



European Network for Transnational AIDS/STD Prevention among Migrant Prostitutes (TAMPEP 5)

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Project Overview

1. Introduction

Today, prostitution in Europe can be seen as a transnational phenomenon with common issues and common features. It is important, therefore, that European co-operation among the various geographic regions, including Western, Eastern, Southern and Northern Europe, is promoted.

It was recognising this fact that in 1993 TAMPEP (Transnational AIDS/STI prevention amongst Migrant Prostitutes in Europe Project) was established. TAMPEP is an international networking and intervention project operating in 21 countries in Europe, including 7 countries in Central and Eastern Europe². Its general aims are to:

- advocate for the human and civil rights of migrant sex workers;
- facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience and good practice amongst the members; and
- develop and implement effective strategies of HIV and STI prevention amongst migrant sex workers across Europe.

2. Development of the project

The role of the TAMPEP project is to organise, co-ordinate, facilitate and carry out the activities related to the implementation of HIV/STI prevention among migrant sex workers in Europe based on TAMPEP methodology, to train members of the network, facilitate the participation of CEE countries, organise lobbying and advocacy activities at national, regional and international levels, promote and organise international forums and platforms, and carry out research concerning prostitution and migration in the countries of the network.

¹ Under the 'Programme of Community Action on the Prevention of AIDS and certain other Communicable Diseases'

² 5 countries associated with EU (Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania) are direct partners of TAMPEP 5 programme); Latvia, Ukraine, Norway and Switzerland have participated in some activities as invited countries and had their own financial means

The first four phases of the project – TAMPEP 1-4 - had as a general objective to develop innovative models of intervention to reduce HIV, STI and other communicable diseases for migrant and mobile sex workers in Europe, carrying out research regarding prostitution and migration in Europe and implement TAMPEP methodology within the network of service providers in four countries. In the phase 3 and 4 TAMPEP cooperated with the European Network of Europap in order to bring in our expertise and guidelines regarding migrant and mobile prostitution. This cooperation resulted in the set up of expert groups and the publication of the manual “Hustling for Health”.

TAMPEP 1- 4 resulted in a number of tested models for prevention of HIV/STI among migrant sex workers differentiated to the various subgroups, the various situations they work in, the variations of national and cultural background and incorporated the aspect of mobility in the methodology of health and safe sex technique promotion.

The main objectives of **TAMPEP 5** were to:

- Support, develop and extend HIV/STD and other communicable diseases prevention intervention for migrant and mobile sex workers In Europe; and
- Promote human rights and equality perspective in public health policy for migrant/mobile sex workers.

In TAMPEP 5, the tested models of intervention that had been carried out in the framework of the previous phases of the project have been adapted and implemented within the broad framework of service providers and community based organisations in all EU countries and in 7 countries in Central and Eastern Europe. In the TAMPEP 5 programme there had been a strong focus on implementation of previous recommendations and strengthening of networking on national, regional and international levels.

3. Progress made

TAMPEP has worked toward these objectives by:

Laboratory:

- continuation of carrying out of TAMPEP work in the regions of previous phases and introduction and implementation of TAMPEP methodology (with the technical support in the form of manuals, guidelines, educational/information materials) in 12 EU and 7 CEE countries
- development of common transnational health promotion strategies and materials for migrant and mobile prostitution, with an emphasis on hard to reach subgroups of migrant sex workers and identification and creation of platform of local and national services throughout Europe

Antenna and Expertise:

- common collection of data and mapping of prostitution scene in the countries belonging to the network. The process of gathering of data has allowed us to register and analyse the variations and dynamics of the phenomenon of prostitution and migration on European level.
- evaluation of the process of capacity building of service providers in the participating countries.

- development of a common quality standard of HIV/STI interventions among migrant sex workers, and monitoring their implementation on a regional level (by the regional commissions).

Training and consultation:

- contacting service providers in the participating countries in collaboration with the organisations involved in the network and to provide support and training for the staff of the services.
- establishment of a training, information and consultation centre in order to become an efficient place of reference and expertise within the network.

Networking:

- creation of a social-health care services network on national, regional and European levels. This networking activities have been organised on a national level by the participant countries, on a regional level by three regional commissions (northern, central and southern) and on a international level by all network memberships.
- involvement and coordination of activities and strategy planning with relevant international agencies such as: UNAIDS, UNICEF, IOM, OSI, etc.

4. Impact of the project

The role of women in different societies has changed enormously in recent years with the number of women opting for migration dramatically increasing, giving rise to what is called “female labour migration”. In this new international context, prostitution has become became an important labour option for a growing number of women, men and transgender persons all over the world, as well as an important economic factor for others involved.

In Europe, the impact of the internationalisation of prostitution can be seen in the radical changes within the new structures of the European sex industry. Extensive mobility of and a high turnover in migrants working in prostitution have led to the appearance of new forms of prostitution and to high level of vulnerability and social exclusion of migrant sex workers. These factors lead to high barriers to access to health care, to information about safe sex practices and to prevention measures. In order to develop specific methods while working with migrant sex workers, there is a need for continuous evaluation of the changes in the current situation and their effects on the behavioural patterns of the target group. TAMPEP has been developing different strategies in this field in order to accomplish its aims. This analytical process has enabled it to become an active and wide-spread “*observational body*,” keeping a constant eye on the situation of migrant and mobile sex workers in Europe.

