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REPORT  
2025**



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## About ANAIIS Association

In 2025, the **ANAIIS Association** continued its **mission to prevent and combat gender-based violence**, providing support to victims and promoting the rights of women, children, and vulnerable communities. With the support of national and international partners, ANAIIS conducted **awareness campaigns**, participated in **conferences**, organized **workshops**, supported **legislative initiatives**, continued to provide **social services**, and promoted **social change** through education, culture, and civic engagement.

### Main areas of action:

- Providing and developing social services for victims of domestic violence
- Education and information
- Advocacy and awareness-raising
- Active engagement to amend and improve legislation regarding violence against women

### What we do:

- **"Stop Domestic Violence"** - we offer free counseling and guidance to victims of domestic violence (by phone, in person, online), legal counseling regarding their rights to obtain a protection order, and psychological counseling (individual and support groups), representation/assistance in court to obtain a protection order (for the Bucharest/Ifov area), all through the Counseling Center for the Prevention and Combating of Domestic Violence. The center has been operating continuously since 2012;
- **"Training for Professionals and Information Sessions"** - We organize training sessions for professionals (lawyers, social workers, psychologists, police officers, staff working with the migrant population and asylum seekers, and others) who work in the field of domestic violence or who work directly with the target group. We also organize information sessions/workshops on domestic violence and women's rights for employees of companies requesting this service or for other individuals interested in this topic;
- **We are actively involved in actions and initiatives** to amend and improve legislation regarding violence against women, to identify legislative tools appropriate to victims' needs, and to find solutions so that they can live a life free from violence in both public and private spheres;
- **We promote equal opportunities between women and men** by supporting the elevation of women's social status and increasing their visibility in their professions and communities, working to combat violence against women by providing protection and assistance services for victims of domestic violence, including the protection of minors against violence.

**We are members of:**





## ANAIS Hub

**Anais Hub** is the **community space of the ANAIS Association**—a vibrant, safe, and welcoming place where stories find their voice and ideas take shape. Conceived as a space for support and reconnection, but also as a cultural space, **the HUB brings together women, specialists, artists, and partners in an environment where vulnerability becomes a resource, and encountering others becomes the beginning of change.** It is a place where silence opens into dialogue, and individual experiences weave together into a community that supports, encourages, and builds.

**Throughout 2025, ANAIS HUB has become a space for numerous activities, ranging from workshops and support groups to cultural events, educational sessions, and meetings with professionals.** It was the space where the association's projects came to life—a flexible setting where funded initiatives were implemented through activities designed to offer not only practical support but also experiences of self-expression, reflection, and belonging. Through everything it hosted, ANAIS HUB contributed to the formation of a community of women more connected to their own resources, more visible, and more confident in their own journey.

The community of women within ANAIS HUB continued to grow in 2026 as a vibrant space for reconnection, support, and personal growth, bringing beneficiaries together around diverse, creative, and therapeutic activities. Throughout the year, dozens of meetings and workshops were organized, totaling **over 200 hours of activities dedicated to personal and social development** (these included a 6-month theater and personal development workshop (approx. 96 hours), regularly organized sharing sessions, monthly community meetings (approx. 22 hours annually), as well as other activities carried out within the Association's projects).

### Some activities organized at ANAIS Hub:

#### March 20–21, 2025

We hosted a roundtable and the launch of the report on psychological violence: “Revealing the Hidden Part of the Iceberg: Psychological Violence in Romania and the Republic of Moldova”. The ANAIS Association, in partnership with the Association for Community Relations (ARC) and the FILIA Center, hosted the launch of the report “Revealing the Hidden Part of the Iceberg: Psychological Violence in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.” The event brought together representatives of the authorities (ANES), experts, and non-governmental organizations, facilitating an inter-institutional dialogue on recognizing and combating psychological violence. The event contributed to the development of more effective public policies in this area.

#### April 23, 2025

ANAIS HUB hosted the second edition of the Joy Day festival, organized by the Ukrainian community, with the involvement of cultural mediators and community partners. The event facilitated dialogue between communities (Ukrainian, Turkish, and Romanian), promoting inclusion, solidarity, and social cohesion, particularly for refugee women.

#### May 17, 2025

The ANAIS Association organized the Summer Dress Festival a community event dedicated to women, during which participants received clothing donations and had access to a space for socializing and support. The event also had a solidarity component, contributing to direct support for women in the community.



## COUNSELING CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The ANAIS Association's counseling center is one of the main services through which the organization provides direct support to women in situations of domestic violence. The center's work is based on an integrated approach that combines emergency intervention with medium- and long-term support, with the goal of increasing beneficiaries' safety, autonomy, and decision-making capacity.

Through the center, women receive psychological **counseling, legal assistance, information, and referrals to specialized services** in a safe and confidential setting. Interventions are tailored to individual needs and address both crisis management and the process of emotional and social recovery.

The center operates as an accessible support hub, including through online and telephone channels, facilitating rapid access to information and support. Additionally, its activities include organizing support groups, information sessions, and referrals to other relevant community resources.

