



Intervention program in nightlife,  
leisure and socialization venues to raise awareness  
and prevent GBV behaviours – including LGBTIphobia –  
linked to sexual violence and substance use

# LOCAL PILOT ACTION PLAN



**Country:** Italy

**Organization:**

Cooperativa Lotta Contro l'Emarginazione

**Realization of the Pilot:**

From 1 June to 30 November 2024

**Professional figures involved:** 7

**Number of interventions:** 37

2 Training Safer space

4 CRISSCROSS Protocol implemented

**Where the pilot was implemented:**

2 Pride Street Parade

6 Night Life Venue

5 Social Spaces





## Description of the contexts.

These contexts are at risk for the correlation of different problems that vary according to the type of event and the age profile of the people who participate. One of the main problems in events that generally start at 11:00 pm and end at 5:00 am is the rapid consumption of alcohol, stimulants and mixes of substances that cause significant critical health events, all of which can always be managed by the team through listening and monitoring feelings in the chill out areas. Furthermore, problems related to the dimension of violence and aggression may arise. The CRISSCROSS project aimed to raise awareness among patrons on practices of consent, sexuality and the recognition of forms of violence.

## Activities carried out.

In each context, an info point was set up, a safer space where people could discuss, learn and ask questions on the topics of harm reduction and sexuality and one part of the info point for prevention and awareness of gender violence, LGBTI-phobic violence.

Implemented in nightlife spaces in Milan area.

3-meeting training promoted by the CRISSCROSS project for young people and event organizers

Creation of a protocol for event management, shared with event managers and organizers.



## Description of strategies.

The strategy used during the pilot was guided by a non-judgmental educational approach. Practitioners placed themselves in a listening position with an informative approach based on raising awareness of issues such as substance use, awareness of gender-based violence and recognition of violent behavior and LGBTI-phobia and sex education.



## Tools and practices implemented.

Breathalyzer tests.

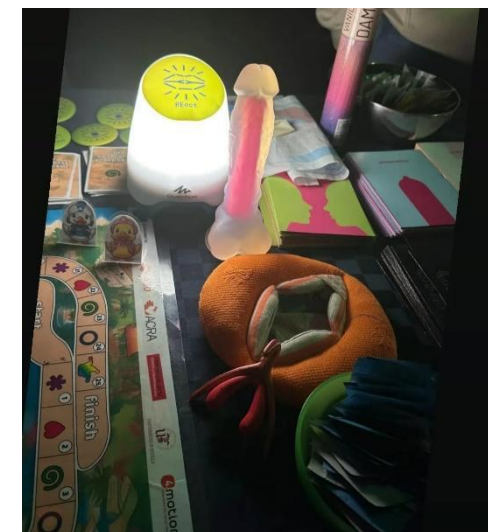
Awareness game, an interactive game constructed by the project staff to raise awareness on risk reduction from alcohol and substance use, GBV, sexually transmitted diseases, sexuality.

Didactic materials: Anatomic models, sex-toys, condoms, informative leaflets, genderbread person map.

Test HIV HCV during Pride Milano e Brianza Bride (in collaboration with the San Gerardo hospital in Monza infectious diseases department)

Accompaniment and care of people under the influence of substances

First aid assistance. Water, snacks, thermal blankets, chairs, educational support.





## Impact and description of target audience.

The target audience consists of young people between 17 and 35 who visit the nightlife scene in Milan.

The project has been present in different nightlife venues with many differences related to the type of musical entertainment. Presence in both social centers, discos and mainstream venues in Milan.

Entertainment venues had heterogeneous audiences, both in terms of social economic class and substance consumption. The project worked in more inclusive venues for the queer population, where it often collaborated with groups of volunteers from within the organization, who also took care during the event.



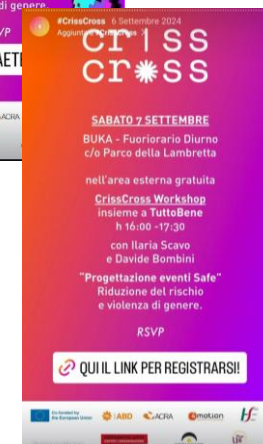
## Results.

- 50 professionals and organizer trained
- 5 stakeholders involved
- Approximately 300 people per night reached
- 200 breathalyzer tests
- 3 CRISSCROSS protocols implemented
- 3 critical events managed about violence or episodes of aggression
- +70 people rescued in a state of alteration by drugs or alcohol
- +100 information materials distributed
- +1.000 preventive materials distributed (internal and external condoms, oral dams, lubricants, harm reduction materials)
- 120 HIV – HCV TEST



## Topics:

- Harm reduction from alcohol and substance use
- Classification of effects of substances
- Safer space and inclusive spaces, protocols for the management of violent behavior





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