The needs of the healthcare provider
We often talk about women friendly services and quality of care.

However, we can only offer this quality of care if we also take into concern the needs of the provider.
Many of us have been working in this field for many years already and in a way we have learned how to cope with this topic, as a way to survive. But is this the right way? Is that enough?
At international level, we started FIAPAC: after the very successful Abortion Matters Conference in Amsterdam in '96, we realized that meeting and talking about this topic was a necessity, a life-saving obligation to ourselves.
How do we stay ‘sane’ and continue to work in an un-supportive, often hostile environment
In the seventies we had a strong women’s movement supporting us, but is that still the case?
Abortion should take place in a woman friendly AND in a provider friendly environment.
How can we turn it around, so we can feel proud of what we are doing?
What do we need?
• Enough providers
• Support meetings: for doctors/nurses/counselors/social workers
• Supportive working environment
• A country wide and a global wide supporting network
• Continuous medical education: stay up to date
• Be able to work according to the best medical standards