



# Annual activity report

2023

# AGENFOR Activities

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023

## **TRUST**

*Second Steering Committee, Rome  
11 January 2023*

The Second SC was held on the 11th of January 2023 in Rome at CeSi's premises, moderated by CeSi's Project Coordinator. Agenfor, FADV, ActionAid, Trento's Prosecutor Office, Carabinieri, ABD, COREIS participated in presence, while CESIE ETS connected via Microsoft Teams. During the meeting, the achievements as well as the pending issues of WP2 and WP3 were discussed by WP leaders (CeSi and FADV). Moreover, the working plan of WP4 was presented by CESIE ETS and the consortium discussed the cities were implementing the activities foreseen for the next stage of the project. Besides the presentation delivered by the partners, Prof. Luigi Manconi, a member of the Advisory Board, addressed the consortium online for sharing his comment on the results achieved by the project so far.

## **PRE-AND-POST**

*Steering Committee, Rimini  
20 January 2023*

In a remarkable event in Rimini in the chambers of the Bar Association in the Tribunal, magistrates, lawyers, probation officers, and other experts of the judiciary field met to start the PRE-AND-POST EU-co-funded project, delineating the priorities and possible challenges to address.

## **UNCHAINED**

*Training  
2-3-9-10 February 2023*

The pilot phase of UNCHAINED demonstrated its pivotal aims during the training sessions held at the beginning of February, improving participants skills in the field of addressing and preventing THB through the use of technologically advanced tools and public-private cooperation.

## **TRUST**

*Workshop for Co-design of the Action Plan  
8 February 2023*

The Co-design Workshop was organised as a full day on 8th February 2023 in Milan by CESIE. A total of 32 participants attended the workshop: 19 participants representing 3 main groups, namely, Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs) and local authorities, Muslim community and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and 12 representatives of the TRUST Consortium. The participants provided feedback on the presented Action Plan and CESIE ETS updated it based on the discussions. At the end of February 2023, CESIE ETS developed a report with information about the organisation and implementation of the workshop (D4.1).



FEBRUARY - APRIL 2023

## **HOPE** | High-Level Seminar, Sofia 21-22 February 2023

Another pivotal step for the HOPE project, a High-Level Seminar organized in Sophia with experts from all over Europe.

## **STAND-UP** | OSINT Webinars, 14-15-20-22 February 2023

Three webinars were organized locally by the Italian, Greek and Spanish project partners, AGF, FUNDEA and EPLO, and a final Pan-European one. The Italian webinar presented the case of antisemitism in Italy, the Greek presented the case of xenophobia in Greece, the Spanish presented islamophobia in Spain, and the Pan-European one included all these cases. The participants in all webinars were experts, professionals, and stakeholders in hate crime and hate speech, and they came from CSOs, LEAs, academia and government bodies



## **HOPE** | Steering Committee, Belgrade 22-23 March 2023

After the high-level conference of the previous month, the HOPE Consortium met in Serbia to discuss the latest achievements and challenges of the previous months and activities, planning the next steps.

## **PRE-AND-POST** | Pilot, Trieste 30 March 2023

Trieste was chosen to held the beginning of the PRE-AND-POST pilot phase, gathering relevant actors within the judicial sector, namely magistrates, lawyers, and police forces to discuss the issues related to the project and improve the current framework of actions.

## **REUNION** | WP2 April 2023

REUNION partners disseminated the Survey drafted to understand the challenges in implementing Framework Decision 909/2008. The Survey was delivered to practitioners of the judiciary field in the partner countries - Italy, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Poland, Germany - and external countries to maximize the outcomes of WP2.

## **INTERCEPTED** | Steering Committee, Trieste 27 April 2023

The Kick-off meeting of INTERCEPTED was successfully held in Trieste, participated by partners' representatives to delineate the project management plan and possible risks in the implementation of foreseeing actions.

## **STAND-UP**

*Third Steering Committee, Athens  
4 May 2023*

On 4 May, the Project Steering Committee Meeting of STAND-UP was hosted at the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) headquarters in Athens, the partners who led this meeting. The topics covered at the meeting were the work packages about Hate Monitoring Mechanism led by VEJudPol (Public Prosecutor's Office at the Ordinary Court of Venice), Capacity Building by AGENFOR and EPLO, Multi-agency cooperation run by the Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR) and the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), STAND-UP Pilot carried out by TNJudPol (Public Prosecutor's Office at the Ordinary Court of Trento), Dissemination and Communication by FUNDEA, and the Management and coordination of the action and Financial management of the action, covered by TNJudPol.



## **TRUST**

*ToT Training of Trainers, Italy  
9-18-25-29 2023*

The organisation of the training took place alongside the composition of the technical groups involved in the implementation of the Action Plan in Palermo (9th of May 2023), Milan (18th of May 2023) and Trentino (25th of May in Trento).

