



2020 has been a particularly challenging but very fruitful and inspiring year with great progress in the Equalcity project. After months of research, interviews and surveys with frontline workers and migrants, the project partners successfully developed 4 toolboxes that aim at tackling sexual and gender-based violence against migrants. The tools have all been carefully reviewed by a panel of thematic experts who contributed to making them sustainable, comprehensive and duplicable to various EU contexts ([read more](#)).

The 4 EU partner cities included in this project — Brussels, Luxembourg, Rome, Gothenburg — will continue their efforts in 2021, with key moments ahead, in particular the thematic workshops with the 35 trainee cities of the project ([see map](#)).

This project update covers the activities in Luxembourg where Femmes en Détresse is developing a toolbox that aims at improving the capacity of frontline workers working with migrant women and girls. For information on the other toolboxes, click below:

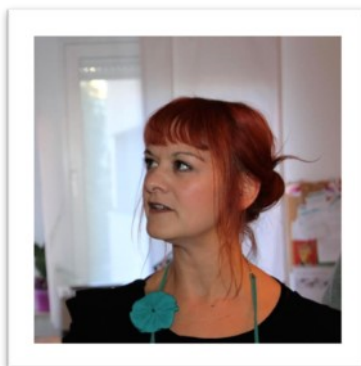
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TOOLBOX ON MIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS



The NGO Femmes en Détresse A.S.B.L, with the support of the city of Luxembourg is developing a toolbox which contains training material for frontline workers who work, or are likely to work, with migrant women and girls. The toolbox includes training tools that aim at improving the awareness and capacity of frontline workers so that they can deliver more tailored support to female survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

Femmes en Détresse is a non-profit organization which provides specialized support services to survivors of domestic violence in Luxembourg. They have extensive experience in working with survivors of SGBV and training of frontline workers.



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“A practical toolbox, comprehensive but simple, to-the-point, inclusive, to reinforce capacities, knowledge and awareness.”

Sofia, IOM Luxembourg

“I help women [...] to protect themselves by elaborating a security plan, inform them about their rights and accompany them to different administrations.”

Marie, Femmes en Détresse

CONTENT OF THE TOOLBOX

This toolbox contains **4 modules**, each one with two supporting annexes, both for trainers and frontline services on the ground. All modules contain testimonies from female SGBV survivors residing in Luxembourg.



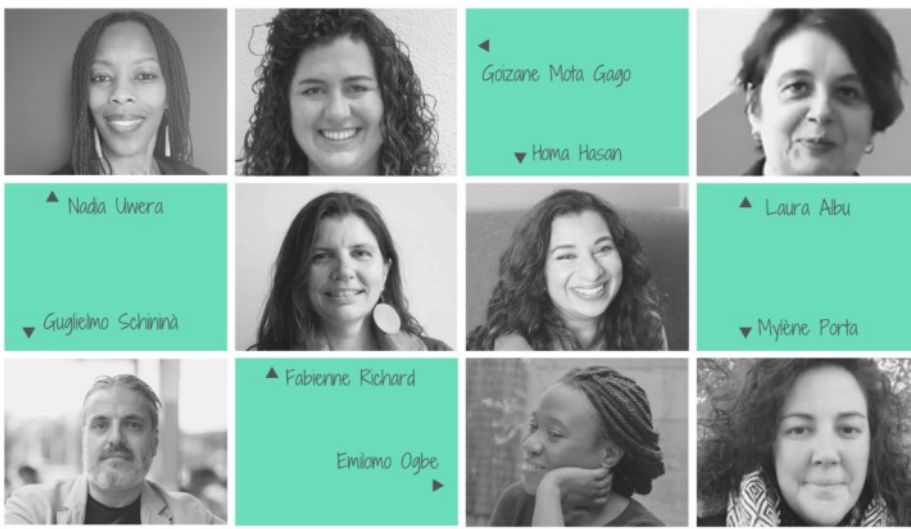
- 1:** Introduction to SGBV in a migratory context, including intercultural communication, gender and intersectional dimensions, and vulnerabilities related to the migration path.
- 2:** Domestic violence
- 3:** Trafficking in human beings
- 4:** Other forms of SGBV, such as female genital cutting, forced marriages, honour-related violence and violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.



