



Interviewing victim-survivors, blogging and attending events

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Welcome to the second newsletter of the IMPROVE Project, dear reader!

"Fifteen out of 16 German states reported increases in domestic violence cases last year, according to new statistics from the Interior Ministry and state crime offices."

These are the recent 2022 numbers from Germany, which is one of the countries where IMPROVE is examining the situation of domestic violence more closely. Overall, the country faced a 9.3 % increase in reported victims in 2022*. This shows once again why improving the help for experiencers of domestic violence is a very relevant endeavour. [The IMPROVE project](#) reinforces the fight against domestic violence by developing several tools to increase reporting and detection of domestic violence by empowering the victims to understand their rights to services and justice.

In the past months, our teams have been interviewing survivors of domestic violence in different countries as part of our work in [Work Package \(WP\) 1](#), and we thank all who contributed.

We are already in the ninth month of our project. Our project results have grown in the meantime, and we are happy to announce channels for sharing our work with you (continue reading below).

* [Almost all German states report increase in domestic violence cases](#). The Local Germany, 2023.

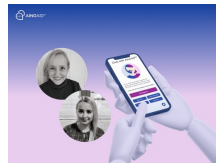
Two new website sections: IMPROVE blog and interview series out now!

As we want to share with you what is happening before the end of the project, we have launched a blog. In it, our partners take you by the hand and lead you into their offices to show you what is happening there. By now, there are two blog articles waiting for you in the [new blog section on the IMPROVE website](#).



"[Training platform on domestic violence for health professionals to improve their response to victims of domestic violence](#)" by Paulina Juszczyk and Bettina Pfeleiderer from the University of Münster (WWU).

"[How is content created for the AinoAid chat services?](#)" by Anna Juusela of We Encourage (WE).



Additionally, in order to provide insights into who is behind the project, we have launched a mini-interview series in [our website's new interview section](#). In it, the partners have the chance to directly speak to you.



Read our first mini-interview with Anna Juusela (WE) [here](#).

Stay tuned for fresh IMPROVE content every second month!

IMPROVE Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board is completed and will soon start their work. The members are Mel Flanagan, Dr. Mans Enqvist, Dr. Elizabeth Lichtenstein, Laura Albu, Roxana Maracineanu and Denitsa Kozuharova.

We would like to thank them for joining us in this function. We will soon kick-off the project with them and introduce them on our website.

IMPROVE on tour

The IMPROVE partners have visited a variety of events in the months since our last newsletter, to present our results, domestic violence research, the AINO chatbot and much more:

- Yasemin Ertuğrul ([Yordas](#)) and François Bonnet ([CNRS](#)) joined the Project to Policy Seminar 2023 in Brussels to discuss how project results of IMPROVE can be integrated into policy.
- Joachim Kersten, Catharina Vogt ([DHPOL](#)) and IMPRODOVA project member Stefanie Giljohann (TU Berlin) joined "[Deutscher Präventionstag](#)" in Mannheim, Germany.
- Anna Juusela ([We Encourage](#)) and Joachim Kersten (DHPOL) joined LEPH 2023 in Sweden → [Book of abstracts](#)

- Iván Luis Martínez Villanueva and Jose L. Diego (PLV) attended the CERIS Workshop on Community Policing.
- IMPROVE was presented to the main French institutional & associative actors involved in the fight against domestic violence by researchers from the CNRS and members of [MININT](#) (Police Nationale & Gendarmerie).
- PLV presented IMPROVE at the World Police Summit, along with the results of other projects they are involved in.
- DHPOL and WE jointly presented IMPROVE and the AINO chatbot at the online workshop "Virtuous Formalization (?)" on big data and AI.
- Our project co-coordinator Catharina Vogt gave a lecture on "Synergies with IMPRODOVA: IMPROVE – our 'sister' projects" during the VIPROM project's kick-off meeting.

Upcoming Events

Discover where IMPROVE partners will be presenting their work to diverse audiences at upcoming events.

- Panel on digital and domestic violence and presentation of WP1 work by the German Police University and VICESSE at [23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology \(ESCC2023\)](#) | Florence, Italy | 6–9 September 2023
- Presentation about IMPROVE by Joachim Kersten | [Policing and Society Conference](#) | Akureyri University, Akureyri, Iceland | 4–5 October 2023
- Presentation of the results of the survivor interviews in IMPROVE by Catharina Vogt at [DGPS Fachgruppentagung Rechtspsychologie](#) | Mainz, Germany | 27 September 2023
- IMPROVE Consortium Meeting | San Sebastian, Spain | 19–20 October 2023

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