

<b>Organisation</b>	
Women's Issues Information Center / WIIC	
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<b>Profile</b>	
Type of organisation	Association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	no
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	yes

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Background and Experience
<p>Women's issues information centre (WIIC) is one of the most experienced civil society organisations promoting gender equality, gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in Lithuania. WIIC started its activities in 1996 and the <b>mission</b> of the motivated team of professionals is to raise society's awareness on gender equality, influence and promote gender policies in Lithuania. WIIC has wide experience in promoting European values.</p> <p><b>Vision</b>  <i>Not a single person can be discriminated against because of their gender.</i></p> <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims for gender equality in Lithuania</li> <li>• Promotes the status of women</li> <li>• Creates a better environment for equal gender relations</li> <li>• Supports victims of domestic violence</li> </ul> <p>Programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and assistance for victims of domestic violence</li> <li>• Prevention of gender-based violence and gender – based hate speech</li> </ul>

- Promotion of gender equality
- Raising public awareness of gender equality and equal opportunities
- Women's empowerment

Currently, there are four units in the association: Gender-based and Domestic Violence; Emotional Support for Women; Support for Victims of Crime, and Gender Equality.

WIIC promotes gender equality in all aspects of life and aims that it gets adequate attention in all political, juridical and social reforms, programmes and activities. WIIC cooperates closely with other CSOs, governmental and public institutions and organisations.

WIIC implements programmes and projects, aimed at stopping violence against women, blocking the way for female trafficking, reconciliation of family and work responsibilities, promoting female entrepreneurship and engaging men. WIIC organises awareness-raising campaigns.

WIIC is a member of the National Equality and Diversity Forum, a member of Lithuanian Women's Lobby, represents it at The Violence Observatory of EWL, a National Commission of Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, a member of the Council of Non-Governmental Organizations under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuanian Association for the Consolidation of Women's Rights, Association of the Specialised Services for Victims of Crime, Member of the National Network of Poverty Reduction Organizations; Member of the Board of the Family Planning and Health Association; Lithuanian NGDO Platform, Member of the Working Group for Implementation of the Vilnius City Municipality Program for Prevention and Assistance to the Persons Suffering from Domestic Violence, Member of the Working Group responsible for the preparation of the implementing legislation for the Law on domestic violence, Alternate Member of the Monitoring Committee of the EU Funds Investment Operational Program.

WIIC provides specialized complex support to victims of domestic violence, including free of charge psychological and legal consultations. It maintains 24/7 hotline 'Women's support line'. Over the years WIIC has organised many training on women empowerment, computer and IT literacy, training on how to start their own business, addressing stereotypes with young people. It also supports multisectoral cooperation when addressing domestic violence, organises training for police, judicial and health sectors.

### **Specialised support services for victims of domestic violence**

Since 2012 WIIC provides support for victims of violence in close relationship and acts as Specialised assistance centre (SAC). In 2018, WIIC became a member of the Lithuanian Association for the Consolidation of Women's Rights (LMTISA). LMTISA unites 14 SAC which assist victims of violence throughout Lithuania. The SAC network assists around 13,000 people annually. To reduce domestic violence, the SAC prevents gender-based violence and contributes to policymaking at regional and national level.

WIIC currently serves 7 out of 60 municipalities across Lithuania and assists to approx. 1,500-1,600 persons annually. WIIC specialists inform and advise victims of violence in close relationship, provide specialized psychological and legal assistance and mediate the victim's contacts with relevant institutions.

WIIC fosters strong and sustainable cooperation with local authorities, and has cooperation agreements with all municipalities covered.

### **Experience in working with youth on gender equality related questions**

Women's Issues Information Centre have been working with youth programs on national and international level since 2012. WIIC is working with youth and experts that work with youth on various gender equality related questions: gender stereotypes, teen dating violence, gender – based hate speech. Each year WIIC staff train more than 200 youngsters and have a network of teachers that are interested in the subject of gender equality. Main target group that WIIC is working with is youth aged 12 – 18, but in 2020 WIIC started to work with younger children boosting gender equality and working on early prevention of gender – based violence in kindergartens and primary school.

Examples of activities on national and international level: research, drafting of questionnaires, creation of awareness raising manuals, provision of interactive training, development of games (board games and apps), organization of awareness raising campaigns, development of videos and social media content.