- Module 1 - Hate phenomena against Muslim women in Italy
- Module 2 - International, European, and Italian legal framework
- Module 3- Survivor-centred approach
- Module 4 - Countering and preventing hate phenomena
- Module 5 - Training Models for Trainers

## **J-CAP**

*TPM and 1st TARS, Bruxelles  
12-14 June 2023*

Fundamental cooperative events for guaranteeing a concerted evolution of the project while fostering transparency and union within the partnership. The TPM provided an open space for partners to gather and discuss the project's progress and ongoing implementations. The TARS engaging relevant European criminal justice practitioners, who will enrich and expand their relations. Magistrates, judges, lawyers, professors, mediators, researchers, and probation officers from the Netherlands, Portugal, Austria, Romania, Italy, France, and Belgium were actively involved in practical case studies and presented their professional experiences in the application of alternative measures to detention.



JUNE - JULY 2023

## **STAND-UP**

*Training, Italy  
21-28-29 June 2023*

Participants welcoming the trainings held in the three cities and great interest not only in the practical activities of the VR, but also actively participating in the discussion about finding a common ground for the civil society and police forces to cooperate. Many were the subjects discussed during the three trainings which were all permeated by a spirit of cooperation and will to improve.



We in AGF are especially very fond of holding these trainings, as they constitute a way to improve the involvement of organizations and the cooperation between the public and private sectors.

## **TRUST**

*Technical tables, Italy  
June - July 2023*

Collaborative workshops guiding participants in co-designing an action plan for implementing the selected most promising solutions were held in Milan and Trento. The panels saw the presence of the practitioners involved in the previous activities and constituted a fundamental step towards the implementation of the action plan of the project.



## **BIGOSINT**

*Two ToTs (Trainer of Trainers) - Murcia, July 12th  
2023; Bremen, July 19th 2023*

The second and third ToT sessions took place in Murcia (Spain) and in Bremen (Germany) with the aim of further combatting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) through the use of Big Data and OSINT Analysis. The training has been organised by the Murcia Police, the Euro-Arab Foundation, the Hochschule für Öffentliche Verwaltung Bremen and Agenfor International. Members of the Law Enforcement Agencies from the Netherlands, Israel, Italy and the United Kingdom, Spain and Germany attended the event.



## *Prototyping Activities - from September 2023*

The initiation of prototyping activities across all the partner countries which will last for 15 weeks, piloted by Murcia Local Police, Prosecution Office of Trento and HFÖV. The technologies of the projects will be stressed-tested in real-life environments and through case analysis.

## **J-CAP**

*Second TARS (Transnational Awareness-Raising Symposium) - Paris, September 6th and 7th 2023*

The 2nd TARS took place in Paris, France, at the École National de la Magistrature's premises. The Symposium aimed to strengthen cooperative relationships between participants, leading to fruitful exchanges of ideas and practices, and improving knowledge regarding one another's judicial system and competent authorities.



## *National Roundtables - September and October 2023*

These seven national events aimed to transmit conclusions from the symposia to national audiences and, on the other hand, allow for focus points to debate concrete topics stemming from previously held discussions and events, as well as identified needs by practitioners and justice professionals.

## **PRE AND POST**

*Fourth and Fifth CoPs (Communities of Practice) - Capo d'Orlando, July 14th 2023 and Milan, September 27th 2023*

On July 14th, in Capo d'Orlando (Italy), the fourth CoP, a round table on multi-agency cooperation in the implementation of FD 2008/947/JHA, took place. Italian practitioners discussed on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions, transposed into Italian law by Legislative Decree N.38 of 15 February 2016. The fifth CoP gathered practitioners in Milan on September 27th to discuss Restorative Justice in the light of the Cartabia reform.



14th of July 2023

The study meeting focused on restorative justice as regulated by the recent Legislative Decree no. 150/22, focusing on the future applicability of restorative justice programs at the different stages of the proceedings and highlighting the role of the main actors involved.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2023

## **TRUST STAND-UP**

*Dissemination event, Turin  
20 October 2023*

Agenfor International Foundation presented, with the support of the Municipality of Turin, the joint work of the European projects TRUST and STAND-UP at CTE NEXT, House of Emerging Technologies, a dissemination event on hate phenomena and the public-private cooperation model. Among the speakers, the Councillor Giovanna Pentenero, Municipality Councillor Abdullahi Ahmed, and RAN expert Diletta Berardinelli.



