



ITER Project

Programme of Security and Safeguarding Liberties — Prevention and fight against crime



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Details

- Programme of Security and Safeguarding Liberties—Prevention and fight against crime
- Policy area: Justice & Security
- Total budget: 267,928.85€
- Community contribution of 70%
- Duration: 24 months
September 2008 - September 2010
- Partners:
Alicante County Council (Spain)
Videnscenter for Integration (Denmark)
Latina City Council (Italy)
Fundación Comunidad Valenciana-Región Europea (Spain)
National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria

Studies have shown that the juvenile violence and the delinquency are very delicate issues to treat. This delicate treatment is due to some chain causes like: faced to the aggressiveness of the child, the fathers leave all the responsibility to the educational course at school. The teacher cannot handle the education and teaching at the same time and the minor, faced with the lack of hierarchy, gets the whole control. In those moments the police have to intervene and in several occasions the aggressive manner of handling has no or little efficiency for the minor's education.

According to this, the Delegation of Alicante has created the European programme ITER with a series of police itineraries into the multi-professional network so that the juvenile delinquency can be prevented. The main objective of the project is to involve in the process to all the responsible of minors' education, through a cooperation network that allows avoiding the delinquency and the juvenile violence.

Specifically, ITER wants to increase the implication of police officers so that the following issues could be: prevent the juvenile violence, improve the interaction of the police with the families with problems, and promote the cooperation of different associations and organizations involved in this environment.

In order to conceive this purpose, some training courses will be done. The training will be addressed to police and security agents and it will be about the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the analyze of the problematic families. In the schools will be informative talks among other activities.

The European Project ITER, whose leader is the Alicante Conty Council has different partners like Fundación Comunidad Valenciana-Región Europea, Videnscenter for Integration from Denmark, Latina City Council in Italy and the National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria.

On the other hand, the Project also counts with different entities: the Association of Police Chiefs of the Valencian Region, the AYO Association, the Office of Minor Representative in Alicante, the Department of Social Affairs of the Town Councils of Montesinos and Callosa de Segura, the Teachers Association Timoneda, the Valencian Society of Family and Community Medicine, the Association Donation and Communication and different associations of fathers.



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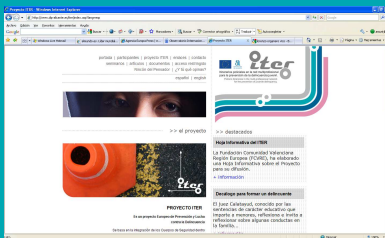
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Itinerarios policiales en la red multiprofesional para la prevención de la delincuencia juvenil.

Police's itineraries in the multi-professional network for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.



30-31.1.2009, Alicante
Johan Galtung at the ITER Seminar



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ITER Website

First actions of the Programme

The past 30 and 31 of January was organized in Alicante the meeting for the kick off meeting of the project. The meeting was participated by all partners explaining the activities that they have developed. Furthermore, during that days it was celebrated the first ITER seminar, named "Violence- harassment in the family, at school and at work: Diagnosis-Prognosis-Therapy". The event was sponsored by the Foundation Manuel Peláez Castillo and informed about the cases of violence in different social environments. It is important to mention that the famous international sociologist Johan Galtung participated in the meeting.

The network of partners composed of police associations, teachers, fathers, journalists, family doctors, family therapists, district attorneys, the Office of Minor Representative and members of the Social Affairs, created three work commissions which are working since last October.

Besides, the project started to be disseminated through the own newsletter, press release and the website (www.dip-alicante.es/iter). This last one has information regarding juvenile delinquency, but also information like activities and actions of the project and the latest news, documents and articles about the matter, and a special section where the visitor can give his opinion. The interesting part is the specialized one, where experts, judges, police officers, fathers or social services officers involved can leave comments.

The Institute Dr. Pedro Herrero

The leader of this project is the Service of Attention to the Family of the City Council of Alicante. Once this one was set up as an autonomous organization, the name was change into Institute Dr. Pedro Herrero.

The Institute is focused on studying and treating family problems, creating specific programmes of support and help for professionals, institutions and associations. It works with professionals of health, education and social services but also with small and medium enterprises.

It was the leader of three European projects for the prevention of juvenile violence. In relation with the conclusions of previous programmes and the real existence of problems with teenagers, the Institute coordinates now ITER.



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CONSORTIUM LINKS

Alicante City Council
www.ladipu.com

National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria
www.namcb.org

Videscenter for Integration
www.vejle.dk

Latina City Council
www.comune.latina.it

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ITER Consortium

Besides the Institute Dr. Pedro Herrero of Alicante, the leader of the project, other partners are part of it.

National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria

It is a non-profit professional association, funded in Sofia -Bulgaria- in July of 2005. Its objective is to intervene in the training and qualification of municipal employees and to help with the organization of seminars, conferences and informative activities. It is also involved in national and international projects and programmes. The association works with the municipals and with multi-professional services that want to take part.

Videscenter for Integration

It is a public institution of Denmark that facilitates the integration of immigrants into the Danish society. It makes surveys and investigations regarding to the learning of the language, job opportunities and cultural integration of immigrants and also offers integration workshops and education courses for adults. This Institution intervenes in a project of collaboration between schools, social services and police in order to prevent the juvenile criminality at school.

Latina City Council

This city was created in 1932 and the original name was Littoria. In 1934 became the capital of a province and after the Second World War, in 1946 the name changes into Latina. One of its competences is the management of the public services sector in order to satisfy the social necessities, to promote the development of the socio-economical and cultural environment and to maintain relationships with local, regional, national and international organizations.

Fundación Comunidad Valenciana Región Europea

FCVRE is a non-profit and public-private organization, with important experience in the dissemination of results of European programmes. It participated to European consortia as a minor partner, but it has always offered its services, its high prepared employees and the Brussels and Valencia facilities for every event. It has also participated in more than 40 projects, with different subjects and from different areas.



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International Juvenile Justice Observatory
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The International Juvenile Justice Observatory was created as an inter-disciplinary system of information, communication, debate, analysis and proposals concerning situations that affect the development of minors' laws from all over the world.

The central work subjects of the Observatory are the issues of minors and young people, mainly related to the juvenile delinquency. So, all the evolutions of juvenile laws are studied and analyzed by the Observatory. The perspective is global due to the diversity of situations that can happen.

The purpose of the International Juvenile Justice Observatory is to bring an international and inter-disciplinary landscape of the juvenile law. This can create a better future for minors and young people that found themselves in situations of social exclusion as a result of the vulnerability of the law. In this way, it promotes strategies of development of international policies, laws and intervention methods for a Juvenile Law without borders.

The International Observatory counts with a European Juvenile Justice Observatory, created the 13th of July of 2008.

Hardening of European measures against the sexual abuse over minors

The European Commission has approved in April of 2008 a proposal that fights against the sexual abuse and the sexual exploitation of children. It makes easier the punishment of delinquents because it includes new definitions of abuse, considering forms of abuse the following: baits on Internet for seducing minors, juvenile pornography that can be watched without downloading files etc.

On the other hand, the "sex tourists" will be processed at the return in the origin country, the minors being this way better protected. The prosecute delinquents will never have the right to practice activities with direct child contact and will also be banned from the juvenile pornographic web sites.

In 2008, more than 1000 commercial and 500 non-commercial web sites have been discovered. The content of these sites was about child abuses, 71% having the origin in the United States of America.



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