with antisocial behaviour and violence, and are the girls' participation in gangs result of social marginalisation or rather a strategy for social integration?

In cooperation with other districts in the City of Oslo, Sagene District wishes to contribute to a European project with its experience and research, in addition to increasing the competence in the area among the staff by learning from other people's experiences in the field.

The main object of the project will be exchange of experiences and comparison of measures such as "mentoring" and "anti-aggression-groups" etc. Through these activities the project hopes to increase the competence of the staff working closely with the target group and consequently improve the measures and activities for the users.

## Potential project activities:

- Exchange experiences and knowledge regarding work/measures with girls who conduct violence
- Workshops to see how partners deal/work with girls who conduct violence
- Develop methods and measures for work with girls who conduct violence
- Develop guidelines for work with girls who conduct violence
- Report
- End conference

### **Potential project results:**

- That all partners have an overview of the situation and work methods of the partners
- Development of methods and measures
- Guidelines
- Report
- End conference
- Collection of best practices

#### Why this issue should be tackled internationally:

That girls tend to use violence is a growing problem, however, the actual number of violent girls is still not very large. Cooperation on the local level therefore does not provide a sufficient and wide enough level of comparison. In order to achieve greater understanding on the topic and for exchange of experience it is therefore necessary with cooperation across municipal and national borders.

## Contact information

Interested organisations are asked to return the enclosed reply form to:

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