Due to the present situation of sex work TAMPEP developed holistic strategies on interventions covering various areas: health and HIV/STI prevention, legal and social framework and human rights protection. The services active in this field have been empowered in their efforts to carry out special services for migrants sex workers, supported in development of multi-sectorial activities and strengthened in identification of priorities for policy, strategies and intervention techniques. The need of continuous assessment of the situation of prostitution in the region has been recognised as the basic element of setting up of comprehensive services and policies for sex workers on transnational level.

5. Methodology used

TAMPEP's main objective is to develop and implement effective and realistic HIV/AIDS/STD intervention schemes for migrant and mobile sex workers. Therefore, for TAMPEP 5, the permanent exercise of observing, analysing and evaluating has been the basis of its methodology. It has carried forward its objectives through direct intervention methodology by way of outreach and street work with migrant sex workers; the involvement of cultural mediators and peer educators; as well as the development and dissemination of information material.

5.1 Outreach and street work with migrant sex workers

Outreach and street work with migrant sex workers has been the most effective working technique in initiating and maintaining contact with the target group, which is hard to reach. Street work is organised according to the prostitution characteristics in a country or city. It is systematic, frequent and intensive in order to build a relationship of trust with migrant prostitutes, who most often work in street prostitution, sex clubs, bars, windows or private apartments. Street work, however, is not limited to handing out condoms, lubricating jellies or information material, and promoting safe sex practices but involves establishing personal contact with migrant sex workers as well as providing guidance and support in social, legal and psychological issues. The street work team carries out regular assessments both of the work itself and of the changes that are being produced in the target group in the field of prostitution. Short-term street work projects are counter-productive, generating false expectations in the target groups, and therefore, distrust.

5.2 Cultural mediators

TAMPEP's street work is carried out by cultural mediators³ who are individuals capable of eliciting trust from the target group, and preferably of the same ethnic group or nationality as the sex workers. They are also educators and trainers, with a mandate to pass on knowledge and experience in the field of STI/AIDS prevention among sex workers. The function of cultural mediators is not limited to that of social workers or translator - although they also carry out those sorts of activities. They are intercultural bridges contributing to the decoding of cultural codes in order to facilitate understanding, as well as the interpretation of non-verbal codes.

5.3 Peer educators

In contrast to cultural mediators, peer educators are members of the target group, and therefore identify completely with it. As they play the role of leaders and articulate the interests of their peers, they must have a base in the community, and be recognised as leaders, while at the same time representing the project. They should be able to raise awareness among their colleagues, and to organise and conduct workshops on various themes related to prevention and safer sex practices

³ Cultural mediators are a go-between who know the motivations, the customs and the codes of dominant culture in the host country, as well the conditions, social ethics and the scene in which a minority group finds itself (TAMPEP definition).

in the field of AIDS/STI. Their success depends more on their identification with the role and acceptance within the community, than it does on their specific position.

Peer educators must also distinguish between their community work and the private lives of their fellow sex workers and themselves. They must also be able to apply the concept of peer education to a community that is extremely mobile. Their primary focus is on mutual support among colleagues with a view to sustaining behavioural changes in adopting safer sex.

5.4 Information Material

The development of specific information material is another essential element of TAMPEP's methodology. Much of the existing information material for migrant sex workers is produced with a Western mentality, without taking into account the diversity and heterogeneity of the migrant women constituting the target group. In order to be effective, this information must take into account the different cultural and ethnic backgrounds of the women. The materials are created and developed together with the target group during workshops, street work and other kinds of regular meetings. Production and use of information materials are considered as a tool for the work and not an end in itself.

5.5 Establishing Networks

A fundamental area in TAMPEP's strategy and one of the central pillars of its policy is: the constitution and strengthening of networks, given the extreme mobility of migrant prostitutes, as well as the permanent transformation and the transnational and many-sided character of this phenomenon. Within the TAMPEP 5 programme these networks had national, regional and international character.

6. Results achieved

Creation of a wide network of social-health care services (GO and NGO) for hard to reach groups of sex workers,

Creation of region-wide capacity to implement HIV/STD prevention among migrant sex workers in Europe.

Setting up of a international network structure and cooperation model among governmental and non-governmental organisations on regional, sub regional and national levels in order to: develop coherent, harmonized and effective coordination of policy and programmatic approaches in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention with migrant sex workers.

Drawing of an updated assessment of situation in prostitution comprising migration movements within the prostitution industry in Europe and identification of barriers to access to services for migrant sex workers

Formulating recommendations and advice to the national and international authorities concerning health, social and juridical policies.

7. Assessment of work compared with initial objectives

In order to support, develop and extend HIV/STI prevention interventions for migrant and mobile sex workers in Europe, the numerous activities have been effectuated following the working plan.