## **REUNION**

*National FGs (Focus Groups) for solutions mapping towards offender rehabilitation - September and October 2023*



Over the months of September and October, the six national FGs took place in the partner countries (Italy, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Poland). The Italian FG was held at the Court of Appeal of Venice on September 29th. It was an in-depth meeting on the application of FDs 2008/909/JHA and 2008/947/JHA, during which the President of the Court of Appeal of Venice Carlo Citterio, the Attorney General at the Court of Appeal of Venice Federico Prato, the Counsellor at the Court of Cassation Debora Tripicciono, the Director General of International Affairs, the Judicial Cooperation at the Ministry of Justice Stefano Opilio, and the former Public Prosecutor at the Court of Lucca Pietro Suchan delivered keynote lectures on the application of European legal instruments.

## **HOPE**

*International Conference - Lisbon, November 29th 2023*

In a remarkable event in Lisbon, more than 50 experts and decision-makers gathered to discuss radicalisation prevention, foster collaboration and share insights to develop tailored solutions in the scope of preventing and countering violent extremism. To foster a discussion on these issues and present an innovative, holistic approach to face it, the HOPE International Conference, held on November 29th, 2023, brought together participants from 14 countries and five international organisations, such as the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Confederation of European Probation (CEP), and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). The diverse audience comprised researchers, law enforcement representatives, policy and programme coordinators, as well as decision-makers from national prison and probation systems.

## INTERCEPTED

*Focus Group (FGs) - Italy, November 10th; Greece, November 21st; Spain, November 30th 2023*

The FGs were dedicated to exchange of ideas and practices focusing specifically on advertisement and recruitment in order to effectively intervene to both supply and demand sides of THB (Trafficking in Human-Beings). The events gathered Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), Internet Service Providers (ISP), Judicial Practitioners and Victim Protection/Assistance Services to discuss the following topics related to the INTERCEPTED project. Moreover, Public-Private Cooperation Guidelines were released.

## TRUST

*Dissemination event, Saronno  
11 November 2023*

A major event was planned at the Islamic Culture Centre in Saronno to initiate a debate between the police, local authorities and the Muslim community on women in Islam and the importance of 'not keeping silent' in the face of crimes and speeches that undermine the right to equality.



## STAND-UP

*Addressing Hate Crime in the Digital Era Webinar  
12 December 2023*

A final webinar was organized by the Greek partners to present the outcomes of the project and promote the Policy Brief drafted by GNCHR.

Several relevant actors, namely European stakeholders, researchers, activists working in preventing and tackling the hate phenomena participated in the event.



## VR-DigiJUST

*e-Capsules*

The VR-DigiJUST consortium produced short, up to date, tightly blueprints to address justice professionals' immediate needs in the context of concrete cases and jurisprudential developments at the EU, national and regional levels with an informative and andragogical educational style, sharing information among the network of experts with a cross-sectoral and multidimensional view.





## NEW PROJECTS

Agenfor International is also glad to announce its new projects!

**ARIEN**- An holistic innovation action that builds a real-time intelligence picture illegal drug production and trafficking incidence across the EU bolstered by AI-driven tools.

**VR DigiVET** - Improving the Albanian VET system by strengthening the digital skills of VET staff members and VET students, through the use of digital technologies. **EUROJUSTICE and DIGITAL RIGHTS** - Promotion of European legal culture in criminal law and human rights protection, with particular reference to European judicial cooperation instruments applied to cybercrimes.

**SOURCE** - Strengthening the use of EU judicial cooperation legal instruments in technology-based investigations.

**DATA EQUALITY** - Digital data to identify, prevent and counter intersectional discrimination in Phygital AI-based environments.



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## NUMBERS

Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Amount (EUR)
101144460 Data Equality, CERV	2024-2026	192.136
101128992 VR DigiVET, ERASMUS+	2024-2026	137.454
101138065 SOURCE, JUST	2024-2026	93.524
VISAR, JUST	2024-2026	
DIGITAL RIGHTS, JUST	2024-2026	
101121329 Arien, HORIZON	2024-2026	263.000
101101938 INTERCEPTED, ISF	2023-2026	183.344.50
Digital Rights, Italian Ministry of Justice, Dept. of Justice Affairs	2023-2025	150.000
Eurojustice, Italian Ministry of Justice, Dept. of Justice Affairs	2023-2024	150.000
101046477 VR-DigiJust, JUST2027	2022-2025	403.710.10
101092130 PRE-AND-POST, JUST2027	2022-2024	153.373,80
101090118 REUNION, JUST2027	2022-2024	81.218,21
101046663 J-CAP, JUST2027	2022-2024	60.773
101049532 STAND-UP, CERV-2021-EQUAL	2022-2024	135.241,58
101049611 TRUST, CERV	2022-2024	109.461
101038761 BIGOSINT, ISFP-2020-AG-THB	2022-2024	131.610
101021612 UNCHAINED, ISFP-2019-AG-THB	2021-2023	120.268
881834 PRE-TRIAD JUST	2020-2023	97.008,77
882068 TREIO JUST	2020-2023	80.940,00
882068- STREAM JUST-JCOO-AG-2020	2020-2022	112.682



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