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***“Identification and dissemination of European best practices
about Restorative Justice and evaluation of the role
and application of meditation and alternative measures
in the EU member states
(FREEDOM WINGS)”***

**DELIVERABLE 5 –
Minutes of the
1st project meeting
Rome (IT), 2-3 February 2012**



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MINUTES

Participants

Patrizia Patrizi, Università degli Studi di Sassari, project Scientific Coordinator (IT)
Anna Bussu, Università degli Studi di Sassari, Researcher (IT)
Giannis Chrysostomou, LEMBA, Researcher (CY)
Haris Neofytou, LEMBA, Project Manager (CY)
Yiannis Konnaris, External Researcher (CY)
Nikolas Petropoulos, ERFC, Project Manager (GR)
Ellie Petropoulou, ERFC, Researcher (GR)
George Sofianos, External Researcher (GR)
Dolores Forgione, ISES, Project Manager (IT)
Carmine Falanga, ISES, Financial Manager (IT)
Francesca Vitale, Juridical psychologist (IT)

External experts

Gian Luigi Lepri, Honorary Judge Juvenile Court of Rome (IT)
Nigel Richardson, Children's Services, Leeds City Council (UK)
Isabella Mastropasqua, Office IV - Study, Research and International Activities - Juvenile Justice Department, Ministry of Justice (IT)
Luigia Mariotti Culla, External Penal Execution - Penitentiary Administration Department, Ministry of Justice (IT)
Maria Stella D'Elisiis, Penitentiary Administration Department, Ministry of Justice (IT)



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2nd February 2012

1. Welcome address and introduction

Prof. Patrizia Patrizi (UNISS – Scientific Coordinator of FREEDOM WINGS) welcomed the participants. She explained that due to the participation of Mr. Richardson, the first meeting day has been opened also to participants external to the project consortium. She presented to the audience the first project year of activities thanking the partners for the great effort and commitment in carrying out the analysis of the local context. In addition, she presented the external experts thanking them for their presence and interest in FREEDOM WINGS. Finally, she presented the agenda and the goals of the meeting.

Ms. Dolores Forgione (ISES - Project Manager) gave some logistic information about the meeting and started the meeting with a round table of personal presentations of the participants.

1. Building a Restorative City - Lessons from Hull and Leeds

Mr. Nigel Richardson (Director of Children's Services, Leeds City Council) presented himself and the exceptional experience of Hull (UK) as the first Restorative City in the world.

2. Interview to Nigel Richardson. Intervention of the participant Institutions' delegates.

Prof. Patrizia Patrizi (UNISS) chaired a round table with comments from the floor to Mr. Richardson presentation.

3. Debate on Restorative Justice between institutional representatives of the Juvenile and Ordinary Justice and FREEDOM WINGS partners

Ms. Isabella Mastropasqua (Senior Executive of Office IV - Study, Research and International Activities - Juvenile Justice Department, Ministry of Justice, Italy) and **Ms. Luigia Mariotti Culla** (General Director of the External Penal Execution - Penitentiary Administration Department, Ministry of Justice, Italy) presented to the audience the Italian situation of Restorative Justice and Mediation for children, young adults and adults in accordance also with data presented by the project partners.

4. Analysis and mapping of experiences of Restorative Justice and criminal mediation: results of the first report

Ms. Patrizia Patrizi, **Ms. Anna Bussu**, **Ms. Francesca Vitale** (UNISS), **Ms. Dolores Forgione** (ISES), **Mr. George Sofianos** (ERFC) and **Mr. Yannis Konnaris** (Commune of Lemba) presented the results of the analysis of the local context carried out in the 1st project year. In this period, the project partners analysed:

- Legislation in force, National and Local Agreements, Parliamentary points of orders (10 years) on the topics of restorative justice for adults and children;
- Penal justice and characteristics of penal proceedings such as: penalty, treatment, etc (about adult and children);



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- National Public data about programs of restorative justice (minimum 5 and max 10 years) (about adult and children);
- National data about experiences of restorative justice for young adults and children (5 years analysis);
- Analysis of the penal mediator system.

Following the presentations, some requests for more details, above all concerning the Greek and Cypriot contexts, came from the floor.

