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EUROMED JUSTICE II PROJECT

STUDY VISIT

“Court Management”

Sofia (BG), 14 - 18 February 2011

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Arrival: Sunday 13 February 2011

19.30-20.00 Welcome of the participants at the hotel
Debriefing on the study visit's agenda by the Project Coordinator

1st day: Monday 14 February 2011

09.30-10.00 Registration of participants

10.00-10.15 Departure of the delegations from the hotel heading to the Ministry of Justice
Address: 1, Slavyanska Street, 1040 Sofia

10.15-11.00 Meeting at the Ministry of Justice
1) International cooperation in criminal matters

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15- 11.45 Meeting at the Ministry of Justice (cont)
2) International protection of children

11.45- 12.15 Review of a practical case

12.15-12.30 Questions and Answers Session

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.00 Departure of the delegations for the regional Prosecution Office
Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040

14.00-15.30 Meeting at the regional Prosecution Office – Criminal section
Address: 6, bkl Dragan Tzankov, Sofia 1164

15.30-16.00 Review of a practical case

16.00-16.15 Questions and Answers Session

16.15-16.30 Break

16.30-17.00 Meeting at the Sofia Bar
Address: 1-a, rue Tzar Kaloian, Sofia 1000

17.00-17.15 Questions and Answers Session

17.30 End of the first day

2nd day: Tuesday 15 February 2011

- 09.30-10h30 Departure of the delegations from the hotel for the Supreme Court
Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040
- 10.30-11.45 Meeting / Visit to the Supreme Court
- 11.45-12.00 Questions and Answers Session
- 12.00 -13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-13.30 Departure for the Sofia Appeal Court
Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040
- 13.30-14.30 Meeting / Visit to the Sofia Appeal Court
- 14.30-14.45 Questions and Answers Session
- 14.45-15.00 Departure for the Union of Judges of Bulgaria
Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040
- 15.00-15.30 Meeting at the Union of Judges of Bulgaria
- 15.30-15.45 Questions and Answers Session
- 15.45- 16.00 Departure for the Public Prosecutors Association
Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040, et 3, B. 72
- 16.00-16.15 Break
- 16.15-16.45 Meeting at the Public Prosecutors Association
- 16.45-17.00 Questions and Answers Session
- 17.00 End of the second day

3rd day: Wednesday 16 February 2011

- 08h45 Departure from the hotel for the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice
- 09.00-10.30 Departure of the delegations for the city of Plovdiv
(Transport arranged by the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice)
- 10.30-12.00 Meeting at the Plovdiv Appeal Court
Address: Plovdiv 4000, 167 bld., 6th September
- 12.00-12.15 Questions and Answers Session
- 12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00	Visit to the Secretariat of the Registry of the Old Plovdiv
15.00-15.30	Return to Sofia and visit to the criminal service of the Ministry of Justice
15.30- 16.00	Case study
16.00-16.15	Break
16.15- 17.00	Results of the case study
17.00	End of the third day

4th day: Thursday 17 February 2011

09.00-09.30	Departure of the delegations for the Public Prosecution Office <i>Address: 2, bld. Vitosha, Sofia 1040</i>
09.30-10.30	Visit to the Public Prosecution Office
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-12.00	Continuation of the visit to the Public Prosecution Office and meeting with officials of the Office
12.00-12.15	Questions and Answers Session
12.15-13.15	Lunch
13.15	Departure for the Foundation of Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights <i>Address: 49 a, rue Gurko, et. 3, Sofia 1040</i>
13.45-15.00	Meeting at the Foundation of Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights
15.00-15.15	Questions and Answers Session
15.15-16.00	Break
16.00-16.45	Meeting at the Association International Transparency Bulgaria <i>(address to be confirmed)</i>
16.45-17.0	Questions and Answers Session
17.00	End of the fourth day

5th day: Friday 18 February 2011

- 09.00-09.30 Departure of the delegations from the hotel heading to the Directorate General Deprivation of Liberty
Address: 21, bld. General N. Stoletov, Sofia 1309
(Transport arranged by the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice)
- 09.30-11.30 Meeting at the Directorate General Deprivation of liberty
- 11.30-11.45 Questions and Answers Session
- 11.45-12.00 Break
- 12.00-12.30 Visit to the Prison's Registry (*to be confirmed*)
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-15.45 Evaluation of the study visit
- 16.00-17.00 Closure in presence of a representative of the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice
- 17.00 End of the study visit**

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Project

The European Commission launched the second regional project in the field of justice in the Euro-Mediterranean area, EuroMed Justice II (1st January 2008 – 1st April 2011). This project is funded by the European Commission (EuropeAid Development and Cooperation Directorate General) under the Euro-Mediterranean policy of the EU. The implementation of this project has been entrusted by the European Commission to a consortium led by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) and composed of the International and Ibero-American Foundation of Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) and of the Spanish General Council of the Judiciary (CGPJ).

The European Centre for the Regions (ECR), the Centre of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Barcelona, is the Programme Management Unit for the EuroMed Justice II Project.

The beneficiaries of this project are: the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Israel, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Tunisia.

This project has a total duration of 39 months, between January 2008 and April 2011, with 12 Working groups meetings (already done in 2008-2009), 18 training seminars (being completed) and **10 study visits** to be developed during this period. The project is structured around three different components: Access to justice and legal aid; Resolution of cross-border family conflicts; and Criminal and prison law.

The Study visit

This study visit is taking place in the framework of a series of study visits - up to ten - that will be organised between October 2010 and February 2011 for participants from the Mediterranean partner countries to administrations of EU Member States or international or regional organisations operating in the fields covered by the EuroMed Justice II Project.

These visits are the best methodology to get acquainted with the best experiences and good practices available in the Mediterranean partners and EU countries in the field of justice.

The participants' profile will correspond to three different levels:

- Decision-makers
- Policy-makers and high-ranking officials in charge of applying the policies
- Magistrates, judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals.

The title of this study visit is:

“Court Management”

The host administration

The host administration, the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice in Sofia, Bulgaria, has worked in close cooperation with the EuroMed Justice II Project Coordinator to prepare this study visit and draft an agenda that takes account of the varied interests of all participating countries. We would like to thank the persons in charge of this visit at the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice for their availability and the very interesting visits they managed to put on the agenda of this study visit. For further information on the host administration, please consult the website:

<http://www.justice.government.bg/new/Default.aspx>

Organisation and practical aspects

Each participant should carry his/her passport and his/her invitation letter during the whole duration of the visit.

Travel and hotel costs of the Mediterranean partners’ representatives will be borne by the Project. Moreover, participants will be given a daily allowance corresponding to the rules of the European Commission in this field in order to cover their meals and local transport during the study visit.

Accommodation

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