

Methodology and Activities:

The methodology of the Project is constructed upon the following methodological activities:

Methodological Activity I: Research-study on matters of Restorative Justice (in all the participant countries).

Methodological Activity II: Analysis on a collaborative basis of all collected data.

Methodological Activity III: Formation of an effective EU wide partnership from 11 European countries (universities, organisations, NGO's etc) with experience in this field. By working together this partnership can produce a package of knowledge on Restorative Practice Principles and Practices which can be replicated across the EU.

Methodological Activity IV: Model pilot implementation: there will be two types of activities: (A) a questionnaire/interviews to the key practitioners and component authorities of each participant country, (B) Proposals on a legislative level

Methodological Activity V: Dissemination efforts.

Activities according to the timetable of the project:

1st Month: from 01-06-2011 to 31-06-2011

Activity 1: Preparation by the Greek team of a thematic guide for the national reports of the participant countries (by Greek working group)

2nd Month - 5th Month: from 01-07-2011 to 31-07-2011

Activity 2: All partners shall be involved in a research study project aiming to draw conclusions on legal and actual situation of Restorative Justice in their own country. It will be a sort national report (20-25 pages) focusing especially to the last five years and structured according to the thematic guide that will be prepared by the Greek working group and send by middle of June. The results will be used on a later stage: (a) nationally, in order each country to self-evaluate its national status of implementation and effectiveness of Restorative Justice, (b) for the design and content elaboration of a Model, which is described below and the content development of a guide (also described below).

End of 5th Month - October 2011

Activity 3: First meeting of all partners in order to discuss their country's situation and to design of a self-evaluation and evaluation tool (probably an evaluation scale) so they can to codify both obstacles and good practices of Restorative Justice to all the participant countries.

6th Month: from 01-11-2011 to 30-11-2011

Activity 4: Implementation of the evaluation tool which will be used by all the participant countries.

7th Month - 8th Month: from 01-12-2011 to 31-01-2012

Activity 5: Transnational and comparative evaluation of the degree of implementation of Restorative Justice in all participant countries.

9th Month - 10th Month: from 01-02-2012 to 31-03-2012

Activity 6: Preparation of the plan of the 3E-RJ MODEL that could be adopted by all the participant countries).

11th Month – 12th Month: from 01-04-2012 to 31-05-2012

Activity 7: Suggestions by all partners on the initial plan of 3E-RJ-MODEL that has been prepared by Greek working group according to the findings of the previous period.

End of 12th Month – May 2012 (the exact date is not yet determined):

Activity 8: Second meeting for the design of the 3E-RJ-MODEL. Recommendations and comments by all partners. Formation of 3E-RL MODEL.

13th Month: from 01-06-2012 to 30-06-2012

Activity 9: Preparation of a questionnaire for the testing of applicability of 3E-RJ-MODEL (by Greek working group).

14th Month – 16th Month: from 01-07-2012 to 30-09-2012

Activity 10: Pilot testing of the 3E-RJ MODEL among the target groups of the project/ questioner-research on the applicability of the Model within the competent authorities of each participant country: The research will be implemented through a questionnaire/structured interview only to some key practitioners and component authorities of each participant country (e.g. judge, prosecutor, lawyer, policeman, social worker, member of NGO).

17th Month – 19th Month: from 01-10-2012 to 31-12-2012

Activity 11: Analysis of collected data and conclusions after the testing on national level.

20th Month – 21th Month: from 01-01-2013 to 28-02-2013

Activity 12: Suggestions for improvement of the 3E-RJ MODEL both on national and European level according to the analysis completed during the previous period (by Greek working group).

21th Month – 24 Month: from 01-02-2013 to 31-05-2013

Activity 13: Development of a web-portal with all the material from the previous phases of the project posted on it (by Greek working group).

Activity 14: Organization of a final conference that will be held in Greece at Thessaloniki (Faculty of Law, Aristotle University) with the participation of all transnational partners of the project. The Conference will raise awareness both of the problems identified and the good practices implemented and share the range of different approaches of Restorative Justice in each one of the participant countries. We will use the conference to construct a format of what has been concluded as the 3E-RJ MODEL and developed actions and elaborated proposals for its further implementation. Suggestions and ideas both on national and on a coherent European strategy of the dissemination of Restorative Justice will be also presented. The presentations will be gathered on a volume. The outcomes from this conference are going to be following: a volume (mentioned above), a summary in English of our final report that contains a presentation of the activities taken and our proposals, the papers that were presented by partners of the project during the conference, the leaflet and the invitation.

Activity 15: Preparation of scientific papers and final report. Preparation of proposals for legislative amendments at European level to improve Restorative Justice's policies and practices.

Activity 16: Dissemination efforts. Between others, dissemination will be attempted also through the European Forum of Restorative Justice which is funded by the EU to disseminate Restorative Justice research across Europe. Since, Theo Gavrielides (Partner 2) is a member of it, the link could be operated through him. Findings from the project can be disseminate through the monthly e newsletters of his organization (IARS-Partner 2) that go to over 5000 organisations across Europe

Activity 17: Internal evaluation of the project.

Activity 18: External evaluation of the project.