



UniSAFE
ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Making universities and research organisations safe from gender-based violence by building a knowledge base and operational tools.

UniSAFE is an EU-funded project that **aims to produce better knowledge on gender-based violence and sexual harassment (GBV) in research performing organisations (RPOs)**, and to **translate this knowledge into operational tools** for higher education, research organisations and policymakers.

Research and outreach activities targeting researchers, stakeholders and policymakers will be led across Europe for three years, starting in February 2021. The project will analyse the mechanisms of GBV - its social determinants, antecedents and consequences - at three different levels, using a holistic research model:

- **Prevalence and impacts of GBV** will be analysed via data gathered by a survey among 45 RPOs (micro level).
- **Organisational responses and infrastructure** will be investigated via data gathered by in-depth case studies, interviews, and a strategic mapping of research organisations in 15 member states (meso level).
- **Legal and policy frameworks** will be examined through extensive mapping by national experts in 27 European states and 3 associated states (macro level).

This multi-field research design will provide in-depth knowledge of existing problems, current and future priorities and will result in an operational toolkit and recommendations to reduce GBV in the European academic and research area.

Who are we?

UniSAFE relies on a strong multi-disciplinary consortium of nine European partners. The strength of the consortium is based on the partners' in-depth knowledge and extensive collaborative track record on **researching** GBV, **transforming** academic insights into operational tools, and knowledge **dissemination**.

- European Science Foundation
- Örebro University
- GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
- Yellow Window
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Institute of sociology of the academy of sciences of the Czech Republic
- Lithuanian Social Research Centre



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- Jagiellonian University
- Oxford Brookes University

Join the community!

We are currently identifying RPOs who are interested in participating in the project through a survey among staff and students and become part of a community that will exchange on the development of effective policies and measures to combat GBV.

Participating organisations will benefit from this community by developing effective policies and measures to combat GBV adapted to their own processes and structures. They will be provided with first-hand information, as well as specific support from expert partners. On a practical level, participation will involve:

- Running the survey according to instructions and within the time frame
- Sharing your RPO's existing policies and measures

And optionally:

- Participating in a case study
- Co-designing tools
- Testing state-of-the-art tools, providing feedback
- Taking part in pilot trainings and in mutual exchange workshops
- Actively engaging in the community of practice, exchanging, and learning from a group of 45 RPOs!

Ethics

UniSAFE will have a dedicated Ethics Helpdesk in place to assist the RPOs by providing them with information about ethical aspects of the project and answering their ethics-related questions. In turn, RPOs commit to obtaining Ethics approvals from their institutional and/or national Ethics Committees, as applicable.

Indicative Timeline

- RPOs' expression of interest: until 2. March
- RPOs' formal commitment to the project: end of April 2021
- Launch meeting with all participating RPOs: October 2021
- Field implementation: from December 2021 to February 2022.

**For further info on the project please contact us at unisafe-eu@esf.org
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