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ABUSED NO MORE WEBSITE LAUNCH "SAFEGUARDING YOUTH AND EMPOWERING PROFESSIONALS"

The Erasmus+ funded "**Abused No More: Safeguarding Youth and Empowering Professionals**" programme is pleased to launch its new website platform www.abusednomore.org. The web-platform will deliver the aims of the 3 year pan-European youth-led initiative that envisages addressing existing gaps in the provision of legal education for young minority ethnic women affected by gender-based violence (GBV) including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), rape and forced marriage.

The new interactive web-platform will feature news, blogs, project's findings and updates, such as reports, policy briefs as well as opportunities for collaboration, e.g. events announcements, workshops and face to face training sessions.

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, IARS' Founder and Director and Programme Coordinator, said: *"We are very pleased to launch this much needed web space. Young migrant women, especially those from marginalized communities are often recipients of multiple discrimination on the grounds of both race and gender. Improving their knowledge on their legal rights will help them overcome challenges and improve the quality of their lives. We do hope that this platform will prove to be a useful resource for both young people and professionals across Europe."*

Both professionals and young people can benefit from freely available, tailored online training tools and resources that will feature on the platform. The tools will aim to increase young people's legal capability as well as to strengthen professionals' capacity in engaging with vulnerable young women who have experienced various forms of gender-based violence and abuse.

The website will also facilitate the development of a pan-European network of key stakeholders including researchers, youth workers, policy makers, and young people by offering an online space that will further allow for debates, exchange of best practice and resources, thereby promoting international strategic partnerships and learning.

The programme is delivered in partnership with 4 European partners, namely **Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej (Poland)**, **KISA - Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism (Cyprus)**, **Anziani e non solo (Italy)** and **Romanian U.S. Alumni Association (Romania)** under the leadership of the **The IARS International Institute**.

It is currently in its first phase, and calls out to frontline youth workers and young people with relevant experiences to participate in the research.

If you are interested in participating in the research please contact contact@iars.org.uk.

NOTES TO EDITORS

• To find out more about the Abused No More Programme and to get involved in the activities please follow the link <http://www.abusednomore.org/about-the-project> or contact the EU project lead Dr. Theo Gavrielides T.Gavrielides@iars.org.uk

• To join the Abused No More pan-European network please follow the link <http://www.abusednomore.org/join-our-network/>

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