

RiVi:

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF SURVIVED BODILY HARM AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO CLINICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

The RiVi Project focuses on the right of victims of physical or sexual violence to access clinical forensic examinations, independently of filing a criminal charge. Medical practitioners are often the first contact points for victims of crime. Therefore, it is crucial to **increase awareness** among medical practitioners about the importance of taking clinical forensic evidence. The **sensitisation** of medical staff for traces of violence is indispensable, because injuries documented in a clinical forensically professional way are key evidence for possible future court proceedings. Furthermore, the **cooperation** between medical staff and other relevant stakeholders such as police, judiciary or victim support services is of crucial importance.

THE RiVi PROJECT

The objective of the RiVi Project is to ensure that victims of physical and/or sexualised violence are recognised, treated with respect and receive proper protection, support and access to justice. Systematically securing evidence through clinical forensic examination will strengthen victims' human rights to an effective response to the violence they suffered.

Outputs of the RiVi project:

- » Awareness raising among medical professionals, competent institutions and the general public about the EU acquis regulating victims' rights, about the term victim of crime and about the link between victims' rights and clinical forensic examinations
- » Medical practitioners are provided with the tools required for performing
- » clinical forensic examinations and the quality of evidential findings is enhanced
- » Establishment of an online training as well as instructions for a cost-effective examination kit for medical professionals
- » An increased number of professionals and institutions is performing clinical forensic examinations of surviving victims of physical violence and/or sexual abuse to meet the requirements of the EU acquis
- » Improved cooperation among relevant stakeholders in the field of victims' rights: medical staff, representatives from police, prosecution, judiciary and child and victim protection services

WEBSITE

<https://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/rivi>



ONLINE TRAINING FOR CLINICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

www.bim.lbg.ac.at/en/rivi/training



AWARENESS- RAISING SHORT FILM

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