We continued with the work based on TAMPEP methodology and implemented the basic principles, products and guidelines in within the network of services providers in 21 countries. We expanded our activities to new regions in Central and Eastern Europe that adapted our multifaceted strategies towards their specific country contexts. In order to enhance capacity building of service providers, multi-sectorial activities have been carried out, such as training programmes, organisation of national platforms of service providers, rendering consultation and advice to governmental and non-governmental organisations in various countries.

Through the structure of the network we developed guidelines and common methodology for interventions in transnational prostitution. These qualitative guidelines for effective interventions have been embedded in the continuous assessment of the prostitution scene and data collection. It also included the comparison of the factors that increase the vulnerability of different sub groups in the population of migrant sex workers.

In order to guarantee and facilitate the access of migrant sex workers to health and social promotion activities special focus was put on the creation of nation-wide cooperation structure between public health and social service providers and community based organisations and other NGOs. The involvement of the governmental agencies in the creation of adequate response to the needs of migrant sex workers was one the central points of our strategy.

In order to promote human rights and quality perspective in public health policies for migrant and mobile sex workers wide range of advocacy activities was organised and carried out on the national, regional and international levels. They included involvement of network members of policy planning and/of organisation of special seminars that aimed at sensibilisation of policy makers and key holders towards the effects of discriminatory policies on the position and situation of (migrant) sex workers.

TAMPEP members participated actively in the development of international policies concerning human rights protection for vulnerable groups in prostitution in cooperation with UNAIDS, UNICEF, OSI, WHO, IOM, etc.

Specific TAMPEP 5 network results in relation with the project aims are:

1. Introduce and implement a common working philosophy of the intervention for migrant sex workers in Europe among the members of the network.

Network result: identification of needs of migrant sex workers and of barriers to the protection of their rights and the employment of multidisciplinary strategies in the interventions of the services belonging to the Network where the needs of women form a central point.

2. Creation of a wide network of social-health care services (GO and NGO) for hard to reach groups of sex workers.

Network result: identification and sensibilisation of medical and social services among the countries belonging to the Network, empowerment of NGOs on the national level, creation of a national networks, proper use of local resources and possibilities, cooperation with medical services providers.

3. Creation of region-wide capacity to implement HIV/STI prevention among migrant sex workers in Europe in the framework of health promotion (within the structures of the 3 Regional Commissions).

Network result: exchange of experience, knowledge and good practices amongst the member countries, identification of common gaps and the review of the situation of prostitution, working together on specific issues, carrying out of common training.

4. Drawing of a detailed updated map of migration movements within the prostitution industry in Europe and assessment of factors that determine the situation of sex workers.

Network result: using a questionnaire as a common instrument for a national mapping in order to get to know what happens in prostitution at the present moment and what are the trends in the prostitution scene, including legislative framework and the analysis of existing health and social systems.

5. Formulating recommendations and advice to the national and international public health authorities concerning health, social and juridical policies in prostitution.

Network result: social mobilisation and lobbying activities on national, regional and international levels.

6. Standardisation and adaptation of already existing information material and manuals produced by TAMPEP for a wide use among member countries.

Network result: spreading of the basic package of TAMPEP's ready to use information material, updating of the basic material, making the material accessible for the members of the network and the services in the countries of the network, production of new material.

TAMPEP's educational material has been distributed among the members of the network who facilitated the further distribution to other organisation in their country. The co-ordination centre gives assistance to the network member countries who wish to adapt TAMPEP materials and who want to make new materials.

7. Diffusion of experience, instruments, training and knowledge for international agencies and organisations dealing with the migrant, mobile and trafficked sex workers.

Network result: participation in strategic meetings of policy makers, giving support and advice to various GOs and NGOs, formulation and spreading of central recommendations to national governments and international agencies. Broad international diffusion of TAMPEP Position Paper and the Network Manifest.

Carrying out of training programmes for various service providers on the national, regional and international levels.

8. Dissemination of results

TAMPEP's methodology and its programme containing guidelines and recommendations are always presented and disseminated at various conferences and international activities. Every country of the network has organised one or more national seminars in order to: create network of local services and NGOs, carry out training for service providers or to organise social sensitisation activities. Seminar contents have been prepared in consultation with the General Co-ordinator and according to the programme of the Regional Commissions. These seminars were carried out parallel to the national TAMPEP programme based on the implementation of TAMPEP methodology as a regular activity. A list of conferences and national seminars is included as Annex A.

Prior to the start of TAMPEP 5, representatives participated in the World AIDS Conference held in South Africa, particularly within the "AIDS prevention track". At TAMPEP's PR-communication stand people could collect and consult all kind of material, documents, flyers produced by TAMPEP. Subsequently, more than 50 NGOs worldwide applied for material and/or information. More than 5000 copies of TAMPEP's book "Health, Migration and Sex Work" were distributed. At the World AIDS conference in Barcelona TAMPEP will have a stand and is invited to give presentation on Network's results. A poster presentation regarding TAMPEP activities will be effectuated.

