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Family Justice Centers in Europe



EU Daphne project



Multi agency approach of violence against women has shown encouraging results, but there are still major obstacles:

- 1. Victims are still expected to travel to a variety of organisations to get safety, help and support**
- 2. Victims have to tell their story over and over again**



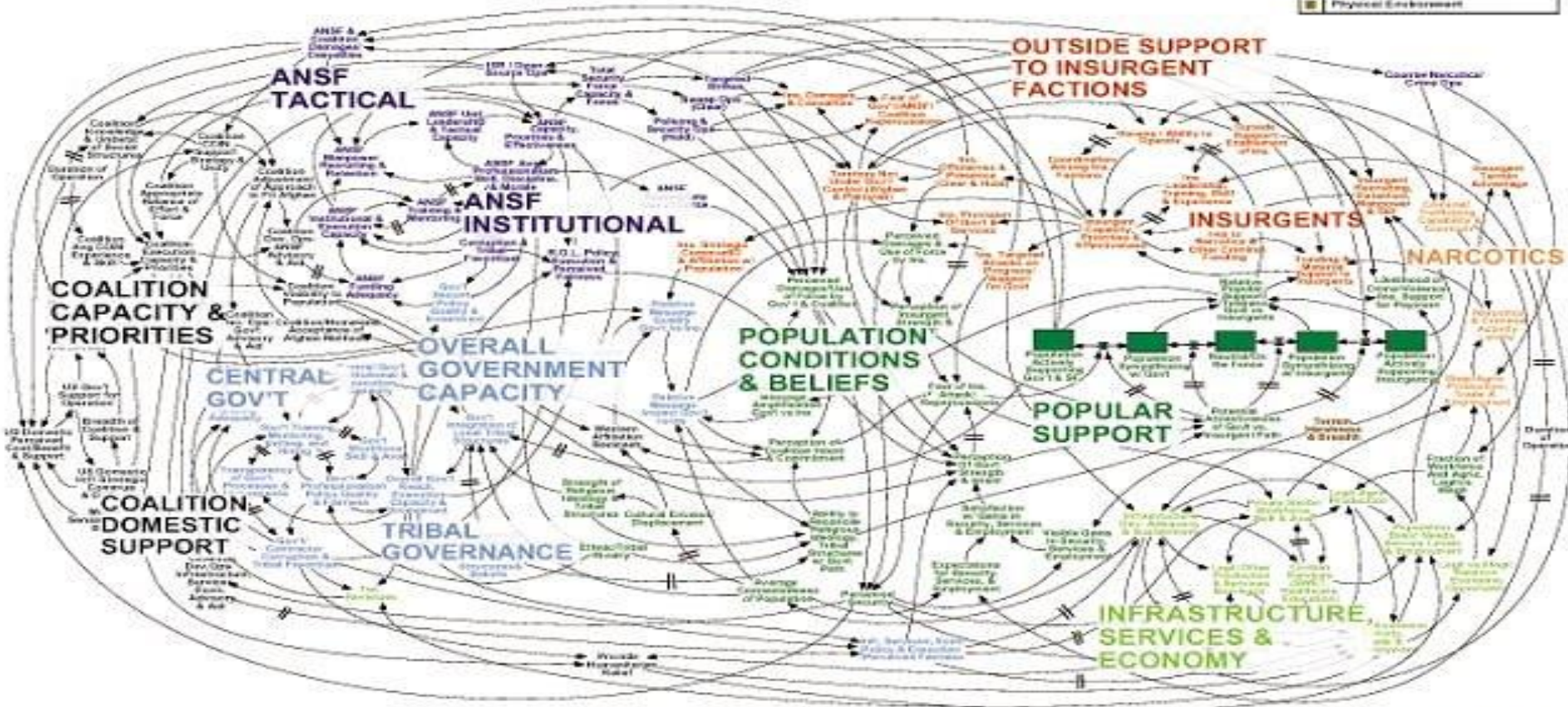
Not only within the Domestic Violence approach systems are complex!!



Afghanistan Stability / COIN Dynamics

/// = Significant Delay

Foundation/Popular Support
Infrastructure, Economy, & Services
Government
Afghanistan Security Forces
Insurgents
Crime and Narcotics
Coalition Forces & Actions
Physical Environments



WORKING DRAFT - V3

**More brochures and referrals
...are also not the answer...**



**There is a better way to
meet the needs of victims
and hurting families:**

The Family Justice Centers



WHAT IS A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER?

