

PRESS RELEASE

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Do you feel safe in academia?

Call for researchers to share experience on gender-based violence in universities and research organisations

The UniSAFE project tackles gender-based violence in academia and research organisations by gathering and examining personal experiences related to this issue as well as institutional responses. From January to April 2022, **the project will conduct a series of individual interviews with researchers all over Europe who have experienced or witnessed gender-based violence.**

All sensitive information will be kept confidential and anonymous.

The aim is to examine these experiences in detail and analyse the relationship between the prevalence of gender-based violence and its determinants and consequences. How active are universities and research organisations in preventing, protecting, and prosecuting gender-based violence?

UniSAFE is looking for **researchers – including PhD students – having suffered or witnessed gender-based violence, particularly in one of the following situations:**

- **at an early-career stage**
- **on a non-permanent contract in a university or a research organisation**
- **as a mobile researcher visiting a university or research organisation abroad, including Marie Curie fellows.**

Experiences or witnesses of violence in academia outside these situations are also welcome. Participants will be invited to share their stories and their observations of institutions' response or lack of responses in **individual, online, and semi-structured interviews** in English or in their national language when possible.

The shared knowledge and/or observations will contribute to develop operational tools to improve the prevention, protection, prosecution, provision of services, partnerships and policies at universities and research organisations.

To participate or for further information regarding the interviews, potential respondents are invited to fill in the [form on the project website](#) to ensure full confidentiality. The [Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences](#) is UniSAFE's main contact point for this research activity.

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