

„Improving Juvenile Justice Systems“ Results of the project in Austria



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National strategy

- **Assessing the status quo:** Meetings with MoJ representatives: head of department of penitentiary system, head of training; Visit to main juvenile detention centre
- **Adaptation of strategy to national context:** Coalition on juvenile justice formed in 2013 but inactive since 2014 - led to comprehensive reforms and new law in 2016
- **Objectives:**
 - Raising awareness through IJJO manual and toolkit
 - Reviving and enlarging former coalition
 - Using momentum of recent legal reform and Directive to identify and advocate for necessary measures for effective implementation, especially in relation to training



First workshop

- Participants:
 - Head of penitentiary affairs and former national coalition
 - Chief prosecutor
 - Prosecutor and former youth judge
 - Experts from the BIM
- Outcome:
 - Identification of challenges in the field of juvenile justice
 - Identification of ideas for a new national coalition
 - Development of concept for second national workshop



Second workshop

- Organised together with the MoJ
- 50 participants from the police, justice system, social workers and psychologists
- Agenda:
 - First day: Presentations and discussion of standards of child-friendly justice (Manual, Ch. 1-3, 5); Working groups on prevention, police arrest, alternatives to custody, and rehabilitation - discussion of gaps and challenges and development of recommendations
 - Second day: Presentations and discussion on child-friendly communication (Manual, Ch. 4): presentations and discussion of different training curricula; identification of ways to strengthen cooperation in education & training



Second workshop

- Outcome:
 - Presentation and dissemination of manual and toolkit
 - Increased awareness of standards for child-friendly justice and child-friendly communication
 - Development of recommendations for reforms in the fields of prevention, police arrest, detention/alternatives and rehabilitation
 - Increased awareness of the different training curricula and needs for further cooperation identified
 - Announcement of a new and enlarged national coalition to take charge of the implementation of recommendations



Follow-up and national coalition

- New coalition to be established
- Aim to enhance inter-institutional cooperation and develop strategy for the implementation of recommendations
- Responsibility: Head of penitentiary affairs and former coalition, MoJ
- Cooperation with BIM within new projects and offer to provide support and advice



Vielen Dank !

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