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GPKT Women Develop Strategic Planning Skills

The GPKT Women’s Working Group identified the common problem of domestic violence as an issue for collective action in early 2006. The Group also agreed at their last meeting on the need for further training on advocacy and planning for awareness-raising campaigns, to help them undertake activities on domestic violence and also other gender-related advocacy in the future.

On this basis, a one-day workshop was held on 30 October in Ohrid, Macedonia. For the second time, EWI joined forces with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and two trainers, Enkelejda Arifi and Boban Stamenovic, conducted the training for over twenty members of the GPKT Women’s Working Group. This training built upon the 2005 advocacy training organised by EWI for the Group, but used the opportunity of the upcoming day of action on domestic violence as a practical learning exercise for the participants.



To mark the 25 November ‘International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women’, the Working Group had agreed to undertake a joint advocacy action in the GPKT towns.



The training workshop allowed for facilitation of the planning process for this action, as well as group work on advocacy and campaign planning, and use of the media as a tool for awareness raising. Participants included: Shqipe Kastrati and Nevenka Stoilkovic from *Nada* NGO, Gjilan/Gnjilane; Mendushe Nuhiu from *Qendra per Integrim*, from Presevo; Sonja Arsovska from *SOS* NGO, Advije Latifi *Florens Najtingel* NGO and Karolina Canevska from *Halca Al Brova* NGO, Kumanovo; and Brankica

Antic from Trgoviste. All participants volunteered to work together on activities for a day of advocacy on 25 November and confirmed plans for activities, the production of joint campaign materials and media engagement.