

Project: “Gender-Based Violence, Stalking and Fear of Crime”

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What was done and what we are working on!

We like to demonstrate continuously and for transparency what we are doing as the project coordination and research team at Ruhr-University Bochum/ Germany

Further steps after Cracow:

- The updated version of the questionnaire is online. Additional documents with explanations concerning modifications, amendments and instructions regarding data-input have been forwarded to all partners.
- It was taken into account:
 - all agreements from the Steering Group Meeting in Cracow,
 - report of divergence of the Cracow working group,
 - review of the introduction and revision of “Impacts” by the Spanish working group,
 - proposal concerning stalking-definition of the Italian working group,
 - recommended revisions of questionnaire of the British working group,
 - further analysis of the Bochum pretest and
 - consultation of a statistics expert by the Bochum working group.

With the survey launch coming in October 2009, we like to recommend:

- checking the update version with all modification,
- preparing a list of amendment specific to your university (including changes and/or deletion),
- acquainting yourself with the software in order to find solutions for challenges such as university´s cooperate design, input of data/ changes etc.,
- finding and authorising a translator for the questionnaire (ideally, he/she should realise this within the software),
- getting in contact with relevant authorities at your university in order to prepare the start of the survey (e.g. data protection officer, equal opportunity commissioner, social services),
- involving the students council of your university in order to find support within the student body,
- thinking about a kind of “advertisement” for the survey in order to enhance the return rate.

We hope this recommendation will aid you with your preparations.

At Ruhr-University Bochum we try to realise an exhibition with posters on sexual violence against women, accompanying the survey in October. In order to stimulate the discussion on campus and therefore enhance the participation, we like to present a collection of posters published e.g. by AI, Terre des Femmes and several women´s organisations.