### Results in 2025:

- **New beneficiaries:** 218
- **Psychological counseling:** over 600 hours of individual counseling for 70 beneficiaries
- **Legal counseling:** over 250 hours of legal counseling for 166 beneficiaries
- **Online interactions (Messenger, email):** over 4,500 online interactions in response to received messages/emails
- **Phone calls:** over 950 incoming phone calls
- **Support groups\*:** activities dedicated to victims of domestic violence, beneficiaries of the ANAIS Association. The groups met twice a week, totaling approximately **44 weeks of intervention**. Each session lasted an estimated 3 hours, resulting in an estimated total of **264 hours of group support**.



\*On average, between 20 and 30 women participated in each session, creating a safe space for expression, emotional support, and learning. The topics covered focused on the dynamics of abusive relationships, the cycle of violence, forms of abuse, and the psychological mechanisms that perpetuate these situations, contributing to increased awareness and the development of personal autonomy.

Through interactive methods—guided discussions, practical exercises, and informational materials—the groups supported participants in reducing feelings of isolation, boosting self-esteem, and developing coping strategies. These interventions played an essential role in the process of emotional recovery and in supporting steps toward an independent and safe life.

# Legislative Analysis and Harmonization Group - GRAAL -

**Legislative Analysis and Harmonization Group (GRAAL) is the advocacy and legal expertise unit within the ANAIS Association**, which actively contributes to improving the legislative framework and public policies in the field of preventing and combating violence against women.

GRAAL's work is based on the critical analysis of legislative initiatives, the formulation of well-reasoned positions, and public advocacy, with the aim of ensuring legislative coherence and aligning national policies with European standards and the real needs of victims.

Through this structure, direct experience working with beneficiaries is translated into concrete proposals and public positions, contributing to the development of more effective and better-founded protection mechanisms.

## Results in 2025:

Public points of view on legislative changes and public policies

In 2025, GRAAL made an active contribution to the public sphere by formulating well-reasoned positions on relevant legislative initiatives, particularly in the areas of gender-based violence and equal opportunity policies.

## Published points of view and legislative analyses:\*

- **„Egalitatea nu se comasează - solicităm autorităților să retragă proiectul de OUG privind comasarea ANES cu ANITP”:** <https://asociatia-anais.ro/egalitatea-nu-se-comaseaza-solicitam-autoritatilor-sa-retraga-proiectul-de-oug-privind-comasarea-anes-cu-anitp/>
- **„Drepturi câștigate, drepturi amenințate”:** <https://asociatia-anais.ro/drepturi-castigate-drepturi-amenintate/>
- **„ANES: o mutare administrativă sau o schimbare de cadru?”** – article written by Carmen Nemeș: <https://asociatia-anais.ro/anes-nu-s-a-mai-comasat-dar-s-a-subordonat-am-evitat-un-dezastru-dar-n-am-scapat-complet/>
- **„Femicidul nu este doar un termen juridic... Observații privind propunerea legislativă”:** <https://asociatia-anais.ro/evaluarea-critica-a-expunerii-de-motive-si-a-propunerii-legislative-privind-prevenirea-si-combaterea-femicidelor-si-a-violentelor-care-le-preced/>
- **„Violența domestică nu este o problemă privată iar statul trebuie responsabilizat!”:** <https://asociatia-anais.ro/punctul-de-vedere-al-asociatiei-anais-fata-de-amendamentele-aduse-de-legea-nr-232-din-12-decembrie-2025-pentru-modificarea-si-completarea-legii-nr-217-2003-pentru-prevenirea-si-combaterea-violentei/>
- **„Lacune legislative în violența domestică, ce nu funcționează în practică”:** <https://asociatia-anais.ro/lacune-legislative-in-violenta-domesticace-nu-functioneaza-in-practica/>



\*The full articles can be read on the Association's website.

## COMPLETED&ONGOING PROJECTS

### G-LENS (Gender-inclusive, Long-lasting and Empowered Networks and Societies) – ongoing project



The European G-LENS (Gender-Inclusive, Long-lasting and Empowered Networks and Societies) project, co-funded by the EU and under implementation for two years (September 2024–August 2026), takes a comprehensive approach to combating gender-based disinformation. By combining research, education, and advocacy, G-LENS empowers young people to create a more inclusive and democratic digital environment.

The project is being implemented in four European countries: Poland, Cyprus, Romania, and Bulgaria. Project promoter: British Council Poland, and implemented with partners: MIGS (Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies) Cyprus, Institute of Public Affairs Poland, Open Space Foundation Bulgaria, and ANAIS Association Romania.

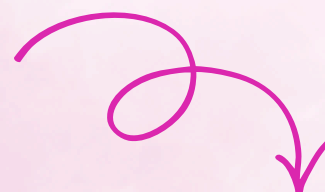
This initiative sets clear objectives to create lasting change, starting with raising awareness of gender-based disinformation among young people and key stakeholders.

