

The tales of Trentino...



... to each land its own

Trentino is a peculiar, border territory, historically a point of encounter and clash between cultures and religions that are also very different from each other; after all, a situation not too different from Sicily - and it is no coincidence that both enjoy a peculiar administrative autonomy. In the context of the TRUST project, the pilot action was intended to apply to three Trentino territories:

- Trento city,
- Rovereto in the Vallagarina,
- Moena in the Val di Fassa.

In each of these areas, different ethnic groups of the Muslim religion live and reside, with their related social networks, which also entailed different ways for their active involvement.

... inclusion, sharing and interaction

The acquaintance of Muslim communities and women with the institutions and their representatives, as well as with third sector actors acting as intermediaries, through shared and participatory training and information, was the mark of the pilot action in Trentino.

Through a preliminary monitoring of the realities already existing and operating in Trentino, it was possible to make the different TRUST realities sit at the same table, representing each of the Trentino territories involved, also with a view to the sustainability of the action beyond the project term.

...educate and inform together in the community

From May to October 2023, the TRUST technical table marked milestones in the building of bridges between Islamic communities, institutions and the third sector in the picturesque setting of Trentino:

- **19 July 2023** - Trento. An awareness-raising and intercultural exchange event at the Oratory of the Parish of St. Anthony, organised by the Trento Cus Cus group. A moment of conviviality that united different hearts and tastes;

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- **28 September 2023** - Trento. A training event at the Monte Bondone Local Police Headquarters, delving into hate crimes and hate speech with a workshop on building good practices for approaching victims;
- **04 October 2023** - Moena. A training event in blended format, involving teachers and operators of local welfare services, dedicated to an in-depth study of hate crimes and hate speech, focusing on Muslim girls;
- **09 October 2023** - Nomi. An event for safety officers, focusing on crimes and hate speech against Muslim women in the context of bathing. Shared training and information for a safer environment;
- **19 October 2023** - Trento. In the context of the UMAN university cultural festival, "Stories behind the veil" gave voice to Muslim women, narrating personal experiences and addressing the phenomenon of crimes and hate speech;
- **24 October 2023** - Trento. The final event at the Islamic Cultural Centre brought together previous and new participants, expanding the network and consolidating knowledge on the challenges related to crimes and hate speech against Muslim women.

...a possible path

Since the first meeting of the Trentino technical round table, work has begun on the creation of an equal mechanism between the Anti-Discrimination Desk and Muslim women for the input and output of reports of hate crimes and discriminatory acts. The objective of sustainability through institutionalisation is made possible by what already exists in Trentino: the Anti-Discrimination Desk, with the support of appropriate training of Muslim women belonging or not belonging to the various Muslim communities, and of different ethnicities.

Women, in particular, adequately trained, could act as facilitators within the communities themselves to accompany those who have suffered discriminatory acts or, in the worst cases, hate crimes, to the Anti-Discrimination Desk.

This strategy is the result of the joint reflections of the representatives of the Muslim communities and the Anti-Discrimination Helpdesk, a significant fact to be taken into account, supported and promoted.