In order to have a network instrument for advocacy on the protection of the human rights of migrant sex workers, and for national/international lobbying on policy development the network has produced a common Charter containing: TAMPEP network's mission statement thorough an analysis on prostitution, and recommendations on policies. The distribution campaign of the Charter started in September 2001 and is effectuated on the international level.

Some of TAMPEP network's partners have an important role as advisers and experts in national and international commissions/working groups regarding effects of prostitution laws and immigration laws for migrant sex workers. All Network partners have carried out various social mobilisation activities, such as influencing and informing parliament members and mass media. The National Seminars were organised in every country and were attended by representatives of relevant ministries.

9. Conclusions

TAMPEP's results have proved that HIV/STI prevention/intervention among migrant sex workers is feasible, especially when the local structural influences (sanitary, prostitution and alien policies) are considered. While working simultaneously in all European countries, this aspect needs to be recognised and integrated in prevention strategies and in the common issues which public health authorities face across Europe. In the situation of internationalisation of prostitution, the work and co-operation on a European level seems to be the only efficient and logical approach towards migratory prostitution which is characterised by a high national and trans-national mobility.

The network has directly contributed to primary prevention through facilitating access of migrant prostitutes working across Europe to appropriate services. The existing experiences and expertise are brought together and strengthened through the countries belonging to the Network. The Network facilitates exchange of knowledge and models of good practice among social, health and civil rights projects for sex workers. The Network has worked in the strict co-operation with relevant international agencies involved in the area of health and human rights for sex workers in order to harmonise the strategies and to give recommendations for new policies.

The direct and active participation of NGO and GO programmes from associated and candidate countries in our project have made it possible to work in the real European dimension. The countries from CEE, NIS, Central Asia were also involved in our Network as our counter partners in various activities. Norway and Switzerland also participated in all activities of the Network. We also co-operated with other relevant networks and sex workers' organisations and human rights organisations.

Annex A

List of participants

Note: This list contains only the selection of the names of persons and organisations who were partner of TAMPEP 5 project and who participated in the international and regional Network meetings. The names of persons and organisations who participated in the national activities of TAMPEP 5, meetings and seminars are listed in the national reports in the Volume 1 of the Final Report. The details regarding the participants of other TAMPEP international meetings are also listed in the Final Report.

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Annex B

Note: Details of the individual meetings can be found in Volumes 2 and 3 of the Final Report.

1. TAMPEP NETWORK meetings

Place	Date	Details
Vienna, Austria	January 26-28, 2001	<u>General meeting</u> (see Final report) <i>Number of participants: 70</i> Participating countries: 22
Milan, Italy	May 24-26, 2001	<u>Second Regional Southern Commission seminar</u> Participant countries: Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain. (Details in South Commission Meeting)
Ioannina, Greece	May 19-21, 2001	<u>Seminar of the TRANSNET project</u> (parallel project promoted by TAMPEP) Participants: 24 persons from Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, La Strada Poland, Albania, Romania, Russia.
Vienna, Austria	June 7-10, 2001	<u>European Seminar "East-West mobility in Europe: Overcoming barriers to HIV prevention for migrant and mobile sex workers"</u> Participant countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, France, Italy, Netherlands, Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine. The amount of participants was of 60 persons, 40 from EU and 20 from CEE countries
Warsaw, Poland	September 22-25, 2001	<u>Second Meeting of Central Eastern Regional Commission</u> Participant countries: The Netherlands, France, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Belarus. Planned number of participants: about 60 persons. Co-financiers were the Polish National AIDS Bureau and the Soros Foundation.
Edinburgh, UK	October 12 – 14, 2001	<u>Second North Commission meeting and training seminar.</u> Participants: United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Finland, and Lithuania. Regional meeting and training seminar for the members of the Commission. Focus of the training was the principles of outreach work and cultural mediation.
Prague, Czech Republic	December 6-7, 2001	<u>International seminar organised by LEFÖ/TAMPEP-Austria "Prostitution as an international phenomenon"</u> Participants: Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland.
Amsterdam, The Netherlands	January 11-13, 2002	<u>Second General meeting of the TAMPEP network</u> Participants: 22 countries (see report) Regional commission meeting (see report)
Kiev, Ukraine	January 28-30, 2002	<u>Regional Meeting on HIV Prevention among Sex Workers</u> In this meeting more than 60 projects and organisations providing services for sex workers in the CEE, Russia, Ukraine, NIS, Balkan and Central Asia countries have participated. It was organised by, UNAIDS, OSI, TAMPEP, AIDS Infoshare and British Council in Kiev, Ukraine.

2. TAMPEP 5 Network NATIONAL seminars

Note: Details of the individual meetings can be found in Volume 1 of the Final Report.