More about the project here: <https://www.britishcouncil.pl/en/programmes/education/g-lens>

### **Among the activities carried out in 2025 within G-LENS (Gender-inclusive, Long-lasting and Empowered Networks and Societies):**

- **March 31, 2025: Workshop on gender equality and combating misinformation - University of Bucharest**

A two-day intensive workshop, organized with the support of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work – University of Bucharest, dedicated to students. The activity aimed to foster an understanding of the concept of gender equality and how disinformation contributes to the perpetuation of stereotypes and inequalities in both online and offline environments. The activity contributed to the development of critical thinking and media literacy among participants, in line with the G-LENS project's objectives regarding the promotion of digital citizenship and the fight against gender-based disinformation.



## Among the activities carried out in 2025 within G-LENS (Gender-inclusive, Long-lasting and Empowered Networks and Societies):

### • **May 27, 2025 - Participation in the International Media Literacy Conference – Nicosia, Cyprus**

Participation in the International Media Literacy Conference organized by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS), the project partner from Cyprus, alongside partners from Poland, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and other European countries. The event brought together experts, young people, and organizations from the fields of media, education, and human rights, facilitating the first face-to-face meeting of project partners and providing a framework for analyzing progress and planning future activities. Four journalists and content creators from Romania participated—Simona Chirciu, Andra Mureșan, Laura Popa, and Mădălina Vin—along with Irina Ilisei, a gender equality expert, and Cătălina Șerban, a volunteer and communications specialist at ANAIS.



### • **June 20, 2025 - Workshop on responsible communication regarding gender-based violence and misinformation**

The activity aimed to develop a critical and inclusive perspective on how gender inequalities and violence are portrayed in the media and online. Experts and specialists contributed to the workshop: Laura Popa (journalist at PressOne); Andra Mureșan (journalist at Scena9); Simona-Maria Chirciu; Mădălina Vin, content creator; Irina Ilisei – GBV expert. The participants initiated the development of media and artistic materials to combat gender-based misinformation, which will be presented in an interactive exhibition.



### • **October 16–17, 2025 – Participation in the international conference “Digital Citizens” and leading a workshop – Sofia, Bulgaria**

Participation in the international conference “Digital Citizens: Rights, Responsibilities, and Critical Thinking in the Digital Age,” organized by the OPEN SPACE Foundation, the project partner in Bulgaria. During the event, Simona Chirciu led the workshop “From Fear to Freedom: Challenging Rape Culture and Building Healthy Online Spaces through Empowerment and Critical Thinking,” focusing on how gender stereotypes and rape culture are amplified online and on the development of critical thinking and digital responsibility. The workshop addressed topics such as: rape culture and the normalization of violence on social media; the “manosphere,” toxic masculinity, and online harassment; and the impact of disinformation on gender equality and mental health. The event was also attended by Raluca Corbu (social worker) and Irina Ilisei (gender equality expert), with the activity facilitating the exchange of best practices at the European level.



## „Anais HUB – Unde fiecare poveste contează”, co-funded by Fundația Dacia pentru România - completed project

„Anais HUB - Unde fiecare poveste contează”, is a project **co-founded by Fundația Dacia pentru România under the ”Mobilitatea contează” program** dedicated to supporting and empowering women and girls from vulnerable backgrounds (refugees, those with disabilities, and those belonging to disadvantaged communities), through a series of community activities held in a safe and welcoming space in Bucharest.



Implementation period:  
September 2025 - February 2026.  
Budget: 30.000 Euro

The project offers personal development and self-defense workshops, support groups, film screenings and discussion evenings, multicultural events, and guided tours with a feminist perspective. The goal is to create an accessible, empathetic, and inclusive environment where participants feel heard, connected, and safe.

Building on experience in providing integrated services for victims of domestic violence, the project proposes an approach that complements emergency intervention by using art and culture as tools for healing, reconnection, and social reintegration. Starting in September, for a period of 6 months, the following will be organized: creative and cultural workshops (storytelling, theater, dance therapy); mindfulness and personal development sessions; self-defense empowerment activities; psycho-emotional support groups; cultural and multicultural events. The project contributes to creating a safe and inclusive space where women can rebuild their confidence and autonomy, given that gender-based violence represents a major barrier to access to personal development, education, and cultural life.