Recent youth projects: [BEE](#), (EC funding) [Play4](#) (EC funding), [Dare to care](#) (OAK foundation), Warriors against GBV (Erasmus +).

### **Activities for women with disabilities**

Since 2021 WIIC is actively involved in tailoring specialised assistance to deaf girls and women victims of domestic violence. Together with Lithuanian Deaf Association (Lietuvos kurčiųjų draugija (LKD)) WIIC drafted and in February 2022 started to implement the tailored made specialized assistance strategy for deaf girls and women victims of domestic violence. The strategy includes notes on cooperation between WIIC and LKD as well as The Lithuanian Sign Language Translation Center as to make the specialized assistance more accessible and to meet needs of deaf. Since February 2022 WIIC operates Skype number where victims of domestic violence can receive specialised assistance in Lithuanian sign language (via translation). WIIC and LKD have worked closely throughout 2021 to share the knowledge on culture of people with hearing impairments, society, communication as well as domestic violence.

WIIC cooperates closely with Lithuanian Disability Forum (LDF) - the largest Lithuanian organization representing the interests of various disability groups.

### **Women's Helpline**

WIIC maintains 24/7 hotline 'Women's support line'. WIIC joined the Women's Helpline program in 2019. Women's Helpline was founded in 2004 and is currently being implemented jointly by Kaunas Women's Helpline, Klaipeda Social and Psychological Support Centre, and WIIC. Volunteers of Women's Helpline provide emotional support to victims of violence as well as persons experiencing personal crisis. Consultations are free of charge and provided by phone, email or online chat. An interested person can become a volunteer only after completion of 120 hours training organised by WIIC. Currently there more than 80 volunteers in Vilnius.

<b>Support services for victims of crime</b>	
Lithuanian started to provide support services for victims of crime in autumn 2021. WIIC acts as one of 25 Support services and is a member of the Association united 15 CSOs.	
<b>Name of staff member</b>	<b>Summary of relevant skills and experience, including where relevant a list of recent publications related to the domain of the project.</b>
Jurate Seduikiene	<p>Director, Financial specialist, project manager. She is also gender equality and violence against women expert, lecturer on the following topics: reconciling family and work responsibilities; violence against women, domestic violence, assistance to the victims of violence; gender equality and non-discrimination policy and its implementation in Lithuania and other EU countries; gender mainstreaming; situation of Lithuanian women in labor market and education. Management of organization, preparation and coordination of strategic plans, project management, development of organization relations in the country and in Europe. Promotion and coordination of international and national projects, budget management, initiation of international teams. Excellent experience in project management and team leadership.</p>
<a href="#">Rugile Butkeviciute</a>	<p>Gender equality, Gender-based violence &amp; Sexual violence prevention, Diversity &amp; Inclusion Expert   Trainer   Educator.</p> <p>Rugile work as a program manager in WIIC since 2009.</p> <p>Fields of expertise: Gender equality and mainstreaming; Gender based violence; Early prevention activities and human rights education for youth; Sexual violence prevention and support for victims; Diversity and inclusion; Missing children; Human trafficking.</p> <p>Rugile is skilled in developing programs for various experts working in the field of gender equality and gender – based violence, facilitating training for various target groups from youth to law enforcement, business, educators etc.</p> <p>In 2021 Rugile received the National Equality award for her work with prevention of gender – based violence among youth. She is also a board member of the U.S - LT alumni association, skilled in international cooperation.</p> <p>Since 2009 till 2020, Rugile provided free legal consultations for victims of gender – based violence, also served as a national expert in European Women’s Lobby expert group on gender – based violence against women.</p>

