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Welcome to the third edition of the **REaDAPT** newsletter which highlights key aspects of the 3rd **REaDAPT** partner meeting, progress with implementation of READAPT interventions in schools in Malta, news from Keele and Malta on the forthcoming research toolkit, and interesting insights from a related DAPHNE project on family violence. We also draw your attention to the next partner meeting in Malta and the upcoming call for new DAPHNE proposals. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

**REaDAPT**, which is an EU-funded DAPHNE project aiming to establish how best to support young people who have been exposed to domestic violence, whether at the hands of a parent, step-parent, or even in a dating relationship, and help them move on, recover, and build healthy relationships of their own. You can read the official press release announcing the launch of the project [here](#).

Please take a look at the REaDAPT website: [www.readapt.eu](http://www.readapt.eu)

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## Maltese REaDAPT Implementation Imminent

The implementation of REaDAPT interventions in Maltese secondary schools will officially start with the launch of a national workshop on 29 March 2012. Teachers, education professionals and stakeholders active in the field of domestic violence in Malta will be introduced to the project, the prevention toolkit and research evaluation strategy. Preparations in Malta so far have focussed on a close collaboration between MRDDF and all relevant authorities and organisations active in the field of domestic violence. The endorsement of the Commission on Domestic Violence in Malta has been sought and the Democracy and Values Education section within the Ministry of Education have been approached to support the project with a circular to all schools in Malta.

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Competition - 'Portray a Home without Violence'; Source: Commission on Domestic Violence (From left to right: First prize winner - St Augustine School Pieta', Second prize winner - St Paul's Missionary College Rabat, Third prize winner - St Paul's Missionary College Rabat)

MRDDF aims to consolidate and strengthen the involvement of local schools by connecting the REaDAPT intervention implementation to a school poster competition. The start and end of the competition coincides with the start of the project implementation as there have been good examples such as the 'Portray a Home without Violence' competition – see images above – that could provide further momentum and continued participation by Maltese schools. The competition that took place in 2007 raised awareness on the issue of domestic violence among students. Only schools that implement the REaDAPT programme in 2012 can participate in the next competition. This will lead to a nation-wide poster exhibition that concludes with a dissemination event in 2013.

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## Release of REaDAPT Research Toolkit

The Keele team are close to finalizing the research toolkit. The toolkit provides a user-friendly explanation of the use of the Attitudes to Domestic Violence Questionnaire, together with some of the practical challenges that need to be overcome when administering questionnaires to children and young people. The toolkit also provides an explanation of how to conduct focus groups with young people and how to begin analyzing the kind of conversations such group discussions elicit. It is anticipated that the research toolkit will be finalized in January and that a draft will go live on the REaDAPT website in Spring 2012.

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## Development of the REaDAPT toolkit and local strategy – News from the Directorate General for Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Youth Prevention and Juvenile Crime

The Directorate General for Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Youth Prevention and Juvenile Crime (Regional Ministry of Presidency – Region of Murcia) developed the last draft of the REaDAPT training toolkit, together with ARCH and Du Côté des Femmes. Following the Toulouse meeting, the REaDAPT team incorporated feedback, specifically from the Co-ordinator and Linköping University. The REaDAPT toolkit will be ready to be evaluated at the beginning of 2012.

In the last meeting, it was agreed that the Directorate General will participate in the Maltese "train the trainers" seminar. Their involvement is important as a means to provide the Maltese project partners with a gender approach and to share knowledge and experiences with partners and Maltese professionals.

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Regarding the regional strategy, the Directorate General organised two focus groups in IES Salvador Sandoval, in Las Torres de Cotillas (Murcia) in which students involved in the project "The Mask of Love" in the last academic year participated. Aside from receiving highly relevant information for the research toolkit, we also got quite interesting and useful information for further editions of the project "The Mask of Love". The Directorate General highly appreciated the students' feedback and approaches. As a result we are also considering the possibility of including focus groups in our own evaluation strategy. For the current academic course (2011/2012), fifty Secondary Schools applied to be able to implement the project "The Mask of Love". Thanks to that, the project's sustainability and consolidation are assured.

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### **REaDAPT 3rd Partner meeting in Toulouse**

The REaDAPT partners had a very successful meeting in Toulouse. Partners were updated on progress with the data collection; presentations were received on the research toolkit; and a hands on workshop was conducted on the educational toolkit. Preliminary discussions were also held on the best means of delivering gender-based violence prevention and relationship education to young people. These conversations will be continued when the partners meet again in Malta and Sweden during 2012. The team are exceptionally grateful to Clarisse Agostini and Anne-Marie Martin for the very warm hospitality during the meeting, and making sure everyone arrived and departed safely from the meeting.

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### **"Beating Family Violence-The Unique Contribution of the Multi-Family Approach" - Conference Report by WMEC**

REaDAPT's Belgian partner attended the final European conference for a fellow Daphne project [www.multifamilyassessment.net](http://www.multifamilyassessment.net) on 15th and 16th December 2011 in Brussels. 'Beating Family Violence: the unique contribution of the multi-family approach' (the title of the conference) offered stimulating and inspiring insights into the techniques used to tackle violence within the family.



Delegates heard from several experts in the field including Eia Sen, Systemic Psychotherapist and Psychiatrist, Clinical Director of Marlborough Family Service in London, Ivan Eisler, Professor of Family Psychology and Family Therapy and Head of Section of Family Therapy at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London and Justice Van Lawick, clinical psychologist and family therapist in the Netherlands.

So influential has the work been across Belgium that the new government has agreed to adopt many of the recommendations suggested to the Minister of the Brussels-Capital region, Mrs Evelyne Huytebroeck, who has been extremely supportive of the project and its outcomes. The two day conference offered unique insights into the work of the project and a CD-ROM of the multi-family techniques can be ordered upon special request from [sylviebianchi@mac.com](mailto:sylviebianchi@mac.com) All the presentations of the event can be downloaded here: [www.multifamilyassessment.net](http://www.multifamilyassessment.net)

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## **Upcoming Events: REAdAPT Partner meeting in Malta, 28-30 March 2012**

The next meeting of the REAdAPT project is planned to take place between the 28th and 30th March 2012 in Malta. It will be organised in conjunction with a workshop to introduce the toolkit to educators and mark the nation-wide launch and roll-out of new REAdAPT provisions to secondary schools in Malta. Currently, preparations are underway to invite stakeholders, teachers and education professionals to the one-day workshop on 29th March. A question and answer session at the end of the workshop is planned to clarify any remaining questions about the implementation of the provisions in the class room. The agenda as well as a list of speakers will be available on the REAdAPT website in due course.



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## **Call for proposals - Daphne III "Action grants"**

The next call for proposal within the DAPHNE III Programme is open. This call aims for large-scale projects built on a wide partnership involving organisations from a significant number of Member States and offering true European scope and relevance.

The selected projects have to focus on one of the following priorities:

- Rights of victims of violence
- Violence linked to harmful practices
- Children as victims and perpetrators of violence
- Perpetrator programmes and interventions
- Training programmes for professionals in contact with victims
- Empowerment work at grass-roots level
- Media violence, particularly violence linked to new technology and social networking tools

The deadline for submitting proposals via the PRIAMOS online application is:

**29 March 2012, 12:00 CET.**

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