## „Noi – Voci, Fapte, Soluții” (“Us – Voices, Facts, Solutions”)- completed project



Implementation period: October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026, Budget: 10,000 Euro

The “Us – Voices, Facts, Solutions” project aims to address the issue of domestic violence in Romania by creating a series of 8 podcast episodes and 20 short video clips featuring experts and survivors of domestic violence. The series of episodes will provide accurate information, debunk stereotypes, and raise public awareness regarding women’s rights and available solutions, while also enhancing the communication capacity of the ANAIS Association. The podcast can be listened here:

 **YouTube** : <https://www.youtube.com/@asociatiaanaiss/podcasts>

The project targets the general public, survivors of violence, professionals, and media actors, ensuring wide dissemination and a lasting impact. Episodes will be available starting in February 2026

## **FREE-DVV – Financial Resources and Education for the Empowerment of Domestic Violence Survivors- ongoing project**

The FREE-DVV project is an international initiative aimed at supporting survivors of domestic violence by strengthening their financial independence, developing financial literacy skills, and building the capacity of the professionals who support them. The project addresses economic abuse, a common but often invisible form of domestic violence that keeps victims in abusive relationships through financial dependence, debt, or



a lack of control over their own resources. Through cooperation between universities and NGOs in several European countries, the project will develop a set of practical and educational tools: a guide for professionals; a practical handbook for survivors; an open online course (MOOC), available in multiple languages. These resources will integrate elements of financial education, legal guidance, and psychological support, contributing to the regaining of economic autonomy and the reduction of dependence on the abuser.

**Implementation project: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027**

**Total budget: 250.000 Euro, ANAIS Association budget: 42.490 Euro**

Proiect finanțat de Comisia Europeană, prin programul Erasmus+ – Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education (KA220-ADU). Coordonator proiect: Universitatea din Tartu (Estonia) împreună cu partenerii Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo (ABD) – Spania; Asociația ANAIS – România; Una Casa per l'Uomo – Italia și Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) – Cipru.



**Among the activities carried out in 2025 within the project:**

**December 16–17, 2025:**

Participation in the first working meeting of the project “Financial Resources and Education for the Empowerment of Victims of Domestic Violence,” dedicated to combating economic violence and supporting women’s financial independence. The ANAIS Association was represented by Carmen Nemeș, president, alongside European partners. Discussions focused on developing concrete tools for financial education, legal support, and integrated intervention, aimed at reducing economic dependence and supporting the autonomy of victims of domestic violence. The program also included a working visit to the Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu), facilitating the exchange of best practices at the institutional level.



## CAMPAIGNS

### „Sector 2 spune NU violenței domestice” Campaign

An information and awareness campaign carried out in Sector 2, in partnership with the Sector 2 City Hall and DGASPC Sector 2, on the occasion of the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women, November 25 – December 10, 2025. The campaign aimed to raise awareness of domestic violence, including its invisible forms, and to promote concrete support solutions for women at risk.

As part of the “Sector 2 Says NO to Domestic Violence” campaign, video and graphic materials were produced and distributed online and offline, including clips featuring the public message from the Mayor of Sector 2 regarding zero tolerance for domestic violence. A 35-second clip was distributed online (YouTube and social media), and the 10-second version ran both online and in public spaces, in metro stations in Sector 2 and on 5 outdoor billboards. The offline campaign also included the branding of 25 STB stations, as well as the display of 30 posters in public institutions and DGASPC centers. In the digital space, the campaign reached over 27,000 people and generated over 65,000 views, supported by the publication of two press releases (launch and wrap-up) and posts on partners’ channels.



The workshops provided participants with practical information on managing financial resources, legal procedures (protection orders, reporting, available services), and methods for increasing personal safety, contributing to the strengthening of autonomy and self-confidence.

### Closing Event – December 10, 2025, ANAIS HUB

The campaign concluded with the event “Communities Saying NO to Domestic Violence,” held at ANAIS HUB, attended by representatives of public institutions and civil society (the Mayor of Sector 2; representatives of DGASPC Sector 2; representatives of ANES; NGOs, activists, and beneficiaries). The campaign contributed to raising awareness at the local level and strengthening collaboration between institutions and the community, reaffirming that domestic violence is a social problem that requires collective action.



## Petition #911201 - Campaign 911201 Petition to change the designation of the occupation “cleaning lady” in the COR



**Campaign 911201 was initiated by Vileda** in partnership with the ANAIS Association, with the aim of eliminating a form of discrimination from official language by changing the job title “cleaning lady” (COR code 911201) to “cleaning staff.”

The campaign aimed to promote inclusive language and equal opportunities, highlighting the fact that the use of the current term perpetuates gender stereotypes and associations regarding professional status.

We requested that the official COR designation “cleaning lady” (code 911201) be replaced with “cleaning staff.” A neutral, inclusive, and accurate formulation, as already exists for other professions. Changing the designation signifies recognition of equal opportunity and respect for all people who work honestly, regardless of gender or status. Actions and results: the launch of a public petition addressed to the Ministry of Labor; an online information and mobilization campaign that gathered 7,009 signatures in about three months.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness of the impact of language on social perceptions and the need to update official terminology to promote respect and inclusion.

Note: The petition and its results were submitted to the Ministry of Labor in 2026.

## 1INFORMATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Throughout 2025, the ANAIS Association consistently ran an online information and awareness campaign (over 100 posts aimed at education and prevention), using social media platforms as the primary tool for direct communication with the general public.

The published content served an educational and preventive purpose, addressing essential topics such as recognizing forms of domestic violence, identifying signs of abuse (“red flags”), victims’ rights, access to support services, as well as debunking stereotypes and myths related to gender-based violence.

