



Project ENPI – IBPP 2008 - 2010
„Dynamic Mechanism: Avoiding and shortening of stationary measures for children and juvenile offenders”

INTERIM NARRATIVE REPORT

Part 1

1. Description

1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract:

Schleswig-Holsteinischer Verband für soziale Strafrechtspflege, Straffälligen-und Opferhilfe e.V. (Schleswig-Holstein Association for social responsibility in criminal justice; help for offenders and victims)

1.2. Name and title of the Contact person :

- Joachim Tein, legal representative executive director of the above mentioned association
- Dr. Susanne Rieckhof, project manager

1.3. Name of partners in the Action:

- Arkhangelsk Regional Voluntary Charitable Organization (RASSVET) as core partner (Elena Ermolina, executive director of RASSVET, Olga Maslinskaya, project manager)
- Ministry of Justice, Employment and Europe of the Land Schleswig-Holstein – Germany (Johannes Sandmann, Head of the Administration for executing sentences, Ministry of Justice, Employment and European Affairs)
- Health and Social Departement of Arkhangelsk Mayor's office (Juri Pachin, deputy mayor of the city of Arkhangelsk, Nadeshda Makarova, Director of the department for health protection and social politics, mayor's office of Arkhangelsk)
- Society for promotion of social work in Eastern Europe, Kiel – Germany (Prof. Dr. Peter Klein, university professor at the university of applied sciences in Kiel)

1.4. Title of the Action:

Dynamic mechanism: Avoiding and shortening of stationary measures for children and youth offenders

1.5. Contract number:

2008/149-392

1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period:

01st of April 2008 – 31st of December 2008

1.7. Target country or region:

Arkhangelsk, Russia

1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

The target groups that are to be reached include staff members of organizations providing social services for children and juvenile offenders and their families. The target beneficiaries are children, juveniles and young adults up to the age of 30, known to commit law offences, becoming crime victims or live in delinquent surroundings.



Young convicts in the kitchen of the Arkhangelsk juvenile colony

1.9. Countries in which the activities take place:

Russia and Germany

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Activities and results

Activity 1: Inception phase

Aim: Launch of project

The project offices in Russia and Germany were set up at the regular offices of the grant beneficiary and the core partners and the project management began regular communication.

Russian and German project management corresponded with EC Delegation to Russia regarding the participation at the IBPP Kick-Off Meeting on the 25th April 2008.

Inception meetings of steering groups were held in both project countries to check any changed circumstances and to develop up-dated measure plans.

The strategy of public relation was discussed by German and Russian project management during the inception visit of German project management to Arkhangelsk in May 2008 (Joachim Tein, legal representative executive director of the Association – project beneficiary; and Dr. Susanne Rieckhof, project manager). The following points were marked as essential: development and administration of a web site of the Arkhangelsk offender treatment network in three languages (English, Russian, German); design of Arkhangelsk offender treatment network's logo and motto. Special attention was paid to the PR regarding the preparation of Activity 6: Opening conference in Archangelsk on a high professional and political level.

Activity 2: developing of evaluation instruments and start of evaluation

Aims:

- getting a reliable scientific regional database about children and youths with repeated offences
- development of instruments for evaluation and controlling

To get a general overview the Russian project manager asked for and got information on social institutions on the regional level dealing with young offenders by the social department of the Arkhangelsk Regional Administration.

The Arkhangelsk Regional Court made a compilation of the court practice of proceeding of criminal cases and other judicial materials regarding the minors by district (town) courts of the Arkhangelsk region in 2007 and provided the project with this reference (**Annex I**). These data visually demonstrate the gaps for establishing of a juvenile justice system in the Arkhangelsk region (for example, special education for judges on pedagogical and social issues in work with young offenders; with regard to their age, social and psychological particularities of the minor accused etc.).

Activity 3: Preparatory visit - inception meeting in Arkhangelsk

Aim: Review objectives, work plan and time schedule of the project

From May 5th to May 9th 2008 the project manager Dr. Susanne Rieckhof travelled to Arkhangelsk for the inception visit. Meetings were arranged with project partners, as well as with some other institutions. The project manager took an active part in a workshop on criminology and public relations that was organized by means of German Foundation "Aktion Mensch"-support. That way she got to know all active networkers of the network "Vmeste" involved in the running programmes and details about former projects.

