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Activity 2.1.2 BIS

Conducting a study visit to learn about treatment and training programmes in other MS

Study visit to Madrid, Spain was conducted from 28 May to 2 June 2017. Five representatives of the Probation Sector visited the General Secretariat of Penitentiary Institutions, CIS (Social Insertion Centre "Melchor Rodríguez García" Alcalá de Henares (Open Regime Prison) and the "Josefina Aldecoa" CIS (Social Insertion Centre) in Navalcarnero, and met their Spanish colleagues. In this way they had direct experience with professionals and offenders regarding treatment programmes and this will help an effective implementation of programmes in the Croatian Probation System.



Activity 2.2.3

Conducting Training of Trainers (ToT) for at least 5 staff members from the Probation Service

The training was conducted by two experts from 5 to 9 June and seven representatives of the Probation Sector finished the training – three representatives from Central Office in the Ministry of Justice and four representatives from probation offices. The participants of the training of trainers gained the skills and knowledge needed to become trainers of future generations of probation officers and to teach them how to treat specific categories of offenders.



Activity 2.2.4

Conducting trainings for at least 40 staff members from the Probation Service

1st mission of this activity was implemented by three experts from 6 to 10 February. The first training of probation officers designed in the activity 2.2.2 was conducted in this mission. The treatment programme was for gender-based violence offenders under probation and 20 probation officers were trained.



2nd mission of this activity was implemented by two experts from 6 to 10 March. This was the second training and 15 probation officers were trained, in the area of the treatment programme for sex offenders.



3rd mission of this activity was implemented by three experts from 27 to 31 March and 22 representatives from the Probation Sector finished the training. This time the topic was treatment programme for general offending and general violence. The training followed a practical approach that permitted participants to practice new skills on group therapy.



Activity 3.3.4

Monitoring ES pilot project and preparing monitoring report(s)

1st mission of this activity was implemented by one expert from 30 January to 3 February. The design and general outline of the EM Monitoring and Evaluation Plan was presented to the Central Office.



2nd mission of this activity was implemented by one expert from 25 to 27 April. The electronic monitoring (EM) pilot project began the 17th of February 2017 with the first case in Conditional Release (CR) under EM in Croatia. This activity aimed to organise the midterm evaluation of the EM pilot project after 66 days from the beginning of the EM implementation.

3rd mission of this activity was implemented by two experts from 29 May to 2 June. This activity aimed to organise the final evaluation of the EM pilot project after 100 days from the beginning of the EM implementation.



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Activity 3.3.5

Performing analysis of results of ES pilot project and preparing analysis report with recommendations for permanent and sustainable introduction of ES system

1st mission of this activity was implemented by one expert from 29 May to 1 June. The purpose of this mission was to start doing some analytic work on the final results of the electronic monitoring pilot project.

2nd mission of this activity was implemented by one expert from 5 to 9 June, for the analysis of results of the Electronic Monitoring EM pilot project after the final evaluation of the pilot. During this mission, all the information collected during the activity 3.3.4 was analysed and drafted in a technical report.



Activity 4.1.2

Preparing PR guidelines with messages to be communicated and methods to be used, including identification of target groups

2nd mission was implemented by two experts from 16 to 20 January. The PR Strategy and the Action plan were finished and the PR materials that were discussed during the previous mission, leaflets and brochures with general information about probation, were designed. The leaflets and brochures were designed in order to promote the visibility of Probation in Croatia.



Activity 4.1.3

Preparing layout and content of the Probation Service website

This activity was implemented through one mission, by one expert, from 27 February to 3 March. Presentation on the best international practice and analysis of potential design of the website were presented – menu structure of the homepage and layouts of homepage and subpages.



Activity 4.1.4

Preparing layout of on-line newsletter about probation practice

This activity was implemented from 20 to 22 January by one expert. This activity aimed to continue to prepare the layout of on-line newsletter about probation practice in order to raise the public awareness and enhance the visibility of the Probation Service in Croatia.

Activity 4.2.1

Developing, printing and disseminating of PR materials (21.000 leaflets; 20.000 in Croatian and 1.000 in English and 5.000 brochures; 4.500 in Croatian and 500 in English) about Croatian Probation Service for general public and interested stakeholders (police, social services, judges, state attorneys, probation service users)

This activity was implemented by one expert from 22 to 26 May. This activity aimed to finalize the preparation process of the PR materials and to disseminate these materials to different target groups such as the general

public and interested stakeholders (police, social services, judges, prosecutors, other partners, probation users).

Activity 4.2.2

Conducting public event for interested stakeholders and general public in order to promote the Probation Service and its contribution to security and prosperity of the community

1st mission was implemented by two experts on 24 January. The experts discussed the organisation of the conference on probation system, enhancing its visibility and presenting its outputs. At the same time they discussed exhibition of pictures, which will be taken by probation officers and offenders. The exhibition will be organised in the week from 24 to 30 April.

2nd mission of this activity was implemented by two experts from 24 to 28 April. This mission was focused on the implementation of a photography exhibition: a public event for the stakeholders and general public in order to promote the Probation Service. Probation officers and offenders around Croatia took pictures on this topic and the best 20 pictures were selected by an independent jury. This exhibition was organised in the Zrinjevac square from 24 to 30 April.



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3rd mission of this activity was implemented by three experts on 16 May. On this day the Conference "The Past, Present and Future of the Probation Service in Croatia", as a part of the promotion of the visibility of the Probation Service in Croatia, was organised.

International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) was held on Friday, 30 June 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, Ulica grada Vukovara 49, Zagreb.



The overall objective of this project, with the total budget of 700.000 EUR, was to strengthen the efficiency of the Judiciary in the Republic of Croatia in the area of criminal justice system. The project started on 15 April 2016 and will end on 15 July 2017.



This project aimed at contributing the Probation Service's trajectory through improving the institutional capacity of the Probation Service, the training of probation officers for the work with criminal offenders of specific categories, the implementation of an electronic surveillance pilot project and the increase of public awareness about the benefits of alternatives to imprisonment, both from the financial and social perspective.



Activity 4.2.4

Preparing (in Croatian and English) and disseminating on-line newsletters about probation practice

This activity was implemented by one expert from 23 to 26 May. This activity aimed to continue the work on the on-line newsletter about probation practice by developing the content of the first issue of this publication.



FINAL EVENT

The closing ceremony of the Twinning project "Support to further development and strengthening of the Probation Service in Croatia" financed by the European Union and jointly implemented by the Croatian Ministry of Justice, the General Secretariat of Penitentiary Institutions of Spain, the



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