Through these posts, survivors’ stories were also brought to the forefront, presented in a responsible and empathetic manner, with the aim of raising awareness and encouraging others in similar situations to seek help. The campaign included various formats—informative texts, visual materials, awareness messages, and content tailored to relevant social contexts—contributing to a consistent and coherent presence in the digital space.

Through this initiative, we sought not only to inform the public but also to create a safe space for dialogue, where sensitive topics such as domestic violence can be understood, discussed, and addressed responsibly.

## United Nations Commission on the Status of Women CSW69 - international participation



In 2025, the ANAIS Association strengthened its international presence by participating in key events dedicated to women's rights and combating gender-based violence, as part of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), held in New York. The ANAIS Association was represented by Carmen Nemeș, president, alongside Fatma Yilmaz and Bianca Brad, actively contributing to international dialogues on the protection of refugee and migrant women. Participation was made possible with the support of the Jewish Women's Foundation (JWF) and the Association for Dialogue and Universal Values. During the panel organized by ANAIS—"Resilience and Empowerment:

Transformative Approaches and Best Practice Exchange on GBV for Refugee and Migrant Women"—the results of relevant research conducted in Romania were presented, including the safety audit on female refugees from Ukraine and the study on the perceptions and needs of adolescent female refugees. The presentations highlighted best practices and survivor-centered intervention models, contributing to the international exchange of expertise and strengthening ANAIS's position as a key player in the field.

The ANAIS representative also participated in the international panel „Institutional

Mechanisms for Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Girls: Pathways to Sustainable Change,” organized by the Swedish Mission, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the UN, and UN Women. The event brought together government representatives, international organizations, and civil society, facilitating dialogue on public policies, institutional mechanisms, and courses of action to combat gender-based violence globally.



## October 2, 2025 – Publication of the Shadow Report (Council of Europe)

The ANAIS Association coordinated the drafting and publication of the Shadow Report on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Romania. The report was produced by mobilizing an interdisciplinary team of experts, non-governmental organizations, and academics, bringing together complementary perspectives from the legal, social, and public policy fields. The report was published in early October on the European Commission's dedicated GREVIO website.

Link to the report:

- <https://rm.coe.int/shadow-report-on-romania-anais-association/488028b2b0>
- or
- <https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/romania>

## October 25, 2025 – Participation in the GREVIO evaluation visit and presentation of the Shadow Report (România)

The ANAIS Association participated in the official visit to Romania by the GREVIO Expert Group (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence), conducted as part of the evaluation of how the Romanian state implements the provisions of the Istanbul Convention.

In this context, the ANAIS Association played an active role in the monitoring process by coordinating and presenting the Shadow Report—a document drafted by civil society that provides an independent analysis of the progress and shortcomings in preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in Romania.

## NEWS, RESULTS, ACHIEVEMENTS



### Strategic Partnership with the National Institute of Magistracy (INM)

In 2025, the ANAIS Association developed a strategic partnership with the National Institute of Magistracy (INM), with the aim of fostering a multidisciplinary understanding of the phenomenon of domestic and gender-based violence among future magistrates. The collaboration began in April with the organization of training sessions for judicial auditors and INM trainers, led by experts in gender equality and human rights. These workshops addressed the complexity of the phenomenon of violence, the psychological mechanisms of victims, invisible forms of abuse, and systemic challenges that affect actual access to justice. Also as part of this partnership, the auditors had the opportunity to participate as observers in ANAIS Association activities, including support groups, facilitating a direct understanding of the impact of violence on victims.

The partnership continued with the organization, in May, of the conference “From Prejudice to Protection: The Phenomenon of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence from a Multidisciplinary Perspective—Police, Social Services, and Civil Society,” attended by over 130 judicial auditors, alongside professionals from the legal, police, social, and non-governmental sectors. The event facilitated a substantive dialogue between institutions and civil society, addressing key topics such as gender stereotypes, police intervention, the use of protective measures, the psychological impact of legal proceedings on victims, and the need for effective inter-institutional collaboration. Through the contributions of experts and practitioners, the conference offered participants a comprehensive perspective on the role of the justice system in protecting victims and preventing the recurrence of violence.

In July, the collaboration deepened through a series of practical meetings held at ANAIS HUB, designed to bring legal professionals into direct contact with the realities faced by women in vulnerable situations. Activities included dialogues with refugee women from Ukraine, meetings with representatives of the Roma women’s community, and the organization of a “Living Library” event, during which participants listened to real stories from survivors of domestic violence. These experiences helped foster empathy, deepen understanding of the diverse forms of vulnerability, and raise awareness of the profound impact of violence on victims’ lives. Through this partnership, the ANAIS Association and the National Institute of Magistracy have contributed to the training of a new generation of legal professionals who are more attuned to social realities and better prepared to address the needs of victims, thereby laying the groundwork for a more humane, informed, and effective justice system.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### February 2025

[February 11, 2025 – Educational workshop on gender equality](#)

At the invitation of Profesia High School, the ANAIS Association organized an educational workshop led by Irina Ilisei, aimed at high school students. The activity aimed to prevent gender-based violence through non-formal education, addressing topics such as gender stereotypes, consent, forms of violence, and support mechanisms for victims. Through the open dialogue facilitated during the workshop, students were encouraged to critically reflect on relationships and identify abusive behaviors, contributing to the development of a culture of respect and responsibility.