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More detailed information:

On May 5th a meeting of project managers (Maslinskaya, Rieckhof) and leading staff (Gottschalk, Tein, Ermolina) with Mrs. Prof. Dr. Tatiana Zykina (chair in private and labour law of the Arkhangelsk State Technical University) took place. The ASTU deals with juvenile justice law in line with a project with her partner-university of Maine/Portland. Besides, next steps of co-operation within the running projects and the network with a focus on an introduction of criminological research in the North-West of Russia were discussed.

On May 6th the project team got together with Mr. Ali Arsalov (Kev Consulting) and Mrs. Dr. Vera Utyugova (Arkhangelsk Regional Clinical Centre AIDS and infection diseases). They discussed options of a possible cooperation and an involvement of the topic HIV in the future. In the evening Mrs. Ljudmilla Kononova (chairman of the committee on social issues, education, public health and culture of the Arkhangelsk Regional Assembly of Deputies) received the German delegation in her office at the Arkhangelsk Regional Assembly of Deputies. Mrs. Kononova explained that there will be a new draft law concerning social work in Arkhangelsk very soon. On May 7th a meeting with Vladimir Bunkov, president of the Higher Regional Court, took place. Mr. Bunkov explained, that there are now 28 judges especially dealing with juvenile delinquency. Furthermore one person is temporarily made available to collect statistics in the field of young offenders in the Arkhangelsk region.

On May 8th the project managers planned the further activities and next steps in September (workshop I: “Development of a professional juveniles court aid”) and primarily the opening conference in October 2008.

On May 9th the project team got in personal contact with Mr. Sergej Firsov from the Perm municipal public organization “ASPECTUS”. He asked whether Rassvet and the S-H association could be partners in future projects. Possibilities of future co-operation were considered.

The consultations in May have resulted in some changes compared with the planning of the September workshop and the opening conference (see below).

Activity 4: Inception meeting in Kiel

Aim: Review objectives, work plan and time schedule of the project and preparation of inception report

There were different inception meetings in small groups and an official one by the so called competence team (members of the steering group plus project management, activists like trainers or participants in former and future workshops in Arkhangelsk) on the 2nd of July 2008. The programme was introduced, the work plan and time schedules were reviewed. The inception report was written only in September 2008 since the project manager on the German side was ill for 5 weeks immediately after joining the project and there were vacations in Arkhangelsk from June until August.

Activity 5: IBPP Kick-off meeting

Aims: ensure the polling of experience of partners and encourage dissemination of results

The executive director of the Beneficiary Joachim Tein and the Russian project manager Olga Maslinskaya have visited the IBPP kick-off meeting in Moscow and were informed about project procedures and linked up with other projects. Besides reporting issues the topic “Effective communication” was of special interest. The EU-presentation on this topic was used by the project

management in activity 1 (see above).

Activity 6: Opening conference in Arkhangelsk on a high professional and political level

Aim: to raise awareness to the problems of target groups and beneficiaries, secure support and guarantee visibility

A trilingual printed project presentation (brochure) was created during the summertime (see attached).

To secure and to demonstrate support for the project the Minister of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein, Uwe Döring, has accepted the invitation to participate in the Opening Conference in Arkhangelsk. The conference was planned according to his work schedule and was therefore realized a bit later than in the original action plan.

On the 17th of October 2008 the conference devoted to the opening of the project "Dynamic mechanism: avoiding and shortening of stationary measures for children and youth offenders" was held in Arkhangelsk.

