

## **STRATEGIC PLAN OF INTERINSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN KLAIPEDA CITY 2020-2025**

### **SECTION I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The aim of strategic plan of interinstitutional cooperation on domestic violence in Klaipeda city 2020-2025 (hereinafter – programme) is to set goals and measures aimed at effective prevention of domestic violence and timely provision of specialized healthcare, psychological, social and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence in order to prevent violations of human rights and freedoms.

The plan has been prepared taking into account the provisions of Republic of Lithuania Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence (hereinafter – the Law). The plan sets out the aims of prevention and provision of comprehensive assistance to victims of violence, the objectives to achieve these aims, and provides an analysis justifying the aims and objectives.

To ensure the provisions of the Domestic Violence Law, other approved programmes and legislation are also followed also when analysing the situation in Lithuania and Klaipeda city:

- Approval of the Child Welfare Action Plan 2019-2021 as approved by Minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania on 5 November 2018 Order No. A1-612
- Mental Health Strategy, approved by the Parliament of Republic of Lithuania on 3 April, 2007 Order No. X-1070, Approval of the Mental Health Strategy
- The Interinstitutional Action Plan of the Republic of Lithuania to Prevent the Use of Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol, approved by Resolution No. 217 of 25 February 2015 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania - On Approving the Interinstitutional Action Plan of the Republic of Lithuania to Prevent the Use of Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol.

### **SECTION II GENERAL TENDENCIES**

Domestic violence is a long-term systemic latent crime that is not determined by criteria of social class, education or nationality. The root cause of this crime – imbalances of power and control of resources between men and women in patriarchal society and family. In most cases, physical, psychological, economic and sexual forms of violence are intertwined and creates a circle of violence, from which the victim cannot escape without help from outside.

In order to effectively identify, to stop domestic violence and to protect victims, it is necessary to mobilize professionals in a variety of fields. To ensure safety of an individual, family and community and to help those, who are trying to get out of a violent relationship, it requires consensus between specialized help centers, support organizations, police offices, law enforcement, medical, child rights protection, educational institutions, pedagogical and psychological service professionals, social workers, Public Health Bureau and other institutions.

The Law on Protection from Domestic Violence obliged municipalities to seek that society will know more about the harm, prevention and assistance to victims of domestic violence. Also, to ensure that the perpetrators know the punishments and the society will better understand, recognize

and do not tolerate the existence of domestic violence. Police, who detect domestic violence, are authorized to initiate criminal proceedings on their own initiative.

Victims of domestic violence become involved in criminal proceedings, but rarely know their rights. Also, they find the criminal process confusing and complex. It is therefore important that victims of violence also have access to legal assistance, information, counselling, mediation and further assistance. If necessary, victims should get mediation services for medical assistance, specialized complex care.

Those people, who are committing domestic violence crimes should sign in resocialization programmes, which are organized and run by correctional or probation institutions – e.g. Violent Behaviour Change (Correction) programmes (Group, Individual, and Mixed).

### SECTION III SITUATION IN LITHUANIA AND IN KLAIPEDA

The data of Statistics Lithuania and data model of Social Protection Information System (hereinafter – SPIS) proves the fact that domestic violence is problematic issue. According to the data of Statistics Lithuania, in year 2018 - 41531 reports of domestic violence were recorded by the police, of which 1818 were reported in Klaipeda. Comparing years of 2014-2018, statistics of Klaipeda city recorded the lowest number of reports of domestic violence in 2014 (1581), in 2015 and 2016 the number of reports increased (2425 and 2874 reports). Reports started to fall in 2017 (2653), and in 2018 they further decreased (1818). It is believed that the amended Republic of Lithuania Law on Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child may have contributed to the decrease in the number of reports. The tendency of decreasing reports of domestic violence is not only observed in Klaipeda city, but also in the whole Lithuania.