[February 19, 2025 – Participation in Women Advocacy Week \(COSI\)](#)

The Association's representative, social worker Simona Filip, participated in the Open Talk on the challenges faced by women in Romania, as part of Women Advocacy Week organized by COSI – Civic Orientation and Social Integration. The discussions focused on challenges regarding gender equality and solutions promoted by civil society.

### March 2025

[March 8, 2025 – Participation in an event dedicated to International Women's Day](#)

Representatives of the association attended the event organized by the Spanish Embassy in Romania, hosted by Restaurant Casa España. The event brought together stakeholders from the diplomatic community, civil society, and the private sector, with the theme of promoting gender equality and non-discrimination.

### May 2025

[May 21, 2025 – Media appearance – “Cuib de cuci” podcast](#)

Carmen Nemeș, president of the ANAIS Association, was a guest on the “Cuib de cuci” podcast, produced in partnership with RE/MAX Romania. The discussion addressed the realities of domestic violence in Romania, the myths that perpetuate the phenomenon, and the solutions needed to support victims. The appearance helped raise public awareness and brought to light practical perspectives drawn from the organization's direct experience.

[May 26, 2025 – Participation in the inauguration ceremony of the President of Romania at Cotroceni Palace](#)

The President of the ANAIS Association attended the official inauguration ceremony of the President of Romania, held at Cotroceni Palace. The invitation represents recognition of civil society's role in promoting fundamental rights and democratic values, as well as the organization's contribution to gender equality.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### May 27, 2025 – Award from the Bucharest Police

The ANAIS Association was honored by the Bucharest Police for its contribution to legal education and the strengthening of the relationship between the community and public institutions. The award was presented during an official event and reflects the ongoing collaboration in the field of preventing and combating domestic violence.

### May 28, 2025 – Awareness and Information Campaign on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – Bucharest North railway station, Bucharest

In partnership with the Bucharest Police, the ANAIS Association conducted an information campaign aimed at the general public in a high-traffic area. The activity aimed to raise awareness about forms of violence, early signs of abuse, and available resources for victims. Volunteers from the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work also contributed to the event, facilitating direct interactions with the public and distributing informational materials.

### **June 2025**

### June 3, 2025 – Participation in a public demonstration against femicide

The ANAIS Association participated in a public demonstration organized in Bucharest to draw attention to the phenomenon of femicide and gender-based violence. The event highlighted the need for effective measures of prevention, protection, and punishment, as well as the importance of institutional accountability and social solidarity in combating violence against women.

### **July 2025**

### July 28, 2025 – Participation in an event dedicated to socio-cosmetics (National Museum of the Romanian Peasant)

The ANAIS Association participated in an event dedicated to socio-cosmetics, organized by Ana Marana BEAUTY, an initiative that proposes an integrated approach to care, at the intersection of aesthetics, emotional support, and personal reconnection. The event, held at the National Museum of the Romanian Peasant, brought together specialists in the fields of beauty, personal development, and social intervention, in a setting dedicated to exploring the relationship between self-image, confidence, and healing processes. The ANAIS Association was represented by Simona Filip, social worker and coordinator of the Information and Counseling Center.

### **September 2025**

### September 11, 2025 – Participation in the debate “Violence in My Heart” (Technical Museum, Bucharest)

The ANAIS Association participated in an interdisciplinary debate organized as part of an exhibition that addressed gender-based violence and the representation of women in society. The event facilitated an open dialogue between experts and the public, contributing to raising awareness of the scale of the phenomenon and strengthening social solidarity.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

[September 21, 2025 – Talk at the Dorobanți StreetArt Fest \(Bucharest\)](#)

Psychotherapists Adela Szenteş and Isabela Bănescu gave a talk on the dynamics of abusive relationships and the difficulty of escaping them. The event, dedicated to family and emotional health, brought essential topics related to prevention and support to the attention of the general public.

[September 22–23, 2025 – WAVE 2025 Conference \(Bucharest\)](#)

The ANAIS Association co-organized the 27th edition of the WAVE Conference (Women Against Violence Europe, a network of which the association is a member), one of the most important European events dedicated to preventing and combating violence against women and girls. The conference took place in Bucharest and brought together representatives of non-governmental organizations, experts, activists, professionals in the social and legal fields, as well as decision-makers from across Europe. The event, co-organized in partnership with the A.L.E.G. Association, the Necuvinte Association, and the Dr. Max Foundation, had as its central theme “Feminist Solidarity and Collective Action: Regaining Our Power to End Violence Against Women,” emphasizing the need to strengthen collaboration among organizations, communities, and institutions in a European context marked by challenges such as underfunding of the sector, the rise of anti-feminist discourse, and social polarization. During the conference, we presented the organization’s experience in the field of prevention and victim support, contributing to the exchange of best practices and the strengthening of international networks.

