

Regulations to support people's rights and their complete intellectual, psychological and moral freedom

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Article 1

(Purposes)

1. Friuli Venezia Giulia Region pursues, upholds and protects the rights and full intellectual, psychological and moral freedom of each individual.
2. The Central Directorate for Healthcare, Social and Medical Integration and Social Policies promotes the creation of projects to assist citizens against every kind of manipulation and control in their social life, thus preventing and countering inducement to dependence through technique and behaviors affecting individual self-determination.
3. The Central Directorate for Healthcare, Social and Medical Integration and Social Policies promotes the creation of policies to educationally, psychologically, and legally support and help, victims of the psychological dependence that fall into the instances envisaged by the present law.

Article 2

(Project supporting the individual)

1. Project to enforce the purposes of the present law may be submitted by voluntary and socially useful non-profit associations, which have been operating in the region for at least three years, and have gained know-how and expertise in preventing and countering forms of dependence behavior induced by manipulation and control in personal social life, as well as, by techniques and behaviors aimed at modifying individual self-determination enacted by individuals, independent organizations, and apparently religion-like groups.
2. Projects as described in paragraph 1 may envisage the opening of specifically dedicated support and help desks, located in dedicated sites.

Article 3

(Support and help desks for victims)

1. Help desks as per article 2 guarantee the presence of adequately skilled and expert professionals, who shall perform the following activities:
 - a) hold talks with the victims and/or their relatives to identify manipulation techniques and behaviors;
 - b) advise the victims and their relatives on help and support procedures, as well as exit solutions from any kind of manipulation and control as described in article 1, paragraph 2;
 - c) promote the organization of information activities in the region to prevent the phenomenon as described in article 1 paragraph 2.

Article 4

(Psychological assistance and legal safeguarding for victims)

1. In case of need, where a victim of abuse does not have the means or is particularly incapable of reacting, such victim, or his/her family members if provided for by law, may request and apply for the Region's support as far as the cost of psychological therapy and legal aid are concerned.
2. The application submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be accepted if:
 - a) there is favorable and binding opinion issued by a help desk as per article 3;
 - b) annual family income is lower than 30,000 euro gross multiplied by each of the family members, or the victim is underage.

Article 5

(Implementation Regulations)

1. Regional regulations, to be issued within 90 days from the enactment of the present law, and following the opinion by the competent Council Committee, shall define:

- a) criteria for the enforcement of provisions as per article 2 and 3, specifically concerning qualification and basic experience requirements of operators and association;
- b) criteria and procedures according to which the contributions are granted for the interventions provided for in article 2, 3 and 4.

Article 6

(Financial provisions)

[This article contains the technical financial rules and the total amount reserved in the budget. The budget is implemented at the end of every year for the following one. For this year the provisions are only for the starting period.]