**Table No. 1. Indicators of domestic violence in Lithuania in 2017–2018.**  
(Source: Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior)

No.	Name of the indicator	2017 y.	2018 y.	2017 y.	2018 y.
		Lithuania		Klaipeda City	
1.	The number of reports of domestic violence reported	47941	41531	2653	1818
2.	Victims of crime in the domestic environment	8181	10532	227	300
3.	Men, who have been the victims of crimes in their domestic environment	1224	1727	38	39
4.	Women, who have been the victims of crimes in their domestic environment	5592	7570	171	243
5.	Children aged 0-17 who have been the victim of domestic violence	1365	1235	18	18
6.	Persons suspected / accused of committing crimes in domestic environment	6131	5611	151	121
6.1.	Men suspected / accused of committing crimes in domestic environment	5551	5065	136	107
6.2.	Women suspected / accused of committing crimes in domestic environment	580	546	15	14
7.	Perpetrators	2986	2385	75	55
7.1.	Men	2711	2136	68	51
7.2.	Women	275	249	7	4

Quantitative and qualitative surveys of victims' attitudes towards provided services in Klaipeda have confirmed (the same is also confirmed in extended research of Lithuanian society), that victims seek for help in less than 40% of all cases of violence. Most people, who are victims of domestic violence choose not to go anywhere and try to solve their "family problems" on their own. Such choices are often accompanied by fears - fears of revenge on the family member and of institutional interference in parenting processes.

Analysis of Klaipeda City data showed that in 2017, 277 persons were registered as victims of domestic violence, including 18 children. In 2018 the number of victims of domestic crime increased, with 300 registered victims of domestic violence, including 25 children. Until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 there were 25 children registered as possible victims of domestic violence. Majority of victims in both years 2017 and 2018 were women. Klaipeda case showed, that women victims consisted of 78.85%, and in 2018 - even 83.6% of all the victims in the city. Consequently, the biggest attention must be paid to the aid for women and children.

Although the number of victims of domestic violence tends to increase, the number of suspected (accused) perpetrators decreases. In 2017, 136 persons were suspected (accused) of having committed crimes related to domestic violence and in 2018 there were 107 persons. The data of people, who were experienced domestic violence and are living in institutions of temporary residence, were analyzed, as well. In 2017, 560 persons were accommodated in temporary accommodation institutions and in 2018 – 410 persons. 31.9% of these temporarily accommodated were children (2017) and 28.5% (2018). Analyzing Klaipeda's data, in 2017, 62 persons (mothers and children) were provided with accommodation in the crisis center, when in 2018, it was 52 persons (mothers and children).

The number of children who may have been subjected to domestic violence in Klaipeda City Municipality

No.	Indicators	2018 y.	Until November, 2019
1	The number of children who may have been subjected to domestic violence	25	25
2.	Boys	11	14
3.	Girls	14	11
	Age of the children		
4.	0-3 y.	3	2
5.	4-6 y.	4	2
6.	7-9 y.	2	5
7.	10-14 y.	12	7
8.	15-17 y.	4	9
9.	The first level of threat is identified	11	15
10.	The second level of threat is identified	5	5
11.	Form of care (family)	0	2

According to SPIS data, 11 children (2018) and in 2019, already 15 children were identified having the first level of threat while living in their families. In both 2018 and 2019, 5 children were identified as having a second level of threat when for children are no longer safe to live with their relatives.

Once the threat level is identified, the child, or the child and his/her parents are provided with the assistance. In most cases, child support is provided if the child is identified as having a first or second level of threat. Assistance is organized through every single case management. If the threat level is set to zero, specialists recommend people where to get help, but often it is a one-time assistance. Case management includes comprehensive services for children and parents with the help of various institutions. Help is also provided by the mobile team that comes to the family.

Victims of domestic violence are provided assistance at the VšĮ Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre). This centre provides assistance to citizens of Klaipeda, Palanga and Neringa. In 2018, this centre provided psycho-social assistance (information and counselling, psychologist / psychotherapist, mediation and representation and legal counselling) to 1062 individuals. In 2018, BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre) provided psychosocial assistance for 240 people.

Thus, it is important to note that victims of violence need assistance, but effective assistance requires interinstitutional cooperation, integrated provision of services, regular public information and coordination between institutions.

