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Activity 2.1.3

Developing and introducing in the Probation Service special long term training programmes, including curricula and teaching materials, for the future training of the Probation Service employees

2nd mission of the activity was implemented from 7 – 11 November by three STEs. The experts presented and discussed the Proposal of Motivation for Change and the proposal of the General Violence and General Offending Program. Two working groups were held with Probation Officers, Probation Managers, and representatives of the Central Office. The experts will prepare programs and training materials for the future training of the Probation Service employees.



Activity 2.2.2

Based on TNA, preparing training programme and training materials in the area of individual and group work with specific categories of offenders

1st mission of this activity was implemented by four STEs from 28 November to 2 December. The mission was related to treatment programs for offenders and trainings for probation officers. The experts run workshops with probation staff and met with Prison Service representatives. They also discussed some evaluation issues with professor Irma Kovčo Vukadin of the University of Zagreb and with the professionals of Dom DUGA Zagreb - home for children and adult victims of domestic violence; the first of its kind in Zagreb. All this preparatory work will be the basis of the new treatment manuals and trainings that will be developed next year.

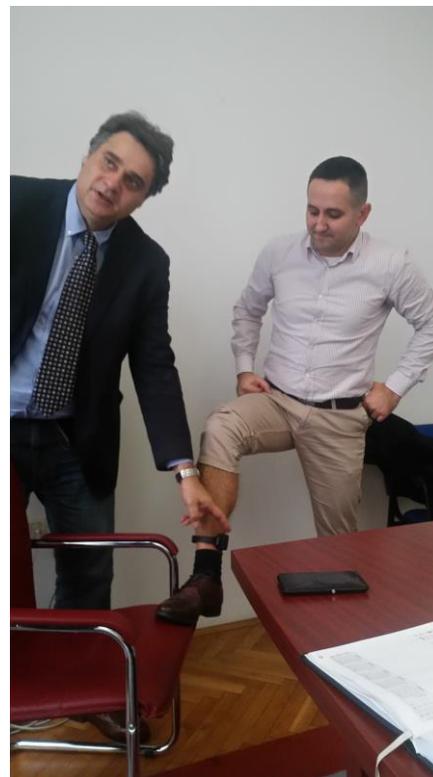
2nd mission of this activity was implemented from 12 to 16 December by two experts. The experts were working on three important topics: 1) To finalize and get some feedback for their therapeutic proposal to work with violent offenders in Probation; 2) To work on some coordination between the Probation Service and the Prison Service regarding conditional release and follow-up of treatment programs and 3) To work with probation officers and managers on an evaluation protocol for the upcoming trainings. During the mission, Probation officers visited the Prison Zagreb where they listened to the presentation on the treatment of prisoners, and Prison officers visited the Probation Office Zagreb I in order to learn about Probation work.



Activity 3.2.1

Conducting at least 4 meetings with at least 1 representative of key partners in ES pilot project (judges, police, probation service and state prosecutors) in order to discuss and enhance cross-sectorial cooperation

The second mission of this activity was implemented by two experts from 21 to 25 November. The experts had meetings with all the partners involved: Probation Service, Judiciary, State Attorney Office, Prison Service and Police. The goal was to discuss the decisional framework that will guide the implementation of electronic monitoring in the pre-trial phase and in the conditional release phase.



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Activity 3.2.2

Preparing draft protocols on cooperation between key partners (judges, police, probation service and state prosecutors)

The mission was implemented by three experts from 9 to 13 January. The experts prepared a draft for the protocol on cooperation between Probation, Prison, Police, Judges and State Attorney. This protocol describes the distribution of every institution's competencies for implementing and monitoring EM both in Home Detention and Conditional Release. This draft was afterwards internally finished by the beneficiaries and will serve the basis for the pilot project implementation.



Activity 3.3.2

Conducting 1 study visit in MS (5 working days, 8 participants) in order to acquire wider perspective and direct experience in using ES probation practice and preparing study visit report

The study visit was conducted from 28 November to 2 December. Croatian delegation travelled to Spain to learn about good practices on Electronic Monitoring. The representatives of several Croatian institutions - Probation Service, Judiciary, State Attorney Office, Prison Service and Police Department - had the chance to meet their Spanish colleagues and share thoughts, questions and views on how Electronic Monitoring can help the Probation work.



Activity 4.1.1

Enhancing visual identity of the Probation Service in order to promote probation and its advantages to interested stakeholders and general public

The activity was implemented by two experts from 14 to 18 November. The experts discussed the program and the previous PR activities run by Sector for Probation in order to plan future activities. The same week the experts and representatives of the Central Office of the Ministry of Justice attended the second CEP (Confederation of European Probation) conference on "Alternatives to Detention in Central and Eastern European countries", jointly organized by CEP and the Sector for Probation, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The Twinning Project team had a relevant participation in the conference, as Ms Jana Špero (Project Leader for Croatia) gave a presentation on "How to promote probation", Mr Ioan Durnescu (Junior Project Leader) run a workshop on "Mass supervision in Romania" and Ms Esther Montero (Member State Project Leader) and Ms Laura Negredo (Resident Twinning Adviser) presented the main findings of EU Twinning Project "Support to further development of the Probation in Croatia".



Activity 4.1.2

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

First mission of this activity was implemented by two experts from 5 to 9 December. The experts created a PR Action Plan 2017 for the Probation Service of Croatia. They worked their proposal with Head Office representatives, Probation Managers and Officers, and also with the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Justice. Internal and external communications were relevant subjects during this week, and the PR materials to be developed during the project were discussed.



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