The fight against SGBV and for the inclusion of migrant communities is a priority for the city of Luxembourg. It is part of the municipal action plan of 2019-2022 (available in French, [here](#)). The city of Luxembourg is a direct supporter of the Equalcity project : have a look at the [City magazine edition of 2020](#), where our project is featured ! (p. 20)



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THE EXPERT PANEL

Each toolbox developed in the project has been carefully reviewed by a diverse panel of thematic experts. The experts brought a wide variety of expertise and insights on the comprehensiveness, duplicability and practical use of the tools in other EU contexts.

The experts involved in the project include field specialists, activists, academics, and specialized city services.

Through this project update, we would like to **warmly thank** all of the Equalcity experts for their involvement in the project!

Consult the experts' profiles per toolbox on our [website](#).

Meet the Experts

Toolbox Migrant Women and Girls



2021



At the start of 2021, Femmes en Détresse will launch the piloting of the training tools across frontline services in Luxembourg. Trainers and frontline workers will be trained on topics linked to SGBV and migration, including intercultural communication, gender equality and intersectionality. Participants will be asked to evaluate the tools created. This evaluation will help to tailor the tools further and to ensure that they are adapted to the beneficiaries' needs before publication.

This summer, the thematic workshops will take place and will gather the project's 35 trainee cities/organizations around the table to discuss the project toolboxes! This event will be interactive and insightful and will allow for trainee cities to network and discuss the training manual developed by Femmes en Détresse.

Trainee cities indeed play a crucial role in this project! Based on their feedback, the tools will be fine-tuned before translation.



MUST READ!

UN Women, [Gender equality: Women's rights in review 25 years after Beijing, 2020](#)



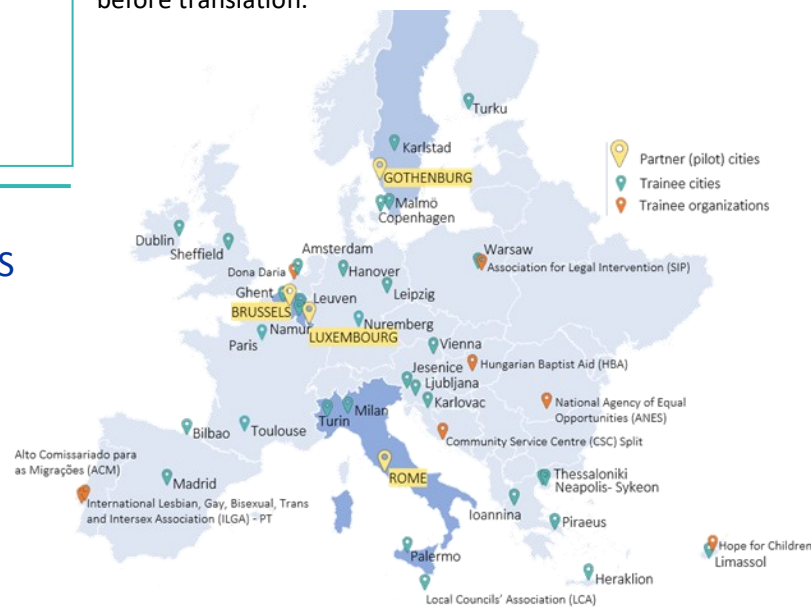
TRAINEE CITIES — WOMEN AND GIRLS

- Amsterdam (NL)
- Association for Legal Intervention (PL)
- Copenhagen (DK)
- Hannover (DE)
- Heraklion (GR)
- Jesenice (SL)
- Leipzig (DE)
- Limassol (CY)
- Local Councils' Association (MT)
- Namur (BE)
- Neapolis-Sykeon (GR)
- Nuremberg (DE)
- Paris (FR)
- Piraeus (GR)
- Sheffield (UK)
- Thessaloniki (GR)
- Toulouse (FR)
- Turin (IT)
- Turku (FI)
- Vienna (AUT)
- Warsaw (PL)



Any questions on your role as TRAINEE CITY?

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