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Austrian Research Project: **Discrimination during emergencies**

Paramedics often work under great **pressure**: In addition to the stressful medical situation, they also have to **interact** with the patients themselves, but also relatives, bystanders, colleagues and other emergency services. They are repeatedly **confronted with attacks** ranging from discrimination to violence from a verbal to a physical level. The rescue sector has historically been and still remains **male-dominated** today - the majority of **women experience more discrimination** than their male colleagues - but women are not the only ones affected.

A study from South Korea shows that almost 30% of female paramedics have been sexually harassed by civilians while on duty in the last 12 months.

VR training can provide **more targeted** preparation

Currently we **lack targeted training programmes** to prepare first responders for such situations and provide them with an appropriate repertoire of actions. VR training is particularly suitable for this and will be researched, developed and tested in the GAIN project.

What is the **project** about?



identification of challenges for medical first responders during emergencies.



VR-based training strategies to better handle discrimination.



Development of a **training program**

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