Institutions working with persons, who have experienced domestic violence and perpetrators in Klaipeda City Municipality:

No.	Assistance in cases of domestic violence	Responsible authority
1.	Recording reports of domestic violence	Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police), Bendrasis pagalbos telefonas (Emergency telephone)
2.	Case study on domestic violence	Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police)
3.	Investigation of domestic violence cases	Klaipėdos miesto apylinkės teismas (District Court of Klaipeda) Klaipėdos apygardos teismas (Klaipeda Regional Court)
4.	Protection of children's rights	Klaipėdos apskrities vaiko teisių apsaugos skyrius Klaipėdos mieste (Klaipeda County Child Rights Protection Division in Klaipeda City)
5.	Medical examination, medical services	VšĮ Klaipėdos greitosios medicininės pagalbos stotis (Public institution Klaipeda city ambulance station) VšĮ Klaipėdos vaikų ligoninė (Klaipeda Children's Hospital) VšĮ Klaipėdos universitetinė ligoninė (Klaipeda University Hospital) VšĮ Respublikinė Klaipėdos ligoninė (Klaipeda Republic Hospital) VšĮ Klaipėdos psichikos sveikatos centras (Klaipeda Mental Health Center)

		Respublikinis priklausomybės ligų centras, Klaipėdos filialas (Republican Center for Addictive Disorders, Klaipeda Branch)
6.	Mediation	Complex services Klaipėdos miesto apylinkės teismas (District Court of Klaipeda)
7.	Legal aid	Valstybės garantuojamos teisinės pagalbos tarnyba (State Guaranteed Legal Aid Service)
		Klaipėdos miesto savivaldybės administracijos Teisės skyrius (Klaipeda City Municipality Administration Law Department)
		BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Center)
8.	Psychological, psychiatrist, social assistance for children, who have suffered violence and for their families	VšĮ Klaipėdos psichikos sveikatos centras (Klaipeda Mental Health Center)
		BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Center)
		BĮ Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipeda's City Public Health Bureau)
		Klaipėdos miesto pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda Pedagogical Psychological Service)
		Labdaros ir paramos fondas „Dvasinės pagalbos jaunimui centras“ (Charitable Foundation Spiritual Guidance Centre for Youth)
		Labdaros ir paramos fondas „Dienvidis“ (Charity and Support Foundation “Dienvidis”)
9.	Social (general and social care – accommodation) services for women and their children	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro Pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit)
		Klaipėdos specializuotas pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Specialized Help Center (does not provide accommodation services))
10.	Hotlines	Jaunimo linija (Youth Line)
		Vaikų linija (Child Line)
		Pagalbos moterims linija (Women Helpline)
		Vilties linija (The Line of Hope)
11.	Assistance to convicts	Klaipėdos apygardos probacijos tarnyba (Klaipeda County Probation Service)
12.	Social assistance for children, families	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre)

Education system has a particular role to play in prevention activities: formal pre-school and school education programmes must address issues of equality between women and men, non-

stereotyped gender roles, mutual respect, non-violent conflict resolutions, gender based violence and the right to integrity of the person. These principles should also apply to institutions of non-formal education, including sports, cultural, leisure and media. Prevention of violence and implementation of equal values is a joint effort of the whole school community.

When analysing the project "Women and Children Safe in Their City", it is important to note that institutional cooperation, development of specialist skills in identifying this phenomenon, prompt communication with the relevant services and adequate treatment and assistance are essential to reduce domestic violence. It is important to establish a plan of measures, to distribute functions, to foresee cooperation and funding resources.

#### **IV. OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE PLAN**

The purpose of interinstitutional cooperation in preventing and providing assistance to victims of domestic violence is to ensure the prevention of domestic violence and the provision of assistance to victims of domestic violence (hereinafter – a victim of violence) and their family members. Also, to ensure interinstitutional cooperation in order to strengthen prevention in the mentioned area in the city of Klaipeda and to provide effective assistance to victims of violence and provision of assistance to perpetrators.

Objectives of the plan:

1. to provide public education on domestic violence, to ensure easier recognition and to raise intolerance to all forms of violence;
2. to ensure effective response of the professionals, working in the field of domestic violence and respond to crimes by establishing a network for cooperation;
3. to improve mechanism of providing comprehensive assistance to victims of violence and their family members, based on the cooperation of state institutions, municipalities, non-governmental organizations and the society, to improve the quality of services and accessibility;
4. to reduce the number of repeated (recidivistic) offenses of domestic violence by organizing violent behaviour change programmes for perpetrators;
5. to improve the competences of municipal authorities, social workers, school helpers, help centres, medical practitioners, law enforcement officers and others working in the field of preventing domestic violence and providing assistance to victims of violence.

