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# Therapeutic work with adults who use violence in close relationships: experiences and financing

## The Czech Perspective

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## General framework

- Prevention of gender-based violence one of the priorities of the Czech Government
- **Signature of the Istanbul Convention** (May 2016), preparation of the ratification
- **Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-based Violence for 2015 – 2018**
  - Programmes for violent persons one of the priority areas (ensure availability of interventions for violent persons, adopt and implement standards of quality)
- Working group on programmes for violent persons (financing, standards of quality)
- **Analysis of work with violent persons** (2016, Herdová, Jarkovská, Pešáková, Trávníček) within a project funded by Norway grants

# Interventions for violent persons in the Czech Republic

- Around **10 organizations** providing interventions (mainly in Prague and Brno) = **limited availability**
- First programme opened in 2007 (individual) / 2008 (group) = **short experience**
- **Different approach** (therapeutic interventions / anger management, individual / group)
- **Individual standards** (no unified standards of quality)
- Only some of the organizations focuses on masculinity and violence / gender equality issues

# Interventions for violent persons in the Czech Republic

- **Mostly self-referred clients** (can be mandated within the criminal procedure / offenses), one of the organizations provides interventions mostly to mandated clients
- Only one programme for violent persons sentenced to prison
- **Various sources** of financing (no systematic support):
  - Norway grants,
  - social services, local/regional authorities,
  - prevention of crimes (Ministry of the Interior), health services (Ministry of Health), probation service (Ministry of Justice)
  - co-financing by participants,
  - other

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# Interventions for violent persons in the Czech Republic

- **Current activities of the Office of the Czech Government**
  - **Unified standards of quality**
  - **Systematic financing (grant programme operated by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)**
  - **Awareness raising**

