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Project’s activities report

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1. Please describe the methodology used to organise the three workshops (who has been contacted, how many previous meeting were organised, etc.):

People who were contacted prior to the workshops:
• Trainers’ meeting before the workshops (1 or 2 meetings each time to decide on training material, educational goals, methodology and the agenda).

• Contact persons in each city who were responsible for organising the list of participants, the workshop venue and the coffee break (a) for the first workshop in Komotini on the 9-4-2016: the Head of Department of Probation Officers in Alexandroupolis and the Public Prosecutor in the court of firts-instance of Komotini, b) for the second workshop in Volos on the 26-6-2016: the Head of the Special Youth Detention Centre, and c) for the third workshop in the National School of Judges, Thessaloniki, on the 8-7-2016: the responsible secretary for training events).

• The project coordinator, Mrs. Katsigaraki, was responsible for inviting the persons who opened the workshops: a) Mrs. Xeni Dimitriou-Vasilopoulou, Vice Prosecutor of the Supreme Court Public Prosecutor’s Office, responsible for juvenile and terrorism issues, and Ms. Zoe Smyrli, Vice Prosecutor of Court of Appeals of Public Prosecutor’s Office in Thrace, President of the Juvenile Protection Association of Thrace (for the first workshop), and a representative of the National School of Judges (third workshop).

• Skype meetings with IJJO (Ms. Adelaide Vanhove) before the first and second workshops to agree on procedures and details, evaluation forms, taking down of the minutes, certificates of participation.

2. Please provide here minutes of the First Workshop (you can include pictures), including the number and type of participants, the date and location of the workshop and its results:

The first workshop was organised in Komotini, (Northern Greece) in the Municipality Odeon of Komotini and the Anatolia Hotel, Komotini, on 9-4-
Sixty-six (66) professionals participated in the workshop, including the following professional groups:

26 lawyers (from the Lawyers Associations of the county of Rodopi, of the city of Alexandroupolis and of the city of Kavala), 16 police officers (from the Police Directorate of the county of Rodopi and the police stations of Alexandroupolis and Drama), 1 officer from the General Detention Centre of Komotini, 6 Public Prosecutors from the department of Thrace, 11 judges and 7 Probation Officers from the department of Thrace (Alexandroupolis, Rodopi, kavala, Drama).

The trainers were: a) the project coordinator, Mrs. Eftychia Katsigaraki, criminologist, Ph.D. Head of Department of Strategic Planning, Judiciary Organisation and Functionning, Ministry of Justice b) the project assistant, Mrs. Christina Moutsopoulou, Psychologist, MSc, University of London, Juvenile Probation Officer in the Probation Service of Pireus, c) Mr. Pelios Stavrou, Clinical Psychologist, PhD. d) Mr. Lambros Stavrou, Professor of Clinical Psychopathology, University of Ioannina and e) Mr. Simos Papadopoulos, Assistant Professor of the Pedagogical Department for Primary Education, Democriteion University of Thrace, who included an experiential workshop in his training about *The mediation of theatre to build communication skills in adult professionals working with children.*
This first workshop was considered very successful by all participants, as they live in a remote city of Greece (in the department of Thrace) and have very few opportunities to workshops of this kind. It was a great opportunity for national stakeholders to meet together and for professional of different institutions to exchange realities and to express daily difficulties and challenges in their work. Unfortunately, because our first workshop was planned quite early (on the 9th April), the manual was not yet printed.

3. Please provide here minutes of the Second workshop (you can include pictures) including the number and type of participants, the date and location of the workshop and its results:

The second workshop was organised in the city of Volos, (Central Greece) in the Domotel Xenias Hotel, Volos, on the 26-6-2016. 80 professionals participated in this workshop, including the following professional groups:

16 administration employees from the Special Youth Detention Centres and the Educational Institution for Minors in Volos, 20 guards from the previous institutions, 7 social workers, 1 psychologist, 1 nurse, 8 teachers, 3 juvenile probation officers, 8 police officers from the Police Directorate of the county of Magnesia and 16 lawyers from the Lawyers Association of Volos.

The trainers were: a) the project coordinator, Mrs. Eftychia Katsigaraki, criminologist, Ph.D. Head of Department of Strategic Planning, Judiciary Organisation and Functionning, Ministry of Justice, Greece b) the project assistant, Mrs. Christina Moutsopoulou, Psychologist, MSc, University of London, Juvenile Probation Officer in the Probation Service of Pireus, c) Mrs. Korina Hatzinikolaou, Lecturer of Developmental Psychopathology and Communication Difficulties, Department of Sciences of Pre-school Education, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and d) Stathis Papastathopoulos, Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology, Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology, University of Ioannina, who put emphasis on child psychology and the importance of discussing matters with the children during penal procedures.
The second workshop was evaluated as very successful by the participants themselves, but certain participants took a defensive attitude with the educational video “Voices of children and young people: Experiences by children and young people of the police and youth justice system in Northern Island, created by Include Youth, considering that what was implied was the improvements that have to be made in their own places of work.

4. Please provide here minutes of the third workshop (you can include pictures) including the number and type of participants, the date and location of the workshop and its results.

The third workshop was organised in the National School of Judges, Thessaloniki, on the 8-7-2016. 65 participants (trainee judges and public prosecutors) participated in the workshop.

The trainers were: the project coordinator, Mrs. Eftychia Katsigaraki, criminologist, Ph.D. Head of Department of Strategic Planning, Judiciary Organisation and Functionning, Ministry of Justice b) the project assistant, Mrs. Christina Moutsopoulou, Psychologist, MSc, University of London, Juvenile Probation Officer in the Probation Service of Pireus and c) Mr. Pelios Stavrou, Clinical Psychologist.

The third workshop was evaluated as very successful by the participants themselves, especially the video and the contribution of the expert psychologist who supported the training.

4. Please describe the organisation of the National Coalition
(Which future for the National Coalition?; Which structure adopted?; Who are the members?; Next steps for the National Coalition)

The National Coalition on juvenile delinquency and the right of the minor to be heard, between members from the judiciary sector (Supreme Court of Greece and local Courts of appeal), the administrative public sector (Ministry of Justice and local Police Directorates) and the academic sector, is so far of inofficial status. Members of high rank from the above sectors have participated in the
workshops and have invited their colleagues (of lower ranks) to participate in the workshops so far.

The national coalition has already organised a fourth two-day seminar in Chania, Crete, on the 2-12-2017, so that professionals living on the island of Crete and working with children in conflict with the law and as well for neglected or abused children in high risk of delinquency, could have access to the educational material and ideas developed by the project “Improving Juvenile Justice Systems in Europe: Training for Professionals”.

Please provide as annexes in this document:

1. The national strategy
2. The agenda for the first workshop
3. The list of participants for the first workshop
4. The evaluation report for the first workshop
5. The agenda for the second workshop
6. The list of participants for the second workshop
7. The evaluation report for the second workshop