#### **PLAN OF MEASURES FOR INTERINSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF KLAIPEDA CITY 2020-2025**

No.	Objective	Measure	Responsible executive	Time period of implementation	Partners
1.	To provide public education on domestic violence, to ensure easier recognition and to raise intolerance	Implementation of social prevention programs in Klaipeda city secondary schools.	Secondary schools (parent clubs, school boards, parent groups)	2020-2025	Klaipėdos miesto švietimo ir kultūros centras (Teachers' Education and Culture Center of Klaipeda city),

	to all forms of violence	Implementation of specialized programmes on domestic violence questions.			Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service)
		Meetings (conversations) with pupils on violence prevention (in secondary schools)	Secondary schools	2020-2025	Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipėda's County Police), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipėda City Family and Child Welfare Centre,

				Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipėda's City Public Health Bureau), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation Service)	
		Educate parents about domestic violence (help available, legal framework, etc.)	Secondary schools, Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service), Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour)	2020-2025	Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariato bendruomenės pareigūnai (Community officials of Headquarters of Klaipėda's County Police), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipėda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Lietuvos probacijos



				<p>tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation Service), Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras darbuotojai (Workers of Klaipėda's City Public Health Bureau), Representatives of non- governmental organizations.</p>	
		<p>Improve education aid effectiveness in secondary education schools for children, who had suffered domestic violence</p>	<p>Secondary schools, Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service)</p>	<p>2020-2025</p>	<p>Klaipėdos miesto švietimo ir kultūros centras (Teachers' Education and Culture Centre of Klaipėda city), European projects.</p>
		<p>To organize campaigns on the topics of domestic violence</p>	<p>BI Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipėda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), Action group on interagency</p>	<p>2020-2025</p>	<p>Law enforcement agencies, non- governmental organizations, religious organizations, Klaipėda University, Universities of social applied sciences, vocational schools, secondary schools, libraries, seniūnaičiai (head of the lowest level administrative- territorial unit in living territory), Klaipėdos miesto šeimos centras (Klaipėda City</p>

			cooperation for domestic violence questions.		Family Centre), parent forums, non-formal education institutions, cultural institutions, business organizations.
		To organize a video competition on the theme of domestic violence	Open Youth Spaces of Klaipeda Queen Louise Youth Centre	2020-2021	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), non-formal education organizations, high-schools.
		To organize brain battles on the theme of domestic violence issues between people of different ages.	Councils of schools.	2021-2023	Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service), Parent clubs, Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police), Klaipėdos apygardos

					<p>prokuratūra (Klaipeda County Prosecutor's Office), Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service), Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions, BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre).</p>
		To organize a social advertising	Secondary schools	2021-2022	Action group on interagency

		competition in order to reduce domestic violence and provide assistance (publicize the winner's product on the website)			cooperation for domestic violence questions.
		To organize reviews of thematic movies with the discussions afterwards about domestic violence.	BĪ Klaipēdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), cultural institutions.	2020-2025	Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police), Klaipėdos apygardos prokuratūra (Klaipeda County Prosecutor's Office),
		Organize and implement prevention programmes for children attending day care centre	Children Day Care Centres	2020-2025	BĪ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre).
		Distribution of flyers / brochures	Klaipėdos socialinės ir	2020-2025	BĪ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir

		in the theme of violence for children, adults, professionals.	psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre)		vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police), Klaipėdos apygardos prokuratūra (Klaipeda District Prosecutor's Office), ministries, medical institutions, Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service)
2.	To ensure effective response of the professionals, working in the field of domestic	Strengthen inter-institutional co-operation on confirmed algorithms, based	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.	2020-2025	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys

