

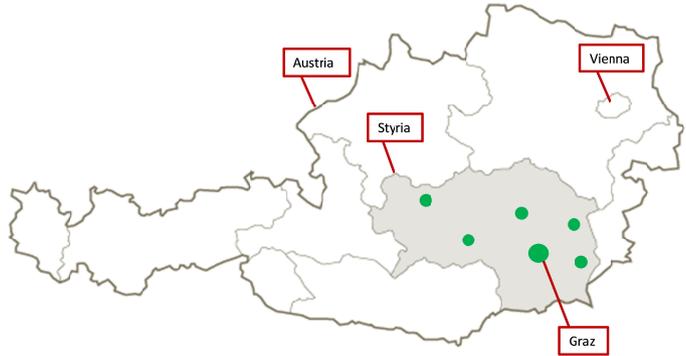
Name of the organization:

Men's Counselling Centre Styria / Unit for Work With Perpetrators

(Responsible organisation: Association for Men and Gender Issues Styria)

Graz, Austria

Counselling centres in 6 Styrian regions (Graz; Bruck/Mur; Feldbach; Liezen; Judenburg; Hartberg)



Presenters at WWP-Meeting



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We are a **NPO** in Styria / Austria (founded in 1996) that provides:

- Counselling centres for men
- Work with male perpetrators of violence (target group: men and male youngsters)
- Gender-reflecting work with male youngsters, violence prevention
- Research on men, masculinities and gender issues; adult education

We provide support and treatment for approx. 1000 men per year, among them 100-150 with violent behaviour. In 2014, 131 violent men and male youngsters contacted our service. For approx. one third of these, longer-term-interventions have been provided.

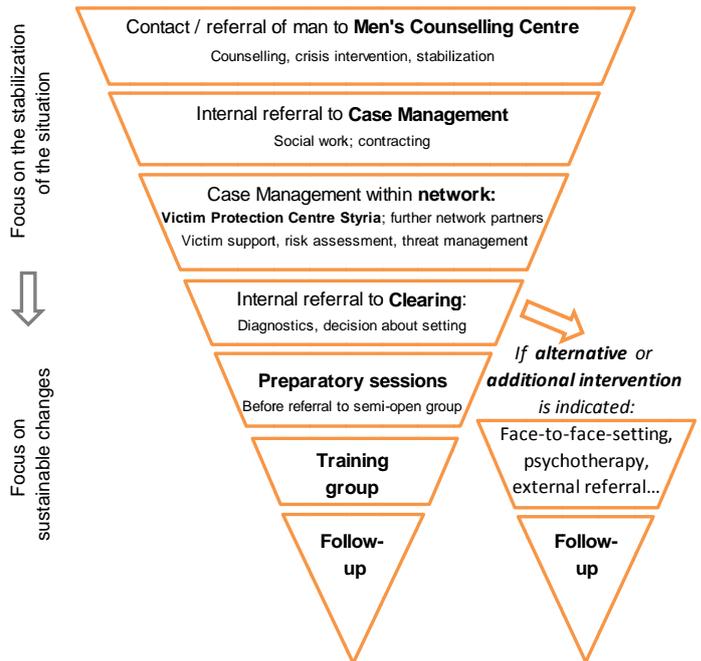
All kinds of violence occur (sexual, physical, psychological; against men, women, children; etc.).

Within all our offers for violent men/youngsters, we strive for **co-operation** and **co-ordinated interventions**.

Our **network partners** are: Violence Protection Centre Styria; Women's Shelters Styria; child protection centres; Probation Service; Child & Youth Welfare Authority; alcohol and drug abuse programs; police; courts

An **interdisciplinary team** of counsellors, social workers, psychologists, trainers and psychotherapists is tailoring interventions for each case. We work with **self-referred** as well as with **agency-referred** perpetrators of violence, either in a group- or in a face-to-face-setting. Depending on a clearing phase that precedes any intervention, the training programmes, psychotherapy, combinations of these or further interventions are applied.

Work with male perpetrators of violence against female partners



The group work with **men who are violent against their female partners** is a CHANGE-like training program. The victims are supported by our co-operation partner **Violence Protection Centre Styria**.

We take part in various national **expert networks** to share our concepts and experiences. To ensure sufficient **funding** for our work remains a problem; we can only cover a part of the regional demand for work with perpetrators.

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