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IMPROVING JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE: TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

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NATIONAL STRATEGY

- Identification of law and policy
  - Existing legislation & gaps
  - Momentum at national level: Child Act draft

- Identification of stakeholders
  - Social Welfare Services
  - Police
  - Lawyers and Judges
  - Commissioner for Children Rights
  - Mental health professionals

- Meeting with stakeholders
  - Informal meetings
  - Informal exchanges
1ST NATIONAL WORKSHOP

- **Target audience**
  - Senior level professionals
  - SWS, Judiciary, Bar Association, Police, Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Members of Parliament
  - 40 Invitees

- **Aims of the project:**
  - Promote a child friendly juvenile justice system and train professional in contact with children
  - Identification of gaps and difficulties
  - Common approach and aims
2ND NATIONAL WORKSHOP

- **Target audience**
  - First contact officers handling cases of children in conflict with the law

- **Aim**
  - Educate on legal obligations of officers
  - Educate on rights of children
  - Train first contact officers on how to better handle cases involving children

- **Results**
  - Identification of best practices
  - Identification of gaps and weak points
  - Empowerment of officers
NATIONAL COALITION

- Overall positive attitude of participants
- Interdisciplinary Committee
- Meetings on a bimonthly basis
- Oversee the implementation of national Children’s Act and EU Directive
- Possibly drafting an action plan
FOLLOWING STEPS

- Strengthen advocacy efforts
  - Alternative means of juvenile justice: The Finish model
  - Child centered juvenile justice system
- Set up a structured Coalition
  - Structure
  - Mandate
  - Aims
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