	<p>violence and respond to crimes by establishing a network for cooperation.</p>	<p>on domestic violence practices</p>		<p>(Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), secondary schools, Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service), Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipeda's City Public Health Bureau), Medical institutions, institution providing employment services, Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos</p>
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				regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service)	
		To organize case study groups, including case managers and school child welfare commissions, to analyse cases of violence	School Child Welfare Commissions	2020-2025	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre), Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service)
		Organize inter-institutional meetings, round-table discussions on strengthening cooperation, discussions of the situation in Klaipeda city, development of inter-institutional network and provision of additional services.	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.	2020-2025	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), secondary schools Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service), Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipeda's City Public Health Bureau),

					<p>Medical institutions, institution providing employment services, Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service), Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipeda's County Police), Klaipėdos apygardos prokuratūra (Klaipeda County Prosecutor's Office), ministerijos, medicinos įstaigos</p>
3.	To improve mechanism of providing comprehensive assistance to victims of violence and their family members, based on the	Create a map of services (for victims, perpetrators and family members)	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.	2020-2021	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre,



	<p>cooperation of state institutions, municipalities, non-governmental organizations and the society, to improve the quality of services and accessibility.</p>			<p>Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre), Bendrojo ugdymo mokyklos, Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service), Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipėda's City Public Health Bureau), medicinos įstaigos, institution providing employment services, Valstybės vaiko teisių apsaugos ir įvaikinimo tarnyba prie socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerijos (State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation</p>
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					Service), Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipėda's County Police), Klaipėdos apygardos prokuratūra (Klaipėda County Prosecutor's Office), ministries, Medical institutions
		To share experience on inter-institutional cooperation on domestic violence (from Liepaja)	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centro pagalbos moterims padalinys (Klaipėda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, Women's Assistance Unit), Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre)	2020-2025	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.
		Arrange a meeting with members of the Association of Local Action Group of the Integrated Territorial Investment of Klaipėda City and discuss the possibility to finance project and activities	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.	2020-2021	Klaipėdos miesto integruotų investicijų vietos veiklos grupė (Association of Local Action Group of the Integrated Territorial Investment of Klaipėda City)

		related to domestic violence reduction and assistance.			
		Seek for opportunities to engage in international projects, look for foreign partners, gain experience for better domestic violence services, enhance cooperation.	Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras (Klaipėda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre)	2020-2025	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.
4.	To reduce the number of repeated (recidivistic) offenses of domestic violence by organizing violent behaviour change programmes for perpetrators	Organize the EQUIP - cognitive-behavioural correction programme for juveniles with behavioural problems	Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service), Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation Service)	2020-2025	Secondary schools, vocational schools.
		Run the programme „Elgesys-pokalbis-pasikeitimas“ (Behaviour – Conversation – Change)	Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation Service), Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service), BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės	2020-2025	Secondary schools, Klaipėdos miesto apylinkės teismas (District Court of Klaipėda)

		centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre)		
	Run an Early Intervention Programme	Klaipėdos miesto visuomenės sveikatos biuras (Klaipeda's City Public Health Bureau), Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service)	2020-2025	Secondary schools, vocational schools, institution providing employment services
	Run an intervention program for domestic violence perpetrators, train volunteers to work with the programme	Volunteers working for the Alcoholics Anonymous Club	2020-2025	Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service)
	Implement parenting skill programmes, organize parent self-help groups.	Kompleksinės paslaugos, BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre), Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipeda pedagogical psychological service)	2020-2025	Secondary schools, vocational schools
	Visiting persons, who have done crimes, verifying that perpetrators comply with the terms of the pre-	Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda	2020-2025	Klaipėdos miesto apylinkės teismas (District Court of Klaipeda)

		trial supervision measures or obligations imposed by the court	County Probation Service), Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipėda's County Police)		
		Implement “Minnesota“ programme	Centre for Addictive Disorders, Rehabilitation centres	2020-2025	Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipėda County Probation Service), Klaipėdos apskrities vyriausiojo policijos komisariato Klaipėdos miesto policijos komisariatas (Headquarters of Klaipėda's County Police)
5.	To improve the competences of municipal authorities, social workers, school helpers, help centres, medical practitioners, law enforcement officers and others working in the field of preventing domestic violence and providing assistance to victims of violence.	To organize trainings for social workers, teachers, educational assistance specialists “Prevention and management of aggression “	BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipėda City Family and Child Welfare Centre), Klaipėdos pedagoginė psichologinė tarnyba (Klaipėda pedagogical psychological service), secondary education schools.	2020-2025	Klaipėdos miesto švietimo ir kultūros centras (Teachers‘ Education and Culture Center of Klaipėda city)