Place	Date	Details
AUSTRIA		
Raach/Gloggnitz	November 10-17, 2000	National Seminar for representatives of organisations and institutions who through their work deal with topic of women migration, migrant sex workers and trafficking in women (e.g. Women's shelters, deportation care institutions, intervention sites).
Vienna	March 13-14, 2001	Training seminar for authorities and police. The topic of the seminar: Exchange of experiences and to optimise communication between experts, strengthen the co-operation, draw up a package of measures as fundament for further co-operation.
Puchberg/Wels	July 6-8, 2001	National Seminar for representatives of NGOs and organisations working in the field of migrant women, violence against women, women in general, trafficking in women and sex workers. The main topic of the seminar was: Migrant Sex workers and Victims of Trafficking – legal framework in Austria and other European countries and possibilities of a crisis-intervention. The aim of the seminar was to sensitise for this special topic, draw up a package of measures as fundament for a stronger future co-operation.
CZECH REPUBLIC Prague	December 6-7, 2001	LEFÖ/TAMPEP-Austria organised this seminar with support of Women's Department of City of Vienna and it's MILENA Network, and in close co-operation with NGO La Strada in Prague. Prague was chosen intentionally as conference venue in order to highlight relevance of East/West co-operation and to draw attention to living and working conditions of (migrant) sex workers in Czech Republic – as a country of origin, transit and destination – in a political dimension. Participants; more than 60 representatives of NGOs and GOs (ministries, municipalities, health authorities, police etc.) from 6 Eastern and Western European countries to exchange and to explore different realities and approaches and to develop together new strategies in facing phenomenon of internationalisation of prostitution.
BELGIUM		
Brussels	March 16-17, 2001	Goals of seminar were: to assess prostitution scene in Belgium, to form a platform of organisations from Belgium and neighbouring countries involved in provision of HIV/STI prevention for (migrant) sex workers, to revise existing information materials and agree which ones can be adapted for every country. A representative of TAMPEP Coordination Centre was present at seminar.
Brussels	February 25, 2002	One-day national seminar on providing information for migrant sex workers. In this seminar most of associations in Belgium dealing with migrant prostitution and trafficking participated. The overview of the situation and assessment of the needs of the migrant sex workers have been effectuated. The execution of programme of protection of victims of trafficking has been revised. TAMPEP programme and information material have been presented and diffused among participating associations.
DENMARK Copenhagen	January 8, 2001	National seminar for social workers of different Danish NGOs and health care services, it was in form of one day training: what to consider and how to initiate and develop effective work for and with migrant sex workers. Training was provided by TAMPEP-Germany.
FINLAND Helsinki	October 26, 2001	National seminar for various Gos and NGOs in country. The topic of seminar was "Invisible Thai Women". Participants work with Thai women in prostitution in various settings and cities. The result of seminar is creation of a specific network of service providers in order to reach better "closed" forms of prostitution.

FRANCE Paris	April 19-20, 2001	National meeting on sex workers' projects from 11 cities. Assessment of situation on sex works in France. Reviews of activities of projects and how projects are directed towards migrants sex workers. Political actions and platforms discussions. Recommendations and lobby actions regarding France's policy on trafficking in women. Presentation of TAMPEP programme, presentation and reviews of materials. Follow up activity. A representative of TAMPEP Coordination Centre was present at the seminar.
GERMANY		
Berlin	November 8-11, 2000	Seminar of the European UMBRELLA Network + SPI/Berlin: "AIDS/STI prevention: a cross-border challenge". The seminar offered an exchange among participants of Western, Central and Eastern Europe regarding the different situations and prevention activities between boarding countries. TAMPEP-Germany participated in workshops with its experience with migrant sex workers.
Frankfurt/Main	November 24-26, 2000	29 th German Prostitute's Congress
Plauen	June 2001	30 th German Prostitute's Congress. TAMPEP is a full member of the German Prostitute's Movement and therefore a regular and active participant of the Congresses.
Berlin	July 2001	8 th German AIDS Congress. TAMPEP-Germany took part in a round-table meeting which discussed different issues about HIV/AIDS prevention in cross-border areas
GREECE Athens	January 26, 2002	Topic of seminar was: "Migrant prostitution and public health". The subject was chosen because new law about trafficking had been formed. Also topic how access to health for migrant sex workers must be organised, and consequences of application of new law were touched. In seminar participated 150 persons from 60 NGOs who work with migrants, women, refugees, prostitutes.
ITALY		
Naples	April 7-8, 2001	"Stop exclusion. Dare to care". The Region of Campania in co-operation with WHO, in context of <i>World Health Day</i> , organised an international meeting dedicated to issue of Mental Health. "Developing and Connecting Networks for Mental Health", for development of a mutual acquaintance between networks, for overcoming of social exclusion and for right to care. TAMPEP provided a presentation of European Network and activities at national level.
Mestre- Venezia	June 9, 2001	The <i>International Convention of Sex Workers</i> , with support of TAMPEP International Foundation, organised meeting "Prostitutes: the Sex/Nauts of Globalisation. New Economy & New Exclusion"; "The contradictions of global society through looking glass of prostitution: reflections on migrations, societies of consumerism and women in new millennium". Meeting in City Hall with participation of public authorities and representatives of several NGOs and associations of prostitutes from following countries: Italy, Germany, USA, Thailand, Cambodia, Taiwan, and Australia.
Prato	January-February 2002	Four conferences: "Reti internazionali di donne e diritti delle persone che si prostituiscono (International Networks of Women and the Rights of those Persons that Prostitute Themselves)", "Politiche locali per uscire dallo sfruttamento e dalla schiavitù (Local Policies for Abandoning Exploitation and Slavery)", "Le buone pratiche: presentazione del case study sui servizi di TAMPEP" (Good Practices: Presentation of the Case Study on TAMPEP'S Service), and "L'Italia e le politiche prostituzionali" (Italy and Its Prostitution Policies).
		TAMPEP-Italy also provided training seminars and lessons for outreach operators that were starting new projects at local level. Courses for operators of new prostitution interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naples, Progetto la Gatta ▪ San Remo, Progetto Principessa ▪ Lodi, <i>Progetto intervento prostituzione donne migranti</i> (Prostitution Intervention Project for Migrant Women) ▪ Turin, Gruppo Abele, "Prostituzione e tratta delle persone: Che fare?"(Prostitution and the Trafficking of Persons:What to do?) ▪ Brescia, Università Clinica Malattie Infettive e Tropicali (European Master on International Health-MTI and HIV)

