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EHRN Launched Three-Year Campaign WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

End the Violence: Break the Silence!

Commemorating International Women's Day, on March 8, 2014, [the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network](#) (EHRN) launched the regional [WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE](#) campaign by signing a memorandum of cooperation with women who use drugs and harm reduction organizations from 16 cities of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

The goal of the three-year campaign is to empower women who use drugs in combating police violence in EECA. Year one of the campaign is run under the slogan **Breaking the Silence**. The objective of the first year is to raise awareness of law enforcement and other decision-makers on police violence against women who use drugs by mobilizing women who use drugs and building their capacity to document and report about police violence on special [Campaign platform](#).

Please help us to [report about police violence](#) against women who use drugs! The online questionnaire will take only five minutes to complete and it will help us to publicize facts about police violence. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can use a nickname.

To find out more about the campaign and how to report on police violence against women who use drugs, please watch the [Campaign video](#).

By signing the memorandum of cooperation, women who use drugs and harm reduction organizations from these 16 cities have expressed their support for the WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE campaign and their dedication to achieving the three-year objectives.

Campaign partners:

Country	City	Organization
Belarus	Minsk	Public Association „Positive Movement”
Georgia	Tbilisi	Georgian Harm Reduction Network Women’s organization “Akeso”
	Batumi	Union “Imedi”
	Kutaisi	The Center of Psycho-social Information and Consultation “New Way”
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Public Foundation “Asteria”
Moldova	Balti	Union for HIV/AIDS prevention and Harm

	Chisinau	Reduction Public organization “For the present and the future”
Russia	Moscow Tomsk Yekaterinburg Kaliningrad	Andrey Rylkov Foundation Foundation “Tomsk against AIDS” Regional charity organization “Chance Plus” Activists’ group “Formation”
Ukraine	Kiev Zaporozhe Ternopol Donetsk Chernovcy	Coalition of HIV Service Organizations NGO “Club Eney” Charitable Foundation “Spodivannya” The Center for Spiritual and Psychological support “Dzherela” Public organization “Club Svitanok” Public organization “Bright future for you”

EHRN invites other women who use drugs and harm reduction organizations to join the campaign.

By reporting police violence against women who use drugs, we will collect the evidence for building the dialogue between the women drug user communities, decision makers and other stakeholders.

Please find more information about the collaboration in the [Memorandum of cooperation](#).

Year two of the campaign is the **Year of Dialogue**. The main objective for the second year is to build dialogue between women who use drugs, decision makers and other stakeholders in order to come up with effective solutions in combating police violence against women who use drugs.

Year three of the campaign is the **Year of Monitoring and Accountability**. The objective of the third year is to monitor implementation of police and other governmental stakeholders’ commitments to combat violence against women who use drugs.

Please find more information about the Campaign in the [Campaign Concept Note](#).

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