Improving Juvenile Justice Systems in Europe: Training for professionals

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Training the Trainers session

25 - 27 January 2016
Rue Royale 72, Brussels

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Agenda

Improving juvenile justice systems in Europe: Training of Trainers session

The objective of this training of trainers session is to give to project partners the necessary skills and knowledge to organise national seminars on improving Juvenile Justice through the prism of how to communicate with children and to implement the right of the child to be heard.

For this purpose, a training package composed by a toolkit for trainers, a manual and videos has been developed and will be presented to participants. A particular attention have been brought to schedule, during this session, interactive training activities in order to give trainers tools, skills and methodology with a particular focus on child participation in juvenile justice proceedings.

Day 1, Monday, 25th of January: Introduction to the training of trainers

- **13.30 – 14.00** Registration
- **14.00 – 14.45** Presentation of the Improving Juvenile Justice training of trainers session
  - Ms. Cristina Goñi, Secretary General, International Juvenile Justice Observatory
  - Mr. Cédric Foussard, Director of International Affairs, International Juvenile Justice Observatory
  - Round of introductions of participants (role/position in the field of juvenile justice)
- **14.45-16.30** General introduction to international and European children’s rights framework as developed in the Training Package (Chap 1)
  - Prof. Ton Liefaard, University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
  - **Discussant:** Ms. Ursina Weidkuhn, Juvenile Justice expert (Switzerland)
- **16.30 – 16.45** Coffee break
- **16.45 – 17.55** Implementing the Training Package
  - Introduction to the Toolkit for professionals and the Manual
  - Dr. Stephanie Rap, University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
Day 2, Tuesday, 26th of January: Making Juvenile Justice Child friendly: Developing knowledge and skills for professionals

- **9.00 – 9.05** Introduction of Day 2
- **9.05 – 9.30** Young people in a formal justice setting: Presentation of video I
  - Ms. Kate Moffett and Ms. Sharon Whittaker, Include Youth (UK)
- **9.30 – 10.45** Institutional requirements (chap 2)
  - Prof. Ton Liefaard (10’), University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
  - Smaller groups (40’) animated by Ms. Ursina Weidkuhn, Ms. Els Dumortier, Ms. Maria Jose Bernuz. Ms. Avril Calder
  - Outcomes will be shared with the whole group (20’)
- **10.45 – 11.00** Coffee break
- **11.00 – 11.15** Young person involved in restorative justice with a community organisation: presentation of video II
  - Ms. Kate Moffett and Ms. Sharon Whittaker, Include Youth (UK)
- **11.15 – 12.30** Effective participation (chap 3)
  - Dr. Stephanie Rap (10’), University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
  - Smaller groups (40’) animated by Ms. Ursina Weidkuhn, Ms. Els Dumortier, Ms. Maria Jose Bernuz. Ms. Avril Calder
  - Outcomes will be shared with the whole group (20’)
- **12.30 – 13.30** Lunch
- **13.30 – 13.45** Young person who had experience of youth justice and how this affects her future: Presentation of Video III
Day 3, Wednesday 27th of January: FOCUS DAY on Juvenile Offender Detention Alternatives

Day 3 will be a FOCUS DAY dedicated to Alternatives to Detention for Juveniles in Europe. The importance of ensuring that viable and effective alternative measures to custody are available and utilised to the maximum possible extent for juvenile offenders is clearly recommended by international and European standards and principles. In this context, this focus day on Alternatives will define the European and internationals standards and practices and present new developments in this domain.

The focus day will in consequence be composed of two events:
- a training session in the morning
- a policy event at midday.

Training Session

- 9.30 – 9.40  Presentation of the FOCUS DAY on Juvenile Offender Detention Alternatives
  o  Ms. Alessandra Minesso, Istituto Don Calabria (Italy)
• 9.40 – 10.00 Fostering Alternatives to detention: training for professional
  o Ms. Louise Forde, University College of Cork (Ireland)

• 10.00 – 10.30 Interactive Session
  o Ms. Annelies Hendriks, Psychologist, consultant in mediation and psychology (The Netherlands)
  o Mr. Shaddy Mirza, Consultant on child pedagogy (The Netherlands)

• 10.30 – 10.45 European standards and good practices on alternatives to detention
  o Ms. Ursula Kilkelly, University College of Cork (Ireland)

• 10.45 – 11.30 Interactive Session
  o Mr. Shaddy Mirza, Consultant on child pedagogy (The Netherlands)

• 11.30 – 11.35 Conclusions and Refreshment
## Alternatives to detention

**in the context of the entry into force of the Directive on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings**

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<td>JODA Conference Welcoming words and Introduction about the Directive on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings.</td>
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<td><strong>Speakers:</strong></td>
<td>Caterina Chinnici – Magistrate, European Parliament Member, Special Rapporteur on the Proposal Directive, Italy; Margaret Tuite, European Commission coordinator for rights of the child (tbc); Alessandro Padovani, Director, Istituto Don Calabria, Italy; Cristina Goñi, Secretary-General, International Juvenile Justice Observatory.</td>
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<td>Main concepts on alternatives to juvenile detention – legal framework and safeguards</td>
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14.20-14.30 Conclusions

Cédric Foussard, International Juvenile Justice Observatory
Avril Calder, President of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates.
Annex: Improving Juvenile Justice Systems – Training for Professionals project

Summary of the project

The varying levels of implementation of international standards concerning children in conflict with the law have become a problem inherent in the field of Juvenile Justice, due to various reasons, with a lack of specific training in Juvenile Justice at both the EU, and the local level, being key. Current training methods in how Juvenile Justice stakeholders communicate with children in conflict with the law is somewhat lacking. Therefore, the project, elaborated by International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) ‘Improving Juvenile Justice Systems in Europe: Training for Professionals’ intends to provide information, knowledge and training to juvenile justice national authorities and staff working with juvenile offenders at a European level, in order to promote a better implementation of international standards concerning children in conflict with the law. It will involve the IJJO think tank and formal network: the European Council of Juvenile Justice.

The project will focus on improving juvenile justice national systems and exchanging promising practices concerning juvenile offenders subject to sanctions or measures.

The project will consist of training modules on the creation on Child Friendly justice and will follow a two part approach:
- training of trainers (national Juvenile Justice stakeholders) and,
- national interdisciplinary workshops on child-friendly justice (for defender, social, health, care professionals, penitentiary staff, etc).

The training of trainers will focus on capacity building for juvenile justice stakeholders and the content of national workshops will follow the IJJO White Paper recommendations, in particular how and why assess the need of children in conflict with the law deprived of liberty with a special interest in promoting alternative measures and restorative approaches. The accent will be given to the importance of developing individualised programs for children in conflict with the law, and developing specific knowledge for professionals concerning children rights, communication with children and preparation to the release.

The key output of this project is a training package for professionals. It is composed of a Manual, a Toolkit for Professionals, and a series of videos realised with the cooperation of youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

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