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FRAME GANG - European Framework of Competences for Community Professionals working

**PORTUGAL – KICK-OFF MEETING
13-14 OCTOBER 2015**

Aims of the meeting:

- **Overview and analysis of project aims and objectives**
- **Foreseen outputs**
- **The methodological approach**
- **Project's main activities**
- **Partners' roles and responsibilities**
- **Administrative and financial procedures**

The project is planning to identify the professionals supporting communities affected by gangs, identify their common characteristics in terms of competencies and develop a "navigation tool" presenting major areas of competencies, specialized competencies, proficiency levels connected to EQF and examples of knowledge / behavior / skills. This navigation tool will help all professionals understand what is needed to address gangs.

Using the relevant material collected from a number of sectors, the partnership will focus on choosing **5 competences** for professionals working in gang environments. In the platform we will have the learning materials, link to other courses, self-assessment tools, etc.

Project partners:

- *Fundação O Século*
- *IPS_Innovative Prison Systems*
- *Centrul Pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente (CPIP)*
- *Areopagus Regional Centre for Social Integration and Human Development Centre (CRISDU Areopagus)*
- *Psychological support and counselling centre (PPKC)*
- *Charity and Support Fund Garstycios Grudas*
- *Erasmus+ National Agency*

José Ferreirinho, vice-President of "Fundação O Século" presented a short video about the history of the Foundation. The Foundation was created in 1998 to continue the social work of the former summer colony "O Século" that dates back to 1927. Created by João Pereira da Rosa (at the time, director of "O Século" newspaper), the former colony hosted thousands of underprivileged children for their summer vacation in São Pedro do Estoril, in the Municipality of Cascais. The "O Século" newspaper - through



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donations garnered from its readers, was the primary financial support of the summer holiday camp. Today the Foundation has a vast number of social projects, reaching more than 400 people daily – children, young people and the elderly.

Visit to “O Século” Foundation

Partners were offered a guided tour around the Foundation and it was possible to present them different service areas mainly for child and youth support.

Protection of children and young people at risk are part of daily and permanent action of the Foundation, which is divided in **different social areas**, with a wide social intervention range:

- Foster home for children and youth at risk “Casa do Mar ” and the “Casa das Conchas”;
- Apartments for develop independence and social skills of youngsters “Casas da Ponte”
- Nursery and Preschool “Século dos Pequenos” Social Shop;
- Food Support Service;
- Home Support Service;
- Emergency Shelter Centre, which provides shelter for people at risk;
- A center for Family Support and Parental Counseling, Relógio de Areia”;
- TAKE IT - **Talent with Creativity and Entrepreneurship**

The Foundation activity daily reaches an average of 400 people (children, young and old), in addition to about 800 yearly recipients for holiday camps and other initiatives.

Presentation of each partner and delegation

Each partner presented their own organization and their work so far within the topic of the project: street gangs and gang-related crime. The Italian partners from SASSARI University and IESS joined the meeting through Skype’s video-conference.

Presentation of TAKE.IT project (Pedro Salvador, O Século)

As part of the meeting agenda, partners will visit a community youth program on the following day: the TAKE.IT project. As such, Pedro Salvador from “O Século” Foundation made a short presentation about the project **TAKE.IT - Talent with Creativity and Entrepreneurship**, a social intervention project (running from 2013 to 2015) that aims to provide an innovative answer to the young people living in the neighborhoods of Torre and Galiza in the Municipality of Cascais. The responsible consortium includes the Municipal Council of Cascais as promoter, “O Século”

Foundation as the managing partner and other partners with different profiles, like “Cascais Envolvente”, Citadel’s High School, the “Cascais DNA” Agency, the “TESE” and the “Torre 404” Association.

The project seeks to reach 250 young people living in these two neighborhoods. Project activities include: sports (everyday a different sport is promoted), music, development of a life plan; development of entrepreneurship skills (delivery of a CV). As a project result, 80 young people were already employed during the project duration.

Outputs

Output 1 – Definition of the European Gang Context, professionals working in it and their profiles, partners will first set the research methodology in finding data about the gang context in their countries (Portugal, Romania, Lithuania and Italy). Under activity 2, partners will deliver a desk research report on the problematic. Within O1.A3, partners will deliver a field research report based on the results of the desk report, by running a series of DACUM workshops in each country (Multiplier Events). CPIP is leader of Output 1, and will send the Research Methodology (activity 1) until the end of November 2015.

Output 2 is dedicated to the **Development of a European Competency Framework for Community Professionals working in gang related environments**. These activities will start with a staff training event of 5 days in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Within the final output of the project, **Output 3 – Development of an online platform to support the structure and content of the previous outputs**, partners will set up the online space and structure for the profile tool and the content delivered in the previous outputs. This output is accompanied by a Multiplier Event in each country to showcase the platform. In the end, a training event will take place in Portugal.

Action planning session (review of tasks and deadlines)

Visit to community youth program TAKE IT

Partners were offered a tour to the TAKE.IT program by the project coordinator (Pedro Salvador) together with one of the youngsters engaged in the project. In this context, partners visited the neighbourhoods of Galiza and Torre, focusing on the activities implemented so far within the areas, including a multi-use leisure centre and a space with computers and a set for music production.