3rd February 2012

1. Creation of a scientific-technical board for the analysis and monitoring of the actions

Mr. George Sofianos (ERFC) presented the methodology ERFC developed for the creation of the scientific – technical board also based on the experience of UNISS that has already involved relevant stakeholders to carry out the analysis of the local context. It has also been underlined, the important link that this activity has with the “evaluation” of the project.

Mr. Falanga (ISES) underlined the importance to have some guidelines that the partners have to follow for the selection of the board members and to monitor their actions. Mr. Sofianos replied that ERFC will prepare a document to be shared among the partners.

2. Evaluation of the project methodology

Mr. Yannis Konnaris (Commune of Lemba) presented the evaluation strategy developed by the Commune of Lemba. He presented the internal and external evaluation methodology and the tools that will be used to carry out the evaluation. Finally, Mr. Konnaris informed the meeting participants and the external experts that they should have completed, by the end of the day, an evaluation questionnaire of the meeting.

3. Presentation of the next months project activities

Dolores Forgione (ISES) presented to the project partners the activities that have to be carried out until the end of the project and their deadlines:

- Publication of 2 press releases;
- Finalisation and submission of the report about the analysis of the local context;
- Analysis of the trials/penitentiary folders;
- Management of multiagency and multiprofessionals focus groups;
- Identification of the best practices and publication of a handbook.

4. Definition of the research methodology, criteria and indicators for the analysis of the trials/penitentiary folders and inter-professional and multiagency focus groups

Patrizia Patrizi, Anna Bussu, Francesca Vitale (UNISS)

Analysis of the trials/penitentiary folders

UNISS presented the folders analysis sheet with all the data that partners have to gather. The Greek and Cypriot partners already opened official channels with the relevant authorities to have



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access to the folders. They also requested some changes to the sheet. However, UNISS will send again the sheet to be commented and revised by the partners and the external experts.

Besides, UNISS proposed to analyse around 50 folders for each participating countries. The partners agreed but asked some time to investigate this possibility with the relevant authorities.

Finally, UNISS gave some information, but details will follow, on how analyse folders' analysis results with ATLAS TI software.

Organisation of the interprofessional and multiagency focus groups

UNISS explained briefly the methodology to manage the groups and the profile of the participants. In addition, a documents containing the management guidelines will be prepared and disseminated among the partners. UNISS also reminded that all the partners will have to record the focus groups (that will be carried out in their own languages and so, they will have to translate into English the material produced) and will prepare a report about the focus groups results (according to a scheme prepared by UNISS). Then, UNISS will analyse the groups' results thanks to the ATLAS TI software.

5. Administrative session

Carmine Falanga (ISES) replied to some questions of the partners concerning administrative issues and eligible costs.

6. Meeting closure and Greetings

Prof. Patrizia Patrizi (UNISS) thanked all the participants on behalf of the University of Sassari and closed the meeting with the aim of a strong and committed work by all the partners.

Ms. Dolores Forgione (ISES) offered her support via internet and telephone any time for all the partners in quality of FREEDOM WINGS Project Manager. She committed herself to send to the partners all the information produced during this meeting and the agreement taken.

Finally the partners greeted each other and arranged to meet in Greece in October 2012.

CONCLUSIONS

- The experience of the Restorative City of Hull gave the floor for an international debates between the project partners and the Italian experts to implement similar actions.
- The presentation of the “Analysis of and mapping of experiences of Restorative Justice and criminal mediation: results of the first report” raised a big interest in the participating experts. They were very interested in the local situation of FREEDOM WINGS partners and they wanted to understand in deep how restorative justice work in Greece and Cyprus to take inspiration also from their experiences.
- The phase to create the scientific-technical board will be very delicate but also fundamental for the best project implementation. Without the support of the institutions, associations, cooperatives and professionals the project activities cannot be implemented properly.



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ANNEXES

- Meeting agenda
- Analysis of the trials/penitentiary folders sheet



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***Venue: Istituto Centrale di Formazione del Personale, via dei Barellai 140 – Rome
DE LEO room***

2nd February 2012

09.30 – 10.00

Registration

10.00 – 10.30

Welcome address and introduction

Patrizia Patrizi: Full Professor of Psychology and Law, University of Sassari, Scientific Coordinator of The Project, President of the International Society of Psychology and Law.

Dolores Forgione: Project Manager, Associazione ISES.