[September 30, 2025 – Participation in the Leading Ladies program \(LEADERS & DB Global Technology\)](#)

The ANAIS Association was part of the Leading Ladies program, in which teams of participants developed digital solutions for the organization. Among the results are support for the development of a website-linked chatbot to assist vulnerable women and individuals seeking information on domestic violence, as well as the optimization of data collection and management processes. The “Leading Ladies” program is coordinated by the LEADERS Foundation and supported by DB Global Technology.

### October 2025

[October 1, 2025 – Publication of an article in the WAVE Network’s Fempower 2025 magazine](#)

Carmen Nemeş, the Association’s president, published the article “Rights won, rights under threat: legal and institutional gaps in addressing domestic violence in Romania” (pp. 23–25) in the 2025 edition of Fempower magazine. The WAVE Fempower magazine is an annual publication of the WAVE Network (which brings together over 1,600 organizations through its more than 180 members in 46 countries). The article analyzes legislative and institutional gaps in Romania and highlights the need to recognize femicide as a distinct crime. Link to the online magazine: [https://wave-network.org/wp-content/uploads/WAVE\\_fempower250721\\_2\\_web](https://wave-network.org/wp-content/uploads/WAVE_fempower250721_2_web)



## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### October 25, 2025 – Participation in the International Conference in Chişinău (Republic of Moldova)

The ANAIS Association, represented by its president, participated in the fifth edition of the conference organized by the “Life Without Violence” Coalition. The event brought together specialists and activists from the region, facilitating the exchange of experiences and strengthening cross-border cooperation in combating violence against women.

### **November 2025**

### November 11–13, 2025 – Participation in the National Forum of Social Services in Romania

The ANAIS Association participated in the National Forum of Social Services in Romania, held on November 12–13, 2025, a landmark event that brought together representatives of public authorities, experts, social service providers, and non-governmental organizations to discuss the state and well-being of citizens in the current context of social policies.

During Workshop No. 2 – “Report on the Violation of Fundamental Rights,” moderated by Ovidiu Voicu, the ANAIS Association was represented by Beatrice Berna, who delivered a presentation on the topic “A Critical Assessment of the Impact of Gender-Based Violence on Women’s Rights in Romania: An Analysis from the Perspective of State Obligations Under the Istanbul Convention.” The presentation highlighted existing shortcomings in the protection of women’s rights and the need for a coherent and integrated approach at the institutional level.

### November 20, 2025

Carmen Nemeş, President of the Association, was a guest on Elena Calistru’s podcast “Cum se face” produced by [@recorder.ro](https://www.recorder.ro). Together with the host, they discussed the mechanisms of domestic violence, femicide, the realities faced by victims seeking help, and many other topics. The full episode is available here: [https://youtu.be/yFuGed\\_ua3A?si=i2DLS6wY](https://youtu.be/yFuGed_ua3A?si=i2DLS6wY)

### November 20, 2025 – Organization of the debate “Prevention and Support for Every Woman’s Right to a Life Free from Violence”

The ANAIS Association, in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (IRDO) and the Dr. Max Foundation, organized a debate at the ANAIS HUB dedicated to the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25), bringing together representatives from public authorities, academia, and civil society organizations.

The event aimed to analyze progress and existing gaps in the field of preventing and combating gender-based violence, addressing topics such as sexual harassment in the academic environment, the need to criminalize femicide, the legislative framework regarding anonymous complaints, and the prevention of forced marriages.

During the debate, the ANAIS Association presented the conclusions of the Shadow Report submitted to GREVIO, emphasizing the need to strengthen public policies and inter-institutional cooperation. At the same time, the Dr. Max Foundation presented the SafeYOU app, an innovative digital solution to support victims, and IRDO launched the national campaign “United Against Digital Violence Against Women,” held from November 25 to December 10, as part of the 16 Days of Activism.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### November 25, 2025 – Celebration and Activism

On November 25, 2025, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the ANAIS Association marked 14 years of activity by organizing an event dedicated to its community—beneficiaries, partners, supporters, and collaborators. The event took place in a safe and open setting, facilitating dialogue, the sharing of experiences, and reconnection among participants, in a moment of reflection on the organization’s journey and the ongoing need for action in the field of preventing and combating gender-based violence. A central element of the event was the artistic component, built around a therapeutic theater process coordinated by Lioara Bradu, in which survivors of domestic violence translated their own experiences into an improvisational performance. The process integrated techniques such as storytelling, movement therapy, emotional processing, and guided meditation, contributing to the development of self-confidence and the reclaiming of one’s personal voice. The artistic segment, complemented by a performance by actress Bianca Brad, provided a space for authentic expression and highlighted the power of transformation through community and support. Event organized this year as part of the “ANAIS HUB – Where Every Story Matters” project, funded by the Dacia Foundation for Romania.

