

## **EUTOPA – IP Conference in Cologne, April 8 and 9, 2011 Town Hall and Art’otel**

The main objective of the conference in Cologne was to discuss how the TGIP relates to Multidisciplinary Guidelines (MG) of Early Intervention. The Target Group Intervention Program (TGIP) is considered a secondary preventive concept of individual psychosocial aftercare and describes every intervention step from psychological primary care to indicated psychotherapy more specifically. Our concept is based on the opinion that process-orientation and identification of risk-groups is successful in driving forth effective crisis intervention programmes. In the previous EUTOPA project (2007 – 2009), we adapted the TGIP to disaster situations. Our partners from Impact, Amsterdam, published a Multidisciplinary Guideline (MG) for early psychosocial interventions after disasters, terrorism and other shocking events. As a product of EUTOPA, we conclude that this MG can also be used as a frame for other EU member states.

Accordingly to key aspects of the TGIP manuals (I to III), we discussed different topics in four different workshops at the conference. Manual I is an introduction to our **concept of prognostic screening** based on the Cologne Risk Index. Manual II contains the modules of the TGIP including **mid- and long term interventions**. In Manual III we discuss how to conduct **trauma-based psychoinformation**. Additionally, we discussed the approach of the **International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF)** to implement rehabilitation programs for those who developed impairment of functioning and limitations of activity and participation.

To give input for our table discussions the key-note speakers and chairs shared their experience with us to answer our main question: How can EUTOPA-IP contribute to pursue the development of a European standardization of psychosocial concepts for aftercare in case of disasters?

For the second day at the conference in Cologne we invited colleagues to present their **practical experiences and empirical data on psycho-social care after disaster**. To this extent, data from recent research on the psycho-social aftercare of the Tsunami disaster were presented. We shared our experience with the EUTOPA approach and presented our evaluation on the psycho-social care of those who were affected by the collapse of the Historical City Archive of Cologne and the “Love Parade” Disaster in Duisburg, Germany.

For the future, further work is needed to take care of the special needs of uniformed services. To this extent, our partners from Impact presented their results on developing a guideline for uniformed services on the basis of the IMPACT guideline for early psychosocial interventions. Furthermore, the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) presented the results of their consensus process on guidelines that coordinates the local and federal level which is needed in case of disaster. Finally, the results of our round table discussions were presented in a Panel.

All in all 59 delegates from 21 European member state, Norway, Turkey and Israel took part at the conference in Cologne. We thank all the key-note speakers, the chairs and the delegates for their participation, their extraordinary engagement and their valuable and helpful suggestions.