

PRESS RELEASE

OPEN DAY FOR PROVIDE: PROJECT ON PROXIMITY VIOLENCE PRESENTED

The social cooperative Badia Grande has organized the Open Day on the PROVIDE project (PROximity On Violence: Defense and Equity) to inform citizens about the impact on the territory of its activities, related to the identification of good support practices and assistance to victims of proximity violence. At the Multifunctional Center for the Integration of Foreigners in Trapani, all the partners met and publicly explained the progress of the research work.

Prof. Ignazia Bartholini, researcher at the University of Palermo is the coordinator of the PROVIDE Project which involves Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Lombardia, Spain and France . During the meeting she said: "Operators are the concrete witnesses of a notable increase, in the last few years, of the cases of violence of proximity in this area. Therefore, it is necessary to identify appropriate tools in order to manage the phenomenon. Moreover, there are more and more women, children and elderly people who land on our shores showing obvious signs of torture and sexual violence suffered during the journey".

Badia Grande, together with the municipality of Trapani and Valderice, is an operational partner in the identification of a protocol containing a training methodology with operational guidelines for stakeholders and operators, which can become a model that can be replicated in European countries. The collaborative activity, with more subjects interested in the migratory phenomenon, represents an enrichment for a positive connection between research and the third sector, now inevitable to guarantee the effectiveness of the interventions.

The aim of the activity is to contrast some forms of "gender-oriented" violence or "proximity violence" against refugees and asylum seekers, strengthening some networking activities and specific skills in various professional fields. The "Provide" project intends to establish minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims, in order to contribute to the fulfillment of the obligation to "guarantee the access of victims and their families, and to specialist support, in accordance with their needs.