LUXEMBOURG Luxembourg	November 13–14, 2001	Topic of seminar: “ <i>Defining common strategies regarding policies towards prostitution</i> ”. Content was designing common services recommendations for policy makers regarding recent changes of administrative law on prostitution. The representative of Ministry for Women issues was present and problems of migrant sex workers discussed with her. All organisations active in field of services for prostitutes and for drug users, medical doctors from reproductive health clinic were present. Also a representative of sex workers was present and expressed her opinions and needs. A representative of TAMPEP Coordination Centre was present at seminar.
THE NETHERLANDS		
Groningen	January 10, 2001	National Symposium of service providers from public sector on communication with sex workers. The symposium was organised by GGD Groningen. TAMPEP part: “ <i>How to open the cultural barriers between migrant sex workers and local curative and preventive HIV/STI services</i> ”. TAMPEP provided general presentation on multi-cultural aspects of HIV/STI prevention for migrant sex workers and carried out training seminar on various aspects of cultural mediation, health promotion activities and on adequate response of medical services towards health needs of migrant sex workers.
Drachten	November 28, 2001	One day seminar on: “HIV/STI prevention for asylum seekers and minor asylum seekers” organised by public HIV/STI prevention services in Noord Holland and the health services for asylum seekers in this region. TAMPEP provided a workshop on various aspects of cultural mediation, health promotion activities and on adequate response of medical services towards the health needs of asylum seekers/minor asylum seekers who work (occasionally) in prostitution or are procured for prostitution.
Den Haag	November 12, 2001	Political debate on rights of labour migrants in Netherlands organised by OIKOS. In debate various parliamentarians and national trade union (FNV) participated. TAMPEP participated actively in organisation of day and in forum discussion about migration and sex work in Netherlands. Next to these seminars, training has been provided, for various groups of service providers in framework of TAMPEP special programme for training on cultural mediation (a detailed description of this activity can be found in “ <i>Cultural Mediators in the Area of Prostitution/Transnational Training. Manual</i> ”, Amsterdam 2001) and participated in various national conferences and events. The focus of TAMPEP public activities is attached to social sensitisation around recent changes in Dutch law and consequences of law on situation of migrant sex workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TAMPEP in Netherlands co-ordinates a national platform of public health services in order to monitor consequences of law on health and well being of migrant sex workers and barriers to reaching health and social services. ▪ TAMPEP was a co-organiser of a national public debate held in February 2001 in Amsterdam around the negative effects of the new law for local and migrant sex workers. TAMPEP is also a co-author of sex workers’ manifest and participated in activities for political support for revision of law in aspects where migrant sex workers are being criminalized and excluded from law of legalisation of sex work.

