

CITIZEN SECURITY

Prevention of violence

Consultation for the production of a Guide on the Implementation of Restorative Justice Protocol

Consultation for the production of a Guide on referral, information and inter-institutional coordination

CONCEPT NOTE

Montevideo, Uruguay 11th – 14th May 2015

Organiser: The International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO)

Co-organiser: The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uruguay

Participants: Judicial Power, The Police Commissioner, The Public Defender's Office, The Prosecutor's Office, The Ministry of Social Development

International Juvenile Justice Observatory

The International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) is a Belgian Foundation of Public Interest based in Brussels. Since 2002, the IJJO has worked for the rights of children and adolescents at risk of social exclusion, especially those in conflict with the law or caught in the cycles of violence and juvenile delinquency.

As such, the IJJO is set up as a space for development, the provision of services and the creation of shared knowledge which promotes and encourages the improvement of political juvenile justice systems, the implementation of international standards, the strengthening of competencies of professionals in the field and the exchange of innovative good practices.

EUROSociAL II: Technical Assistance

The EUROsociAL II program (<http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/>) is a European Commission technical cooperation initiative and directed by FIIAPP. The principal objective is to contribute to the increase of social cohesion in Latin America through the strengthening of public policies and the institutions in charge. EUROsociAL II works on five core themes, which reflect the interest and priorities of the Latin-American governments, and among which is the theme of Security and Justice, coordinated by Expertise France (EF). The IJJO works on the strategic theme of Justice and Citizen Security providing technical and investigative

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assistance, amongst other things, in 9 different Latin American countries as part of the Program's mandate.

The general objective of the area of Citizen Security is institutional strengthening for the integral treatment of problems which affect citizen security and which legitimise a social prevention of violence policy and strengthening the work of these institutions involved in the social prevention of violence. In particular, there is a special emphasis on the improvement of cooperation and coordination processes of stakeholders and institutions, tackling public security problems from an integral point of view.

Following the objectives established by the EUROsociAL II program for 2014 in Citizen Security, the IJJO carries out technical assistance activities in the following countries: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

It is important to highlight that, within this cooperation, the IJJO promotes a technical assistance based on scientific evidence, the analysis of institutional provision for secondary and tertiary prevention, and the facilitation of good national and international practices, all within the context of nation-territory coupling and through the participation of young people and the community.

Technical Assistance to Uruguay: The Ministry of Internal Affairs

The national leader for technical assistance in Uruguay is The Ministry of Internal Affairs. Currently The Ministry of Internal Affairs and The Ministry of Social Development are in phase II of the implementation of the Local Integrated Management Plan of Citizen Security whose overall objective is to contribute to the diminution of crime in the city of Montevideo. This will be done through an increase in the efficiency of the police force and social reinsertion of minors through means different to the deprivation of liberty such as, for example, restorative justice.

This line of work is the continuation of a technical cooperation that was started in 2014 with the Ministry of Internal Affairs; the objective was to provide training under the theme of restorative justice to improve the proficiency of the National Police in preventing violence and crime. As a result, and in the context of the Local Integrated Management Plan of Citizen Security, a Restorative Justice protocol was established for the coordination of National Police activity, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Judicial Power. In 2015, and more concretely in the activities which are mentioned in this document, the aim is to assist in the coordination of stakeholders with expertise in Restorative Justice.

Activities:

- **Consultation for the production of a Guide on the Implementation of Restorative Justice Protocol**

With the objective of assisting in the implementation of Restorative Justice Protocol, as well as in the strengthening of the need and importance to design a Restorative Justice Law, it is hoped this will support the Ministry of Internal Affairs to gather empirical evidence of Restorative Justice Protocol. In a specialised consultation, expert Theo Gavrielides will work to demonstrate the impacts of the protocol as well as on the production of a Guide on the Implementation of Restorative Justice Protocol.

On 11th and 12th May 2015, meetings and individual interviews with stakeholders and those in charge of institutions linked to the Restorative Justice Protocol will take place. The objective is to build the information and documentation necessary for the realisation of the Guide on the Implementation of

Restorative Justice Protocol. On 13th May a presentation to the Judicial Power and the Prosecutor's Office will take place in order to raise awareness and explain the impact of restorative justice practices as well as good British practices in this field.

- **Consultation for the production of a Guide on referral, information and inter-institutional coordination**

The specialised consultation aims to work together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the inter-institutional coordination of the Restorative Justice Protocol. A specialised consultation is planned whereby expert Pablo Galain will produce a Guide on referral, information and inter-institutional coordination and which will provide an updated list of responsible social stakeholders, the information necessary for the referral of cases and the necessary processes for the interaction between public and social institutions.

The initial presentation will take place on 14th May 2015 to civil society organisations, the Judicial Power, the Police Commissioner, the Public Defence Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Social Development and parliamentarians. It hopes to offer a glimpse of the benefits of using restorative justice methods with a special emphasis on the reparation and rehabilitation of the victim, as well as a proposal of cases where they could potentially be applied.

Expected results from the public policy phase: The implementation of the Restorative Justice Protocol within the context of the implementation of the Local Integrated Management Plan of Citizen Security

Results of the action (EUROSociAL II contribution): Aiding in the implementation of the Restorative Justice Protocol

Experts/Institution providing expertise:

Dr. Theo Gavrielides is the founder and director of the think tank IARS (Independent Academic Research Studies). He is also the founder and co-director of RJ4All (The Restorative Justice for All Institute). He is also a professor within the Criminology faculty at Simon Fraser University. He works as chief editor on various publications such as Youth Voice Journal or the Internet Journal of Restorative Justice. Dr Gavrielides received a Doctorate in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2005 and a Masters in Human Rights from Nottingham University.

Dr. Pablo Galain obtained his Doctorate in Criminal Law from the University of Salamanca, Spain in 2006. He has worked as the director on investigative projects related to comparative criminal law, criminology, international criminal law and human rights as part of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. He is a representing member of Uruguay in the Latin-American Group of International Criminal Law of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Rule of Law Program. He is an honorary professor of Criminal Law at the Pablo de Olavide University in Seville, Spain.

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