	Rugile is also skilled in communication and manages social media profiles of various NGOs in different platforms (from campaign idea to implementation).
Nomeda Cibarauskiene	Expert in Domestic Violence. Developer of training programs and lecturer on various topics related to prevention of domestic violence. Supervisor in Children’s Helpline since 2019; completed specialized training on judicial mediation in 2019. Since 2020 she has been working as a Consultant of Specialized Assistance Center with the WIIC, responsible for the counseling of victims and coordination of joint activities with the Police and self-government. Worked in the field of prevention at the Chief Police Commissariat of Klaipeda and later of Vilnius County in 1996-2018.
Kristina Kiselyte	Consultant. Coordinator of the Specialized Assistance Center. She has been working at the Specialized Assistance Center since 2016 and is responsible for organizing and providing support to persons suffering from domestic violence. Also organizes training for the specialists, who provide comprehensive assistance to the victims of domestic violence, carry out prevention of domestic violence and work in the field of protection against domestic violence. Starting from 2019, she is a Consultant of the Lithuanian Women's Rights Enhancement Association, which coordinates all Specialized Assistance Centers in Lithuania, and is responsible for the coordination of activities, compilation and administration of database. From 2019 she is actively involved in organization and implementation of early violence prevention. Structured planning, organization, implementation and control of project activities. Competence in collection and processing of large data flows, data analysis and production of relevant insights.
Dovile Masalskiene	Lawyer, Expert in domestic violence and gender equality, project manager. WIIC Project Manager and Coordinator since 2009. Gives legal advice since 2006 (providing of legal information and legal advice, as well as preparation of documents to be submitted to the state and municipal institutions, including judicial documents); coordination of volunteer activities of legal advisers starting from 2006 until now. Analysis of legal and practical regulation of gender-based violence, legal regulation of domestic violence in Lithuania, situation of women in Lithuanian society and gender equality in Lithuania, comparative analysis as well as formation and presentation of expert opinion (lecturer's experience working both with mixed target groups and one category specialists, communities). Participation in working groups related to domestic violence reduction programs and application of the principle of gender equality and non – discrimination. Ability to adapt quickly to a new environment. Good audience management, communication, organizational and leadership skills.

<p>Roberta Pauliuscenkaite</p>	<p>Psychologist. Expert in domestic violence, project manager. She has been working for WIIC since 2017. Manages the Women's Helpline program in Vilnius from 2019 and is responsible for the selection of new volunteers, training, professional development, supporting of the volunteers, and continuous effective functioning of the program. Experience in working with the victims of domestic violence (psychological counseling, leading self-help groups, etc.). Lecturer's experience in conducting training, seminars on domestic violence, gender equality, psychological trauma and similar topics for different target groups (volunteers, professionals, communities, young people, etc.). Competent in working with projects (management, preparation, implementation, coordination, etc.), organizing and conducting various trainings, seminars and other activities. Psychological counselling.</p>
<p>Jurgita Peciuriene</p>	<p>25 years of experience working on gender equality with European institutions and agencies, international organisations, public institutions, and non-governmental organisations.</p> <p>She has been working in the field of gender equality since 1994. She has an expertise in gender mainstreaming, intersecting inequalities and violence against women. Developer and coordinator of international and national projects, initiator of international teams. Many years of experience in leadership and project management. One of the founders and first Director of the Women's Issue Information Center. Experience and knowledge in various areas of violence against women - analysis of statistics and research, domestic violence risk assessment, inter-service cooperation, persecution, female genital mutilation, cyber-violence, preparation of recommendations to governments, etc. Co-author of many publications.</p> <p>Experienced trainer and lecturer, mentor. Researcher applying quantitative and qualitative methods. Analyst, evaluation expert, projects manager.</p>
<p>Giedre Purvaneckiene</p>	<p>Gender Equality Expert, Chairwoman of the Board. She was combining academic carrier, political participation and activism. Alongside with academic work at Vilnius University department of Educology she worked also at various political and decision-making institutions: was elected to the Parliament (2000 – 2004, 2012 – 2016), worked as Adviser to Prime Minister (1994 – 1997, 2006 – 2008). Her scientific research covered various aspects of gender policy, policy of education, family policy and various social issues. She led many surveys on gender issues. Giedre was the author of more than 60 scientific articles, chapters in the books and co-author of several monographies. She was one of initiators to establish Vilnius university Women's Studies Centre in 1992 (at present – Gender Studies Centre) and the first Head of the Board of this Centre.</p>