PORTUGAL Faro	October 23, 2001	1st National Seminar on prostitution: "HIV/AIDS and STD's Prevention among Sex Workers: A Migrant Reality". It was attended by workers of various projects for sex workers, mass media representative. The recommendations prepared at seminar have been transmitted to government. The activities of few services for sex workers in this country are directed towards harm reduction for drug using sex workers and HIV positive persons or STI screening for general population of sex workers. The growing population of migrant sex workers from CEE countries and Latin America is perceived as a high priority for intervention. Considering this fact, objective of seminar was to assess the national situation of migrant sex workers and to improve capacities of services based on TAMPEP experience for rendering services to this group through setting up of a network. A representative of TAMPEP-Germany was present at the seminar.
SPAIN		
Madrid	June 22, 2001	National meeting of more than twenty organisations working in the field of providing medical and social services for prostitutes. Presentation of TAMPEP programme, review of situation of migrant sex workers in Spain, proposition of setting up of a national network of projects. Agreeing on common policies regarding respond to migrant sex workers needs. A representative of TAMPEP Coordination Centre was present at the seminar.
Gijón	December 13-16, 2001	Congress of the National Network of Organisations and Projects regarding Prostitution. This meeting was a follow-up of previous national seminar where national Network was set up. 53 persons participated at meeting as representatives of 32 organisations. At this meeting final consolidation of Network was effectuated; framed by a manifesto that defines its identity, the election of 8 representatives (2 per region) that will ease co-ordination activities and edition of "Agenda" (the Network Newsletter). At meeting training on cultural mediation, migrant prostitution and changing public opinion were carried out. The representatives of TAMPEP-Germany and TAMPEP-Austria participated at congress and provided training on cultural mediation and TAMPEP methodology.
UNITED KINGDOM Wolverhampton	November 27, 2001	The main aims of seminar were to review TAMPEP resources, identifying any further developments required and to explore issues facing sex work projects in responding to needs of migrant sex workers and identify areas requiring further development. It was attended by 11 sex work projects from 7 cities. The outcome of seminar was to consolidate network on issue of interventions with migrant sex workers.
BULGARIA Sofia	November 29, 2001	The objective of national meeting of service providers was to set up a common base for cooperation and interventions for sex workers. The participants were representatives of: Higher Institute for Preparation of Police Officers; City Dermato-venearological dispensary; National Police Service; Sofia Great Municipality; Sofia Department of Ministry of Interior; Animus Association Foundation; Initiative for Health Foundation; Open Society Foundation - Sofia; Centre for Sexual Health (Medicines sans Frontieres); Ministry of Health. The important outcome of seminar was firstly effectuating dialogue among various instances and institutions with very different profiles and starting of a cooperation on national level.

HUNGARY		<p>The national activities in form of creation of network and seminars have been carried in a structural manner spread over several months and been divided among NGOs and GOs.</p> <p>Various national meetings have been realised with aim of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creation and managing of national network, including NGOs who work with prostitutes on street, other NGOs (Hungarian, and international) and governmental organisations. ▪ Creation of national "Umbrella" of outreach work projects for sex workers and migrant women working in prostitution: Members of Sex Education Foundation (Budapest), Social Organisation of Street Helpers (Tatabánya), Periphery (Nyíregyháza), Sunshine for the Life (Miskolc), Ascape (Budapest). Recently the members from Győr and from Kecskemét (only a gypsy group) joined the "Umbrella". <p>The aims of this working group are to work together on streets in various cities as outreach workers for prostitutes and to operate as a national team of outreach work projects. The group meets once month and exchanges new information, for examples: about the directions and trends of migration within and outside the country, about assessment of the prostitution scene and about co-ordination of activities. Next to the above-mentioned meeting activities, several national seminars were organised in March and in April 2001.</p> <p>Training for social workers</p> <p><u>Forum with other NGO's: building up a network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Association of Hungarian Prostitutes - NANE (Organisation against violence against women) - Friends of Homosexual and Transsexual Persons - International Organisation of Migration IOM <p><u>Forum with the Governmental organisations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Social Affairs and Family - Ministry of Interior Affairs (Police) - Ministry of Health – Institute of the National Health Promotion – the gypsy health program - Ministry of Education prepared the special curriculum on sex education in secondary schools and in universities <p>The Forum agreed with and will support activities of prevention programme of TAMPEP member in Hungary:</p>
LITHUANIA Vilnius	March 8, 2002	<p>The national seminar "Social and legal problems of prostitution" organised in Lithuanian Parliament proves changes in attitudes of Lithuanian authorities toward sex work and trafficking in women. Participants of the seminar included parliamentarians, members of Government, Municipality, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Security and Labour", representatives of NGOs and mass media.</p>
POLAND		
Szczecin	December 13, 2001	One day seminar for local authorities about HIV/AIDS problems and policy towards the HIV prevention
Warsaw	September 21-23, 2001	International seminar: " <i>Prostitution in Central and Eastern Europe</i> " TAMPEP and Tada organised a meeting in Poland, in which more than sixty persons from fourteen CEE and eight EU countries from TAMPEP network participated. It was a very important seminar and a real starting point for transnational cooperation in the region of CEE (see report).

2. TAMPEP 5 INTERNATIONAL meetings

In the various international conferences to which TAMPEP workers were invited to give a lecture or were co-organiser of a conference where the programme of TAMPEP, the network and TAMPEP's data regarding migration and prostitution were presented.