### November 28, 2025 – Participation in the event „Fii TU vocea care inspira Curajul!”

The ANAIS Association, represented by Irina Ilisei— expert in gender equality—participated in the event “Be the Voice That Inspires Courage!”, organized by the National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men (ANES). The event brought together young people, specialists, and representatives of public institutions, with the aim of promoting the role of education and civic engagement in preventing gender-based violence. In her remarks, Irina Ilisei emphasized the importance of early childhood education in combating gender stereotypes and discussed the impact of the online environment and social media on the normalization of abusive behaviors. She also highlighted the need to develop prevention tools tailored to new forms of violence, including digital violence, and the active role that young people can play in changing mindsets and building safer communities.

### November 29, 2025 – Organization of the international webinar “Voix francophones contre la violence”

As a member of the Francophone Network on Gender Equality, ANAIS Association organized the international webinar “Voix francophones contre la violence! De l’ombre à la lumière: repenser la protection des femmes dans l’espace francophone,” as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The event brought together representatives of organizations and institutions from the Francophone world, facilitating an interdisciplinary dialogue on current challenges and effective solutions in combating violence against women. The webinar was opened by Lydia Toto, coordinator of the Francophone Network, who emphasized the importance of international cooperation and of adapting interventions to the cultural and legal context of each country. ANAIS contributed by presenting the situation in Romania, highlighting legislative gaps, the fragmentation of public policies, and difficulties in collecting data on gender-based violence. Additionally, the presentations by international guests, including the representative from FAWE Madagascar, brought into discussion the role of education and community involvement in prevention.

*Voix francophones contre la violence!  
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protection des femmes dans l’espace  
francophone.*

## FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL STATUS IN 2025

### March 8, 2025: Partnership to promote the “Dance & Unite” charity event

The ANAIS Association partnered to promote the charity event organized by ElevateHer - @elevateher.art, dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. The event brought together artists and community members in a creative format, and the funds raised were directed to the Association to support victims of domestic violence.

### April 9, 2025 – “EasterN Charity Blast” Charity Event

The ANAIS Association received support from the artistic community and the general public during the “EasterN Charity Blast” charity event, organized by Love Hate Love Collective in Bucharest. The event took place in a cultural and musical setting, bringing together artists, DJs, and participants in a space dedicated to solidarity and support for social causes. All funds raised from ticket sales were directed to the ANAIS Association, helping to support psychological, legal, and social counseling services provided to victims of domestic violence. The event was not only a fundraising initiative but also an awareness-raising effort, bringing to the attention of the general public the realities faced by women in abusive situations.

### April 30, 2025: Launch of the SHE/MAX campaign (partnership with RE/MAX Romania)

In partnership with RE/MAX Romania, the SHE/MAX campaign was launched, an initiative providing comprehensive support for victims of domestic violence. As part of the campaign, 57 women received psychological, legal, and social services, as well as support for professional reintegration.

### July 24, 2025 – Fundraising event through a sports initiative

The ANAIS Association was supported as part of an international fundraising initiative organized by LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group), which involved teams from several countries. In Romania, company employees participated in a sporting event (cycling challenge), transforming physical effort into a concrete gesture of solidarity. Our colleague Simona Filip-social worker, also participated in the event, and the funds raised were directed toward supporting the services offered at the center, particularly to facilitate victims’ access to essential resources. The initiative highlighted the importance of partnerships with the private sector in supporting social interventions.



## FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL STATUS IN 2025



### August 25, 2025: Fundraising event in support of victims of domestic violence organized by Silviu Faiăr

On his birthday, Silviu Faiăr organized an online fundraising event on his Twitch channel for the ANAIS Association. During an online marathon, 20,000 euros were raised, a sum matched by Banca Transilvania. The funds raised help support women facing domestic violence who turn to the Association, as well as the organization's activities.



### September 10, 2025: Participation in a charity fair organized by LSEG

The ANAIS Association participated in the charity fair organized by LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group), alongside other non-governmental organizations, through the involvement of the team and volunteers. During the event, products were displayed and sold, and the funds raised were directed toward supporting the Association's activities. The event facilitated direct interaction with the public and representatives of the corporate sector, contributing both to attracting financial resources and to increasing the visibility of the organization and the cause it advocates for.

### Financial Status:

- **Revenue 2025: 1,253,011 LEI**
- **Expenses 2025: 1,386,148 LEI**

The activities of the ANAIS Association in 2025 were carried out with the support of the firms and companies that sponsored us, from the grants and non-reimbursable funding mentioned on the previous pages, as well as with the help of individuals who chose to donate to the ANAIS Association, to direct 3.5% of their income tax from salaries, or to donate their birthdays/challenges/events on the Galantom platform.

**Thank you for supporting the ANAIS Association's cause in 2025!**

**None of what we have achieved would have been possible without your trust and generosity.**

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK

- **One-time or recurring individual donations via direct debit:**  
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- **Donation via direct bank transfer to account:**  
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