UNITA EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE · CLOSING WORKSHOP

W(h)OCAREs?

A Recipe for a Holistic Approach to Women's Health: Strengthening the Therapeutic Alliance in Gynecological Care

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday, 8 December 2026	10:00 – 17:45	West University of Timișoara

WORKSHOP DINNER
19:30

THE PROJECT

Respectful and inclusive gynaecological care for everyone

W(h)OCAREs? is a UNITA Recipes project that addresses gynaecological and obstetric violence (GOV) as a barrier to equitable healthcare for women and gender-diverse people – looking beyond maternity care to all gynaecological services.

Through an interdisciplinary, bottom-up approach – literature and guideline review, surveys and interviews, read through an intersectional lens – the project develops a legal definition of GOV and works to strengthen the therapeutic alliance between patients and providers, while empowering survivors.

This workshop in Timișoara is the project's closing event: the moment to share what we have found and to turn it, together, into practical recommendations.

Legal definition of GOV

A research foundation for future studies, advocacy and policy, published open access.

Open research data

Data published on a trusted repository for transparency and future research.

Map of patient associations

Organisations working on GOV and potential partners for future projects.

Next funding proposal

A national or European proposal to scale up research, interventions and policy reform.

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Program

MORNING	
10:00 – 10:30	Registration and welcome coffee
10:30 – 10:45	**Welcome remarks and introduction to the workshop objectives**
10:45 – 11:30	**Presentation of the W(h)OCAREs? project** Background, partnership, objectives and expected outcomes
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break and networking
11:45 – 13:00	**Presentation of research findings** Methodology, desktop and field research, Q&A
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
AFTERNOON	
14:00 – 15:30	**Round table discussion** Barriers to care, communication and trust, collaborative approaches, policy recommendations
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	**Interactive discussion and collaborative recommendations** Good practices, priorities for implementation, future collaboration
17:00 – 17:30	**Workshop conclusions** Key messages and next steps
17:30 – 17:45	**Closing remarks and networking**
EVENING	
19:30	**Workshop dinner** An informal evening with partners and participants

WHO WILL BE THERE

Partners and participants

University of Turin
Project leader · Italy

West University of Timișoara
Workshop host · Romania

Geneva School of Health Sciences (HEdS-GE)
Partner · Switzerland

University of Brescia
Partner · Italy

Transilvania University of Brașov
Partner · Romania

Joining the partners: a multidisciplinary group of 20–30 participants, creating real dialogue across sectors.

- Healthcare professionals – gynaecologists, midwives, nurses, GPs, psychologists
- Women's health associations, NGOs and patient organisations
- Researchers in law, medicine, psychology, sociology and public health
- Public authorities and policymakers
- Students and early-career professionals

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