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The consortium gathered in Sofia, Bulgaria, on the 27, 28 and 29th of July, 2015, after a year and a half of activity, aiming at analysing and debating on the activities and associated results achieved so far namely in terms of project management, dissemination, and most essentially the pilot-testing phase (work stream n.º 3 – WS3).



The joyful and lively city of Sofia located at the foot of Vitoshka mountain was chosen to host the organization of the third transnational meeting of the **project ALTRACKS**, where our partner NGO My World had the opportunity to reveal a great sense of event organization and hospitality to the consortium, and where 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.



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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.

On the matter of coordination and management, focus was given to the completion of still open activities.

The coordinator (Eughenia), and the two project partners involved in the **pilot-testing phases** (NGO My World for Bulgaria and MISIT Mediere for Romania) had the opportunity to reinforce extensively all information **on the matter of WS 3**, beside the monthly information provided to all partners since the inception phase of this WS and until today.

In that way, the Eughenia also examined **the consortium commitment** on all procedures and rules to be observed regarding further planned activities related to WS3 and WS4, namely **training** and **mutual learning activities**, 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.

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 from key speakers from the Bulgarian Juvenile Justice system** (law and educational centres) on the matter of current issues and needs in the Country. Each speaker 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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Indeed, the workshops and debates were complemented with the remarkable presentation by our host NGO MY World of a **Juvenile Rehabilitation Center** with the presence of its representatives, an establishment where minor offenders carry out measures applied to their case that abide the **applicable rules of law in Bulgaria**.

This presentation was a milestone in the transnational meeting thus it allowed all participant to be familiarized with **field practice**, and also address a variety of matters with the **staff** at administrative and **operational level** (management, psychology and pedagogy).

This presentation allowed all participants to achieve the following key operational objectives:

1. better understanding of the **Juvenile Justice system in Bulgaria**;
2. comparative analysis of measures applied in the legal framework;
3. day-to-day activities of the centre and witness from juveniles;
4. **pedagogical** and **psychological** follow-up of the minors;
5. understanding the organization of the facilities and understanding of applicable rule of conduct;
6. health and care facilities.

Finally, the consortium hosted a **mutual learning activity** during which ALTRACKS' partners introduced the project to the coordinator of the **project IGTrain**, Mrs. Valia Dankova, and in which she shared the IGTrain key findings and results.

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