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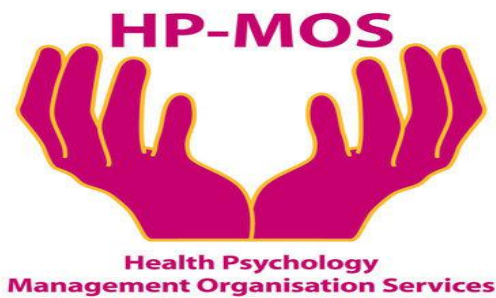
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Examining Alternatives to Youth Detention!

European Project Title: "ALTERNATIVE TRACKS - integrated approach to minors' offenders and their families"
European Partnership Project (2014-2016)



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HP-MOS and its 5 European partners are engaged in a European partnership project - "ALTERNATIVE TRACKS - integrated approach to minors' offenders and their families" (2014-2016). The project is funded under the Criminal Justice Program call.

The European partners are from : the **UK, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal and Romania.**

The Project

The motivation for the project is to answer two tangible and emerging needs in EU:

- a). the need to categorise and characterise more accurately the needs of minors' trapped in the juvenile justice system, focusing on their protection regarding their psychosocial and learning needs.
- b.) the need to build and provide tangible alternatives to imprisonment, for minor offenders, their victims and family, considering their background, individual and social perspectives.

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The Objectives

The operational objective of the project is to map and scope good practices, build up innovative approaches for programmes and services as alternatives to detention and to build a Vademecum comprising:

- socioeducational services designed to promote the overall wellbeing of youth offenders, to foster self-expression, the respect for dignity and autonomy, to promote the reinsertion and social education of minors' subjected to judicial penalties, reduce the risk of possible aggravations or relapse following the punishment;
- orientation aimed at social inclusion.
- restorative justice regarding responsibility of the offenders and recovery of victims.
- involvement of the families and offenders' in the programme of re-education, re-habilitation and re-integration supported by a tangible work-based approach.

The Project Activities are:

- Mapping, examination and comparative studies of best practices of youth justice in six countries
- Designing of Vademecum and pilot testing phase based on best practices.



Youth Court