

Dear interpreters,

We are happy to contact you on behalf of the INHeRE-consortium **with a professional development opportunity and a request for your participation** in our project.

INHeRE is a European funded project implemented by Ghent University – the International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH) – Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR) (Belgium), Payoke (Belgium), Belgian Federal Service of Public Health (Belgium), Victim Support Europe (European Union), The Havens Sexual Assault Referral Centre (United Kingdom) and the Irish Department of Justice and Equality (Ireland).

INHeRE aims to **improve inclusive and holistic care for migrant and refugee victims of sexual violence and/or trafficking regardless of age, gender and sexual orientation**, by developing tools and trainings for professionals working with this target group.

One of the trainings we have developed is an **online course** that consists of 8 modules covering different topics related to sexual violence in a migration context. The aim of this e-learning course is to **improve the skills of frontline workers** in identifying sexual violence and providing care to refugee and migrant victims of sexual violence and/or trafficking for sexual purposes.

We would like to invite you to participate in pilot testing our online course

We wish to test and evaluate the online course with 150 key professionals. Clinical psychologists, police officers, interpreters and intercultural mediators, professional working in sexual assault referral centers and other services that may assist migrant survivors of sexual violence and trafficking, are considered key professionals. They can all take part in the piloting of this online course. Therefore, we would like to **invite you to participate** in the testing of the online course and/or **share this invitation within your network**.

What are the benefits of participating?

- **You will gain knowledge** on **the impact of sexual violence** and skills in **caring for refugee and migrant victims of sexual violence**
- Upon completion of the course you will **receive a certificate** of participation
- You will **help us improve the course**, by evaluating the modules
- Participation is **free of charge**
- Some participants will be offered the **opportunity to take part in follow-on, in-person training**, if they wish (please follow the link below for further details)
- Some participants will also be invited to participate in a **paid research** simulation – further information will be shared with those who register for the online course

How to participate

**Registration is now open** and will remain so until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020.

The pilot period of the course runs from the **9<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 until the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**. Within this three-month piloting period, participants are free to follow the modules whenever suits them best. Approximately 9 hours is needed to follow the course.

For more detailed information regarding the online course as well as the registration process, please click on the **following link**: <https://webappsx.ugent.be/eventManager/events/inhere>

Thank you in advance for your support.

On behalf of the INHeRE consortium

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