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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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