	<p>She was also the initiator and one of founders of the NGO “Women’s Issues Information Centre” in 1996, where she volunteers since then.</p>
<p>Virginija Ratiukiene</p>	<p>Consultant of Specialized Assistance Center. Social educator. 21 year work experience with children and young people. Communication skills: Work in a group, hearing different opinions, making joint decisions, communication with people of all ages. Organizational skills: data collection, analysis, sorting, summarizing and preparation of presentations. Organization of activities related to prevention and development of social and emotional competencies. Preparation and implementation of preventative projects and events. Organization of artistic and other events inside and outside high school on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Dovile Rukaite</p>	<p>Coordinator of publicity activities, project manager. WIIC Project Manager since 2001, works with the projects of the Ministry of Social Security and Labor programs. Since 2005 she has coordinated various information campaigns. Coordinates projects within the following thematic areas: - Violence against women / Female genital mutilation / Trafficking of women; Gender equality / Gender mainstreaming; Multicultural diversity and hate crimes; Reconciling work and family; Employment and empowerment of women; Development cooperation and other. Responsibilities: coordination and implementation of publicity activities, project promotion. Implementation of project, experience in coordinating national and international projects, creation, development and coordination of information campaigns, work with the media.</p>
<p>Jovita Simniskiene</p>	<p>Volunteers' coordinator, Consultant of Specialized assistance center, Volunteers Teacher with the Women’s Helpline program held by WIIC since 2019. Responsible for the training of volunteers, arrangement of rosters, counselling of the volunteers. Works as a Consultant with the Specialized Assistance Center project at WIIC since 2018. Communicates with the people experiencing psychological, physical, economic, sexual abuse. 2009 - 2018 as a volunteer provided emotional support at the Women’s Helpline at Klaipeda Social and Psychological Assistance Center and was engaged in the training of volunteers. Providing emotional support by phone: communication with those who have emotional and behavioral difficulties, mental disorders, experience crises and loss, suffer from psychological,</p>



	physical, sexual violence. Organization and conducting of theoretical and practical classes, training and counselling of the learners.
<b>Dissemination</b>	
<p>Inside organization - to staff members providing support for victims of domestic violence (adults and children from 16 years of age).</p> <p>Outside organization – policy makers, network of teachers, trade unions, alumni of WIIC programs, umbrella organizations working with gender equality (e.g., Lithuanian Women’s Lobby, Lithuanian Women’s Rights Association, European Women’s Lobby, Networks of stakeholders).</p>	

<b>Has the partner organisation participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application?</b>	
X Yes	

If yes, please indicate: (add lines if necessary)

Participant	Name of EU Programme	Reference number and title of the project	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, LTP, OTHER )	Amount (EUR)	Project website (if any)
WIIC	Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme	GA No: 101005489 BEE Boosting gender Equality in Education. REC-RGEN-WWLB-AG-2020	2020-2022	BEN	69020,99	N/A
WIIC	ERASMUS+	No. 2019-1-LT01-KA104-060421  Establishing women support helpline/Strengthening Services of Women	2019-2022	COO	24 756	N/A

		Support Line“				
WIIC	Erasmus KA3 EACEA/21/2018	No. 612169-IT-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN  Play for your rights! Innovative media education strategies against sexism and discrimination.	2019-2022	BEN	42881,59	<a href="https://www.cospe.org/eventi/61160/playforyourrights-un-progetto-contro-il-sessismo-e-un-webinair-per-raccontarlo/">https://www.cospe.org/eventi/61160/playforyourrights-un-progetto-contro-il-sessismo-e-un-webinair-per-raccontarlo/</a>
WIIC	EC Directorate General Justice and Consumers	Grant Agreement number: 875185 “FemResist”	2019-2021	BEN	31 832	N/A
WIIC	EC Directorate General Justice and Consumers	JUST/2015/RGEN/AG/ROLE/9617  GENDER-ED: Combatting gender stereotypes in education and career guidance	2019-2020	BEN	59013,50	N/A
WIIC	EC Directorate General Justice and Consumers	No.820731 ( REC-RGEN-PENS-AG-2017) Pajamų atotrūkio tarp moterų ir vyrų mažinimas/ Reduction of Gender Pay Gap	2018-2020	BEN	111 755	<a href="https://www.polygiai.lt/">https://www.polygiai.lt/</a>

WIIC	EC Directorate General Justice and Consumers	JUST/2015/ RDAP/AG/S EXV/8494 Ending Sexual Harassment and Violence in Third Level Education (ESHTE)	2016- 2019	BEN	23 000	<a href="https://www.itstopson.org/en/home">https://www.itstopson.org/en/home</a>
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