The most important conferences in which TAMPEP actively participated:

Place	Date	Details
Germany, Gelnhausen	October 26-29, 2000	TAMPEP-AUSTRIA participated at the AGISRA network-seminar
France, Marseille	October 26-29, 2000	Conference on sex work, historical, ethical and political aspects of sex work issues. National conference organised by <i>Autres Regards Association</i> from Marseille with European forum of sex work projects. TAMPEP-Netherlands was involved in organisation and gave a lecture of legal context of legalisation of prostitution in the Netherlands and the consequences of various prostitution policies in Europe.
Czech Republic, Prague	December 4-6, 2000	TAMPEP-Netherlands and Austria. Conference on: "Trafficking in Women from Central and Eastern Europe" (STOP Programme). The conference was attended by policemen from France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Poland and Czech Republic and the NGOs from the Netherlands, Austria, Luxembourg, France, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Belgium, Germany.
Denmark, Copenhagen	December 4-6, 2000	TAMPEP Coordination Centre and TAMPEP-Germany, WHO-UNAIDS-UNICEF. "Second Strategy Meeting to Better Co-ordinate Regional Support for National Responses to HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia".
Italy, Bologna	February 8, 2001	TAMPEP-Austria: Meeting with various projects in Emilia Romana. Comparing and exchange between different methodologies in European projects.
Spain, Las Palmas Canaria	March 3-4, 2001	TAMPEP-Italy: Medicos del Mundo conference on: "Prostitution and Health". Presentation of the TAMPEP data about the impact of the migration on prostitution and HIV/STI
Slovakia, Sielnica	April 26-28, 2001	TAMPEP-Netherlands and TAMPEP-Austria Training Seminar: "Combating Trafficking in Women - Co-operation between the police and NGOs". International training for Slovak policemen from anti-trafficking units. 40 Slovak policemen were trained by teams composed of a policeman and a worker from organisations which help victims of trafficking from Austria, Germany and the Netherlands.
TAMPEP-Italy	May 21-22, 2001	TAMPEP-Italy. Seminar in the Republic of Croatia for "Developing Activities Against Trafficking of Women and children". Participants: Croatia, Italia, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia. The presentation of the TAMPEP work in the project Stella Polare of Trieste, focusing the borders problems between EU and Eastern countries.

Austria, Vienna	May 14-15, 2001	TAMPEP Coordination Centre – “Meeting on responses to sex work, trafficking and HIV prevention among sex workers in Central and Eastern Europe”, organised by UNAIDS. Co-ordination meeting for policy design with representatives of UNAIDS, UNICEF, WHO, ODCP, OSI, IOM, TAMPEP
Belgium, Brussels	May 17-18, 2001	TAMPEP-Austria - European Commission: “First Meeting of the EU Forum on the prevention of organised crime”. Workshop: “Application of the concept of prevention to trafficking in human beings”.
Spain, Madrid	June 21-23 2001	TAMPEP Coordination Centre and TAMPEP-Italy - International seminar on prostitution. Organised by <i>Instituto de la Mujer and Universidad Nacional de Education a Distancia (UDED)</i> . TAMPEP gave three lectures on “Migration, Health and Sex Work: the TAMPEP programme”, on: “The typology of the clients of sex workers” and on: “The prostitution law in Italy. This seminar was very significant for the discussion in Spain about policies on prostitution and migration.
Ukraine, Kiev	September 17-18, 2001	TAMPEP-Austria - International Conference: “Trafficking in women – innovative strategies and tools for action” (organized by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights in Co-operation with La-Strada-Ukraine). TAMPEP-Austria made a short presentation about the actual situation in Austria.
Germany, Gelnhausen	October 26-28, 2001	TAMPEP-Austria - AGISRA network seminar
Italy, Roma	October 29-31 2001	Tampep Italy - International Workshop organised by the <i>Istituto San Gallican, Servizio di medicina preventiva delle migrazioni e del turismo “Cultura, Salute, Migrazioni”/San Gallican Institute, Preventive Medicine Service for Migrations and Tourism “Culture, Health, Migrations”</i> .
The Netherlands, Den Haag	November 5, 2001	TAMPEP Coordination Centre - International conference organised by IOM: “Orderly Migration – Visions and challenges for the 21 st century”. International conference on all aspects on migration polices including anti-trafficking policies. TAMPEP presented paper “Trafficking in persons: reality and response”.
Belgium, Brussels	November 23-25, 2001	TAMPEP Coordination Centre. The European conference “Civil society agenda for the future of Europe” organised by The Association for Gender Issues (AGI). The Conference was organised within the framework of Belgian Presidency of the European Union and under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The aim of the conference was to formulate recommendations for the European Commission and all European institutions in the name of civil society regarding the various aspects of European policy. The final recommendations were presented at December summit of Laeken and transmitted to the European Commission and European Parliament. TAMPEP presented paper: “Migrant sex workers in Europe: STI/HIV prevention, health and rights” in the framework of the workshop “AIDS – sexual reproductive health and rights”. Three central recommendations of TAMPEP Network are integrally included in the final document.

UK, Milton Keynes	January 18-20, 2002	TAMPEP Coordination Centre and TAMPEP-Italy – Conference: “Sex work and health in a changing Europe” organised by Europap and ENMP. TAMPEP presented the paper: “STI/HIV prevention, health and rights for migrant sex workers in Europe” and carried out two training workshops.
Bosnia Herzegovina, Sarajevo	February 11-13, 2002	Tampep- Italy - Seminar “Action Plan Workshop” organised by UNICEF/OSI Regional. TAMPEP have supported to develop the action plan on sex workers harm reduction programme and presented the paper position on migration and sex work.

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