## About A.L.E.G.

The Association for Liberty and Equality of Gender - A.L.E.G. is a Romanian nongovernmental organization active since 2004 on promoting gender equality and fighting gender-based violence. In 2016, A.L.E.G. was one of the four organizations in Europe and Central Asia to receive the international award With and For Girls for positive impact on the lives of girls, through activities that involve girls directly.

Internationally A.L.E.G. is member of the <u>WAVE</u> network (Women Against Violence Europe), and <u>ASTRA</u> network (Regional Network for sexual health and reproductive rights of women in Central and Eastern Europe). Nationally, A.L.E.G. is involved in lobby and advocacy for legislation and public policies improvements to prevent and combat domestic and genderbased violence and to introduce comprehensive sexuality education in schools and gender equality. In 2012, A.L.E.G. participated in drafting the National Strategy for Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence, adopted by the Romanian government. In 2014, we initiated the first network of NGOs in Romania focusing on the topic of sexual violence, "Breaking the silence on sexual violence", active in lobbying for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention and for establishing integrated services for survivors of sexual violence. In 2015, A.L.E.G. piloted one of the few specialized services for victims of sexual violence, including specialized psychological and legal counselling based on good practices from Iceland.

A.L.E.G. is accredited as social services provider of the following **SERVICES**:

- Counselling center for preventing and combating domestic violence. The Center integrates
  work procedures developed under the project "My Body, My Own sexual violence among
  youth: awareness and advice center and provider of specialized services on sexual violence."
  To facilitate victims' access to information, A.L.E.G. started an online counselling platform
  where victims can talk with a psychologist in real time: http://alegromania.eu/consiliere/
- Public awareness and information center. We have implemented two EU-funded projects
  which developed educational sessions and learning material for schools on the issue of
  preventing gender violence, including training sessions for professionals, as well as public
  awareness campaigns on domestic and sexual violence.

Further information available here: www.aleg-romania.eu