

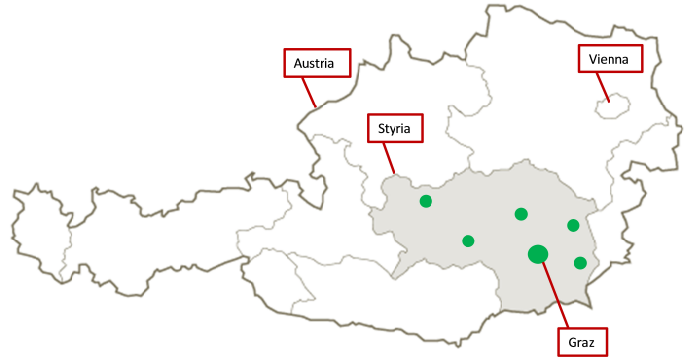
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# Men's Counselling Centre Styria / Unit for Work With Perpetrators

(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.

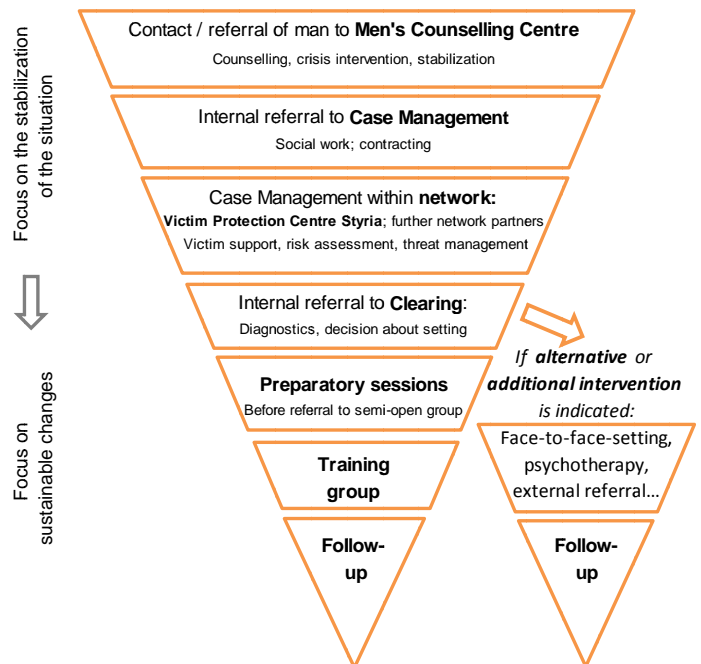
**All kinds of violence** occur (sexual, physical, psychological; against men, women, children; etc.).

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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