		Organize seminars for health professionals, educational staff, social workers on the threat of suicide and ways to help	Secondary education schools, medical institutions, BĮ Klaipėdos miesto šeimos ir vaiko gerovės centras (Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre)	2020-2025	All institutions mentioned in the plan.
		Organize motivational interview trainings	Lietuvos probacijos tarnybos Klaipėdos regiono skyrius (Klaipeda County Probation Service)	2020-2025	Social workers, police officers, school aid specialists, specialists of Klaipeda's City Public Health Bureau
		Organize trainings on the topic of violence	Action group on interagency cooperation for domestic violence questions.	2020-2025	All institutions mentioned in the plan.

## V. FUNDING SOURCES

Funding of measures: ask for funding from the Director of the Municipal Administration for the work of interagency action group, which deals with domestic violence. Also, to ask for municipal help to ensure the functioning of the coordination group, which deals with the victims or possible victims of human trafficking. In 2021-2025, apply for a total of € 12,000 (€ 3,000 each year) and to look for other sources.

Taking into account restructuring of the orphanage, Strategic Plan of Klaipeda City Municipality envisages to adapt conditions for the new establishment of the children's day care centre and the adjustment of the premises. The premises will be handed over to Liberi Children and Youth Employment Centre, which will work with vulnerable children with signs of delinquent behaviour and children, who have suffered violence. The premises are scheduled to be renovated by the end of 2020 (municipality funding sources). Specialists will be trained to deal with children who are victims of violence and delinquent behaviour. Training of the specialists are foreseen in the Association of Local Action Group of the Integrated Territorial Investment of Klaipeda City project.

Preventive actions, which are mentioned in the plan will be financed by institutions themselves. Executors of the measures and salaries of partner workers in mentioned institutions are and will be paid from the budgets of their institutions.

## VI. HUMAN RESOURCES

According to Order No. AD1-1697, signed by Director of the Municipal Administration (30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016), an action group on interagency cooperation on domestic violence was set up. This action

group consist of: Social support unit of Klaipeda City Municipality, department of health protection, representatives from education department, coordinator of interinstitutional cooperation, Prosecutor of Klaipeda District Prosecutor's Office, specialists of the Prevention Division of the Public Order Service of Klaipeda County Police Headquarters, representative of the Lithuanian Probation Service (Klaipeda Region), Klaipeda customer service department specialist from Employment Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Klaipeda city municipality representatives from State child rights protection and adoption service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, representatives from Klaipeda City Family and Child Welfare Centre, director of Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Centre. All the representatives of the group will initiate activities planned in their institutions, attend meetings and discuss activities planned.

The action plan includes representatives of various institutions. Particular attention is paid to educational institutions and their staff, whose primary function is to carry out the activities foreseen in the plan and to prevent violence in the communities of educational institutions. The plan also foresees involvement of medical staff, specialists from Klaipeda's City Public Health sector, police officers, who through their activities will contribute to the implementation of the plan.

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Project is aiming at elimination of domestic violence in Liepāja and Klaipeda. Project introduced and improved support and counselling services for women and children – victims of domestic violence. These services are based on interdisciplinary teamwork approach – where a social worker, a lawyer and a psychologist work as a team to help victim to end violent relationships and to start a life without violence. The project addressed improvement of cooperation between institutions to tackle domestic violence more effective. Experience exchange visits between Liepāja and Klaipeda, comparative analysis on victims needs and accessibility of services in Klaipeda and Liepaja, joint trainings for representatives of key institutions and development of guidelines for specialists have been carried.

It was expected that 120 women victims and 40 child victims will receive support and counselling services within project and 100 women victims and 50 children victims will benefit every year after the end of the project.

The project brought together knowledge and expertise of Latvian and Lithuanian NGOs and municipal agencies.

**Duration of the project:** 01.06.2018 – 29.02.2020 (21 months)

#### **Project partners:**

Association “MARTA Centre” (LV) – Lead partner

Liepaja city council Social services (LV)

PO Klaipeda Social and Psychological Services Center (LT)

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