- **ONE-STOP-SHOP** for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children
- **All services survivors need are under one roof**



GUIDING PRINCIPLES (1)

Safety Focused

Increase safety, promote healing, and foster empowerment through services for victims and their children

Victim-centered

Provide victim-centered services that promote victim autonomy



GUIDING PRINCIPLES (2)

Survivor-driven

Shape services to clients by asking them what they need

Empowered

Offer survivors a place to belong even after crisis intervention services are no longer necessary



GUIDING PRINCIPLES (3)

Relationship-based

Maintain close working relationships among all collaborators/agencies

Offender-accountability

Increase offender accountability through evidence-based prosecution strategies and/or evidence based treatment programs.



EU Project Objectives

- To develop a coherent approach of family violence against women, which effectively help to stop the violence
- Creating a network of Family Justice Centers in Europe, working with the co-located formula on a client centered base, meeting the needs of the victims of violence and their children AND holding perpetrators accountable.



6 Pilot Locations in Europe

- The Netherlands: Tilburg /Venlo
- Italy: Milan
- Poland: Warsaw
- Germany: Berlin
- Belgium: Antwerp





Projectpartners

- **MOVISIE: projectmanagement (projectleader: Bert Groen)**
- **Mutsaersstichting (The Netherlands, Venlo)**
- **Stichting Kompaan en de Bocht/Steunpunt HG (the Netherlands, Tilburg)**
- **Association Beata Gianna Beretta Molla (Italy, Milan)**
- **Berlin Initiative Against Violence towards Women (Germany, Berlin)**
- **Women's Right Center (Poland, Warsaw)**
- **Province of Antwerp Welfare and Health Service (Belgium, Antwerp)**
- **The Centre for Social Policy Studies and International Affairs (The Netherlands, Rotterdam)**





Steps in the project

1. Investigation and Orientation
2. Development and Establishment of six FJC pilots
3. Establishment of a National Board and an European Board of Advisors
4. Development of a European Alliance model
5. Research, Monitoring en Evaluation
6. Communication and Dissemination

Timeframe of the project

Duration: 2 years (January 15th 2013 – January 14th 2015)

- 0 – 6 Study of the current local situations (community assessments) / Establishment National Boards**
- 4 – 6 Building website / Establishment European Board**
- 6 - 8 Development of an activity plan for each pilot location**
- 8 – 14 Development of 6 pilots FJC's**
- 14 – 24 FJC pilots are running**



Kick-off Utrecht (Feb. 2013)



YES, we are IN



Where are we now in Europe?



The Construction phase
and building our dream



We are dreaming BIG



But first we have to start small



Main Challenges and Obstacles

- Different level of approaches of violence against women within key-stakeholders
- Difference in legislation and legal frameworks
- Different financial participation and commitment from governments



Care and Safety House FJC Tilburg



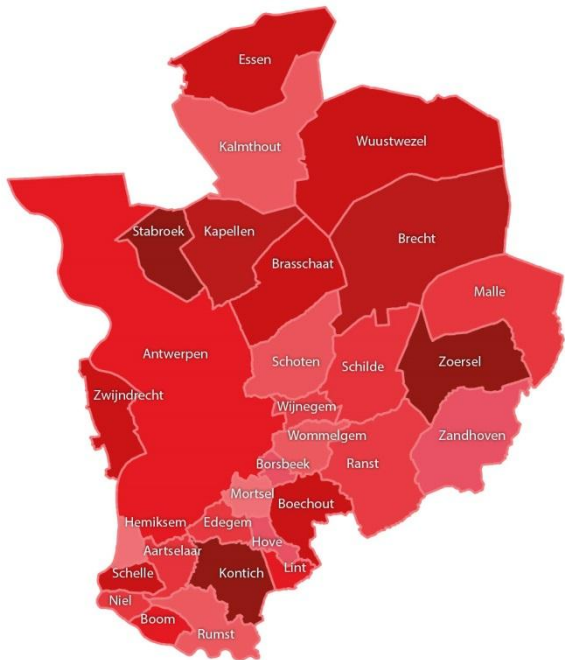
FJC Location Berlin



FJC Location Venlo



FJC Antwerpen



Pilot FJC Antwerp - 1

- multidisciplinary approach of family violence
- client in the centre of the approach, working on involvement of family members
- involvement of police, justice, social welfare, social care, youth care, centre child abuse, women's help, perpetrator program, housing, mental health,...
- method of chain approach towards the “hard” cases of family violence (need both justice and social approach, safety of victims/children endangered, multiple problems in the family,...)



Pilot FJC Antwerp - 2

- all key-partners under one roof, experts working together, sharing information, matching actions with partners and family members
- wrap-around-model trying to reach out to all members of the family (victims, children perpetrator, involved other members of the system,...)
- focus on the aggression, the underlying problems (all family members) and the strengths in the family
- families enter after referral by professional (wide range: police, justice, welfare, youth care, women's help,...)



