

Inform, empower, support: That our elderly fellow citizens become winners, not victims!

The Victimology Society of Serbia (VDS) is implementing a project entitled *Inform, Empower, Support: That Our Elderly Fellow Citizens Become Winners, Not Victims!* The project is funded by the City of Belgrade, City Administration of Belgrade, Secretariat for Social Protection.

The general goal of the project is the prevention of victimization and revictimization in cases of domestic violence through activities focused on informing, educating, and supporting potential and actual victims of domestic violence, with a special emphasis on elderly individuals.

The specific objectives are:

- 1) Strengthening the capacities of local community professionals (including gerontological centers and pensioners' associations) for prevention, intervention, and the prevention of revictimization in cases of domestic violence.
- 2) Rational use of existing resources for the prevention and intervention in domestic violence cases at the local level, with special focus on vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and persons with disabilities.
- 3) Enhancing the capacities of victims and their children to recognize violence, respond to it, and utilize their own strengths in addressing domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

The project is being implemented from June 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025.