10.30 – 11.30

Building a Restorative City - Lessons from Hull and Leeds

Nigel Richardson: Director of Children's Services, Leeds City Council.

11.30 – 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 – 13.00

Interview to Nigel Richardson. Intervention of the participant Institutions' delegates.

Chair: ***Patrizia Patrizi***

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch



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14.30 – 16.00

Debate on Restorative Justice between institutional representatives of the Juvenile and Ordinary Justice and FREEDOM WINGS partners

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Luigia Mariotti Culla: General Director of the External Penal Execution - Penitentiary Administration Department, Ministry of Justice, Italy.

16.00 – 16.30

Analysis and mapping of experiences of Restorative Justice and criminal mediation: results of the first report

Patrizia Patrizi, Anna Bussu, Francesca Vitale: Università degli Studi di Sassari.

Dolores Forgione: ISES

16.30 – 16.45

Coffee break

16.45 – 17.30

Analysis and mapping of experiences of Restorative Justice and criminal mediation: results of the first report

George Sofianos: ERFC, Greece.

Yannis Konnaris: Commune of Lemba, Cyprus.

17.30 – 18.00

Q&A



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Evaluation of the project methodology

Yannis Konnaris: Commune of Lemba, Cyprus.

11.00-11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30

Presentation of the next months project activities

Dolores Forgione: Associazione ISES.

12.30 – 13.00

Q&A

13.00 – 14-30

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Administrative session

Carmine Falanga: Associazione ISES

16.30 – 17.00

Q&A

17.00

Meeting closure and greetings

Penitentiary folders

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AUTHORS SHEET

Court _____

N° of the folder _____

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DATA OF THE OFFENCE AUTHORS

- DATE OF BIRTH
- SEX
- NATIONALITY
- CIVIL STATUS
- LEVEL OF EDUCATION
- EMPLOYMENT
- RESIDENCE
- FAMILY MEMBERS
- Eventual problems/ pathologies/ family situation
- Criminal records

Data about the victim

- DATE OF BIRTH
- SEX
- NATIONALITY
- CIVIL STATUS
- LEVEL OF EDUCATION
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Offence

- ✓ Type of the offence(s)
- ✓ Date of the offence
- ✓ Individual/ Accomplice liability (with underage – adult – both)
- ✓ Criminal charges
- ✓ Dynamics and contents of the offence
- ✓ Motif
- ✓ Eventual relation between author of the offence and the victim
- ✓ Consequence of the offence (s) (upon persons and/or things)

- ✓ Open/dismissed case (please, specify the phase: trial or execution of the sentence)
- ✓ If the case is closed, please, refer the sentence
- ✓ Type of criminal records for which the author has been already condemned (type of the eventual conviction)

Restorative justice

- ✓ Has the offence author benefited of alternative measures? If so, which ones? For how long? For what reason? (Contents of the measure)

In case of probation

Specific information on probation

- ✓ Is there a project for probation elaborated by the Service before the hearing?
- ✓ Which is the motivation to put the offender to probation?
- ✓ Who participated in the identification of the project for probation?
- ✓ Who elaborated the project for probation?
- ✓ What does the probation requires as commitments?: (none; stay in a community, work activities, educational activities, vocational training activities, sports activities, recreational activities and socialization, volunteering activities, community service activities, specialists interventions, mediation, conciliation with the offended party, damages compensation, interventions or activities that concern the family or significant others)
- ✓ There has been collaboration with other actors, or social services? Which ones? and on what issues? Please, list the professionals figures involved
- ✓ How is the probation was evaluated? (Positive-negative - not evaluative)
- ✓ Did the child fulfilled his commitments?
- ✓ How was evaluated the achievement of the objectives: changes in lifestyle, project respect, awareness raise, and starting of a process of empowerment...
- ✓ Has the measure been extended? Has the measure withdrawn before the deadline? How was evaluated by the T.M.? What are the aspects that have lead to the negative results? In case of failure, which resources were lacking? In case of success, which have been the strengths?

Other experiences of Restorative Justice (for example: pathways of penal mediation)

- ✓ Identification of other restorative activities (treatment program, alternative measures, etc. - type - content –duration - evaluation and results -outcome of the trial)

ADULTS AUTHORS SHEET

Court _____

N° of the folder _____

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