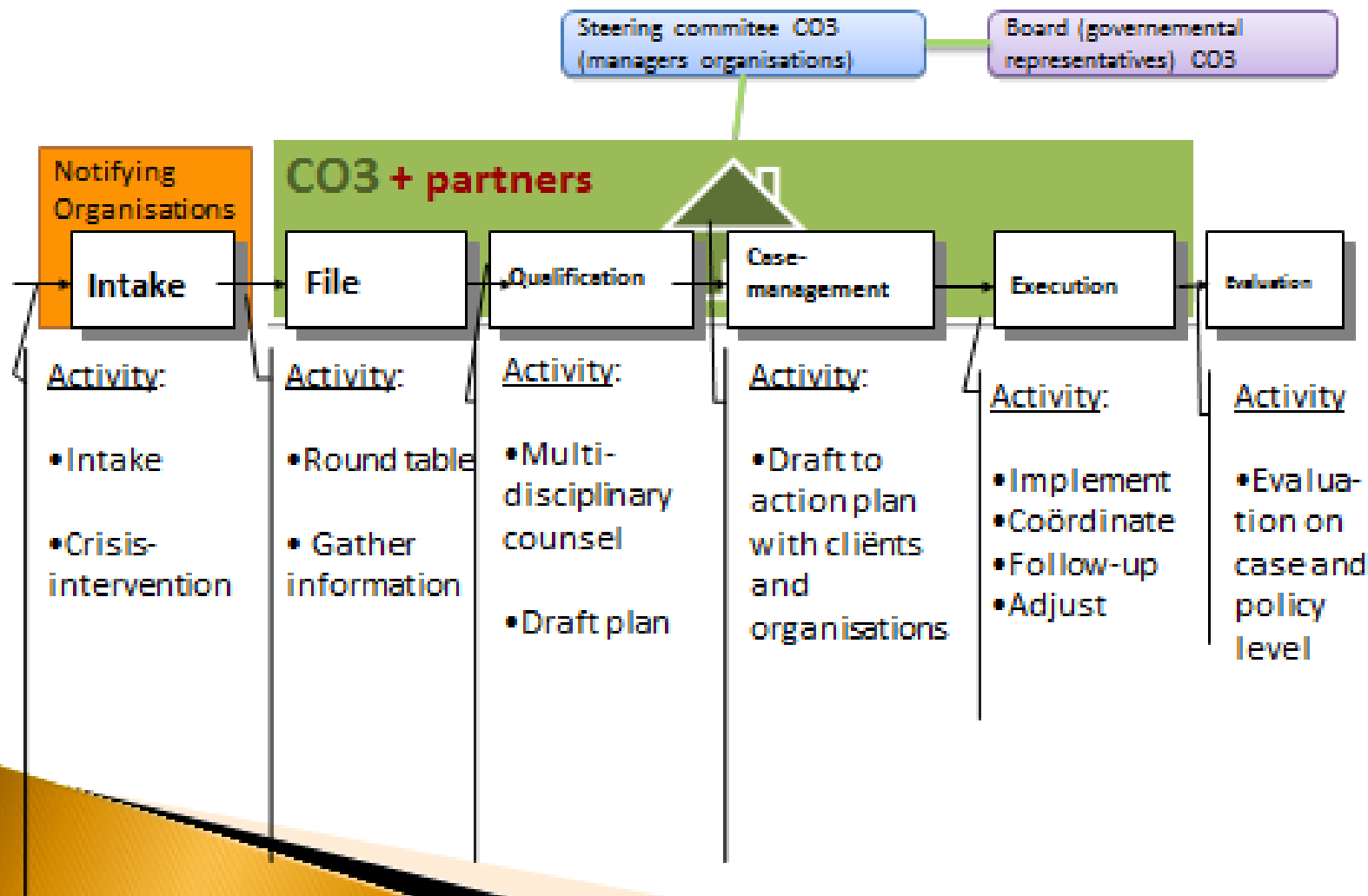
Target group FJC Antwerp

Families characterized by :

- **Complex situation that demands a multi-agency approach**
- **Multi-problem situation (min. 3 life domains)**
- **Danger for victim and/or children**
- **Difficult start of social work, justice measures**



CO3: chainplate domestic violence



Partners FJC Antwerp

- ✓ City of Antwerp
- ✓ House of Justice (probation etc) Antwerp
- ✓ OCMW Antwerpen (Public Centre for social welfare)
- ✓ Police of Antwerp and youth police
- ✓ Prosecutor of Antwerp
- ✓ Province of Antwerp
- ✓ CAW Antwerp (NGO- services for general welfare) Antwerp
- ✓ Voem (Association for Development & Emancipation of Muslims)
- ✓ Youth care
- ✓ Centre for mental health
- ✓ Confidential Centre on child abuse and neglect
- ✓ Centre for integral family care De Stobbe





FJC Building Antwerp





Future services in each FJC

Kids rooms



Interviewing rooms



computer labs



Dress for success boutiques



Thank you for your attention!



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