

institute would dehumanize society. And this punishment implies the creation of a special apparatus for executors of the whole death penalty institute.

Summarizing the above, we can say that the death penalty is inappropriate in our time, because it is a remnant of the past and will not have an effective effect of preventing and combating violence in society

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### **FOREIGN PROJECT EXPERIENCE IN PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE**

The Circle of change: preventing and combating violence against women and girls through gender equality awareness is a project aims at changing attitudes and behaviours towards violence against women, by prevention through education and encouraging victims and witnesses to report violence to the relevant authorities and institutions. It has been co-funded by the European Union's Justice Program (2014-2020). The project is led by the Cyprus Police in cooperation with other Associations. The aforementioned objective will be achieved through the organization implementation of professional trainings for the multi-targeted group of various front-line professionals namely police officers and other government officials. The awareness-raising media campaign targeting the general public will involve targeted messages to encourage reporting and combat victim-blaming attitudes. Moreover, this project contributes in ensuring adequate registration, investigation and prosecution and gender-sensitive support for victims, through the organization and implementation of training of relevant professionals. Another result will be to encourage boys and girls to challenge sexism, gender stereotyping and gender norms and avoid violence against women, as well as actively engage in the fight against violence against women, through awareness raising workshops by appropriately 200 trained teachers. Implementation of 25 students workshops; 625 adolescents will be empowered in ways that will enable them to avoid being victimized either as victims or bystanders. Moreover, they will be equipped with valuable life skills for breaking the cycle of violence and building healthy relationships. The expected result is teens empowered to be less tolerant (if not zero-tolerant), more knowledgeable of the characteristics and consequences of abuse, equipped with protection skills and able to relate to each other in a healthier, more equal way.

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