

**TO: TO THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE
OF THE FINAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF WEGO 3 PROJECT**

**DEAR ORGANISERS, DEAR PARTICIPANTS,
DEAR GUESTS,**

On behalf of the academic community of the University of Ruse, Bulgaria, I would like to express our sincere congratulations to your final international conference, whose aim is to present and summarize the impressive results of the project "From individual Intimate Partner Violence (IPVs) empowerment to community activation" (WEGO 3). Dealing with the problems of women who have experienced violence in a relationship with a man, WEGO3 aims to increase the local multi-agency networks' capacity to foster the IPV survivors' socio-economic independence through the design and adoption of gender-responsive labour policies.

As a university preparing professionals in the field of Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Public Health, we fully support the project objectives, namely: to improve the policies for overcoming barriers to economic empowerment of IPV survivors and their discrimination both at national and EU level.

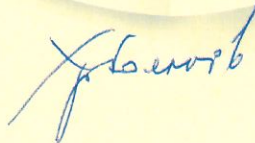
In 2021 we signed the territorial protocol supporting the efforts of Dynamics Center-Ruse for economic empowerment of women who have experienced violence in a relationship with a man.

In 2022 some of our students studying in the degree programme Social Work took part in the establishment of the Hourly Childcare Agency "Veselushko22", as well as in the special trainings provided by the Center for Sustainable Communities Development-Bulgaria.

We are the first university in Bulgaria which has approved a Gender Equality Plan as part of our strategic policy for equal treatment of all individuals in the education and research.

The University of Ruse is privileged to have taken part in the implementation of WEGO 3 project activities and the dissemination of the project results. We wish all project participants and supporters health, energy and success in their socially responsible work and their future ideas and actions in benefit of all human beings around the world.

GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS!



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