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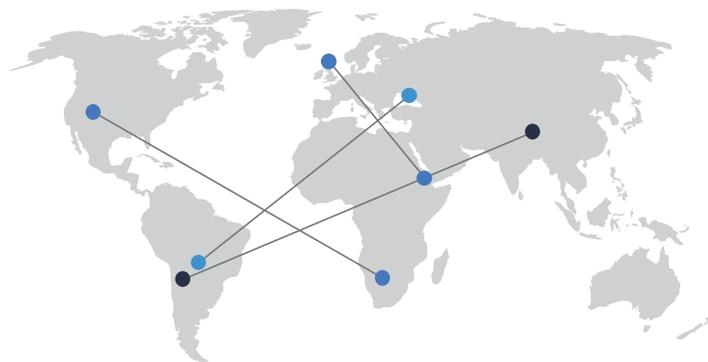
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In a systematic review and meta-analysis of research until 2015 (Yon, Mikton, Gassoumis, & Wilber, 2017), it was found that the prevalence of elderly mistreatment worldwide that included 28 countries globally, showed that in communities, almost one in six older persons 60 years or over had been victims of emotional, physical, sexual and financial violence and neglect in the past year.

The average prevalence rate globally in communities was 15,7%.



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SAVE

SCREENING FOR ABUSE VICTIMS AMONG ELDERLY



**IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION
AND INTERVENTION ON VIOLENCE
AGAINST OLDER PERSONS IN
SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE SETTINGS**



THE BACKGROUND

There were geographical differences globally, which in Europe were between 2,2% to 61,1%. For Europe, the estimated prevalence rate was 15,4%.

We know that elder abuse is under-reported: big part of it may not be diagnosed. There are many reasons for this, including fear of consequences, not recognizing being a victim but also the fact that social and health care providers are inadequately trained in how to recognize violence and support older victims of domestic violence. On the other hand, early identification of abuse is important as it may prevent future violence and reduce risk of future health impacts resulting from violence.

Using screening tools for identification is helpful to support

professionals to recognize and assess violence and neglect of older persons, however it is still rare across EU.

The SAVE project aims to improve the adoption of screening programmes for elder abuse in health and social care settings, by providing training and support to professionals on how to use implement them effectively.

THE PROJECT

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SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT ARE:

increase knowledge of screening tools and their suitability in identification of violence against older persons in social and health care services

improve capacity of social and health care professionals to identify and intervene and support and refer the cases of violence against older persons to relevant services

develop educators' competences to teach professionals how to deal with violence against older persons and to support and mentor them

produce an interactive training program for improving active and innovative learning of social and health care teachers, trainers and professionals in identification and intervention in case of violence against older persons.

THE TARGET GROUPS OF SAVE ARE:

- social and health care professionals working in home care, residential care facilities, health centres and hospitals
- social and health care teachers and trainers
- local/regional social and health care decision makers in the community

THE EXPECTED OUTPUTS INCLUDE:

- a literature review about the number and quality of screening instruments for older adult's mistreatment.
- country specific recommendations for the use of screening instruments.
- A training curriculum and material on identification and intervention on violence against older persons to be implemented face-to-face
- An online course to mainstream project results to a wider audience