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The consortium gathered in Timisoara, Romania, on the 26 and 27th of November, 2014, after almost a year of activity, aiming at analysing and debating on the activities and associated results achieved so far namely in terms of project management and dissemination, as well as on the matter of the Mapping, Examination and comparative studies (work stream n.º 1, activity n.º 3).



The cheerful and dynamic city of Timisoara located in the eastern part of Romania was chosen to host the organization of the second transnational meeting of the project ALTRACKS, where our partner MISIT MEDIERE had the opportunity to reveal a great sense of event organization and hospitality to the consortium, and were all participants had an remarkable conditions and opportunity to share, debate and analyse all activities achieved so far, in progress, and about to be implemented shortly.

The meeting validated the already acknowledge sense of responsibility and commitment of each and every partner, regarding the issues and obstacles to be overcome in some aspects of the implementation of the project, the solutions to provide an improvement of the implementation of all activities aiming at a sustainable progress of the project, and all partners also had the opportunity to present and comment on the key activity and work stream n.º2, "Mapping, Examination and comparative studies" (WS1, activity n.º 3).

On the matter of coordination and management, focus was given to a better understanding of the administrative and financial rules of European Union (EU) projects, aiming at a substantial improvement of the delivery of mandatory information regarding costs and staff documentation.



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The coordinator (Eughenia), had the opportunity to reinforce extensively all information on that matter, beside the monthly support provided to all partners since the inception phase of the project (from 13 to 31.01.14) and until today. In that way, the Eughenia examined the consortium commitment on all procedures and rules to be observed, actively and considerably supporting all partners with a general conference and workshop, and face-to-face consultations as well, aiming at addressing either country's or partner's specific matters to be understood and managed, in order to fulfil the mandatory administrative protocol of the project in hand.

All partners were well informed and actively contributed to the preparation of necessary documentation in terms of management and coordination, dissemination and publicity of the project activity at local, regional and national level as well.



Possible exploitation of results were already addressed in that meeting, namely in terms of awareness raising and campaigning activities, aiming at giving impetus to existing networks activities that are under implementation at EU level, and at national level as well. On that matter, country's specific particularities were explained and a debate was open on the possible pathways to implement such activities.

One of the most important activity organized during this meeting was the presentation of the Country's reports regarding Mapping, Examination and comparative studies. Each partner had the opportunity to introduce to the consortium key findings and results on country's Juvenile Justice systems, encompassing main points such as the legal framework, the bodies and staffs related to the field in hand, statistics that allowed to illustrate the state-of-the-art of the background and current situation, and also, most importantly, to show example of good practices developed and implemented in order to answer to critical needs regarding minors and Youngsters globally involved in criminal activity, such as alternative measures to address the situation of detention.



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During each presentation, the partners had an excellent opportunity to exemplify and explain all results of mapping and research activities achieved so far in their countries, and had the possibility to actively contribute to a preliminary and "on-the-spot" comparative analysis of the referred key findings.

Good practices were examined in order to underline possibilities of transferability in terms of approach, methodologies, at different levels such as pedagogy, entrepreneurship, or cooperation between beneficiaries and stakeholders of the field in hand.

The workshops and debates were complemented with the remarkable organization by our host of the visit to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center of Buzias, an establishment situated near Timisoara and where minor offenders carry out measures applied to their case that abide the applicable rules of law in Romania.

This visit was a milestone in the transnational meeting thus it allowed all participant to experiment a field practice, and also address a variety of matters with the staff at administrative and operational level (management, psychology and pedagogy). Indeed, this visit allowed all participants to achieve the following key operational objectives:

1. better understanding of the Juvenile Justice system in Romania;
2. comparative analysis of measures applied in the legal framework;
3. day-to-day activities of the center;
4. pedagogical and psychological follow-up of the minors;
5. visit of the facilities and understanding of applicable rule of conduct;
6. health and care facilities.

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