Before the conference started, a press conference had been arranged. All Russian and German structures involved into the project were represented by top leaders (in alphabetical order):

- Uwe Döring, Minister of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein,
- Elena Ermolina, Executive director of AROBO „Rassvet“,
- Nadežda Makarova, Director of the department for health protection and social politics, mayor's office of Arkhangelsk,
- Aleksandr Protopopov, Head of UFSIN Russia in the Arkhangelsk Region,
- Fedor Ručkin, Head of the administration of the execution of sentences that are not connected with imprisonment FSIN Russia,
- Johannes Sandmann, Head of the Administration for executing sentences, Ministry of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein,
- Jo Tein, Executive Director of the Schleswig-Holstein Association for social criminal justice, help for offenders and victims,
- Georgios Tsitsopoulos, Head of Thematic section EU-Russia Cooperation Programme Social Affairs and Civil Society, European Union, Delegation of the European Commission to Russia,
- Stanislav Vtoryj, Head of the permanent commission on legal and judicial affairs, Federal State Assembly of the Arkhangelsk Region,

For the published material from the press conference see the PR list (**Annex II**).



Decision makers at the Press Conference in October 2008

The vice governor of the Regional administration E.V. Kudryashova, the head of the committee on legislation and judicial affairs under the Arkhangelsk Regional Assembly of Deputies S.A. Vtorij and the Minister of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein Uwe Döring (Germany) took part at the official opening of the project and delivered welcoming speeches.

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The conference programme (**Annex III**) and list of participants (**Annex IV**) are attached.

88 participants from Arkhangelsk, Severodvinsk and Novodvinsk took part in the conference. There were representatives of the Arkhangelsk regional administration, Arkhangelsk regional Assembly of Deputies, municipalities of Arkhangelsk, Severodvinsk and Novodvinsk, federal and territorial Penitentiary administrations, militia, courts, Public prosecutor's office, employment administration and local centers, social regional and municipal centers, Higher educational institutions, NGO's, German partners from the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Justice, Employment and European Affairs and Schleswig-Holstein Association for Social Responsibility in Criminal Justice; help to offenders and victims and representatives of mass media and others.



Participants in the opening conference in Arkhangelsk, October 2008

A brief overview of speeches of some conference reporters is attached (**Annex V**).

The elaborated website for the Arkhangelsk offender treatment network, where all project activities are covered, was presented at the conference.

Extracts from the European Prison Rules, Tokyo Rules, Peking Rules, Havana Rules were handed out to all participants (**Annex VI**).

During the opening week in Arkhangelsk from the 11th of October 2008 till the 18th of October 2008 meetings between the German delegation and Russian decision makers of policy and administration were held (for detailed information see **Annex VII**).

On the 14th of October for instance the head of the Arkhangelsk administration of penitentiary institutions (UFSIN), Aleksandr Protopopov received the German delegation in his office. He reported on the CPT's visit and on the fact that the CPT has not assessed any violation of the

“European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment” in the Arkhangelsk region. Particularly with regard to the educational work, the relationship between prisoners and staff and life circumstances are announced to be in good order. The most burdensome problem is the imprisonment rate in the Arkhangelsk region that is – also compared with other regions – enormously high. He informed about the planning of establishing a rehabilitation centre by 2010.



Aleksandr Protopopov and Johannes Sandmann in October 2008

On the 16th of October 2008 the German delegation was received by the Vice president of the Regional Parliament, Aleksandr Polikarpov. Both sides emphasized the importance of alternatives towards imprisonment. In this context a Russian translation of the Schleswig-Holstein penal law for young offenders, made by the project team, was handed out to deputies of the Arkhangelsk Regional Deputies assembly. (see **Annex VIII**)

Another conversation took place at the municipality of the city of Arkhangelsk. The representatives also confirmed their support to the project in the sphere of social work with juveniles.

Activity 7: Evaluation of the activities 2-6

Aim: exact preparation of the next major working steps at Arkhangelsk on the basis of the inception conference

On the 13th of October 2008 the first evaluation meeting took place. All network members evaluated the work that has been done in the last months.

The following results and achievements were especially accented:

- cooperation between the youth welfare service and the juvenile colony has developed well, a special diary has been introduced
- Know-How-Transfer by the network into the whole Arkhangelsk region
- Public relation (web site, logo, motto, pens, stickers, brochure)
- in the detention centre for young offenders preparation for imprisonment and school has become possible
- personal attitudes and knowledges of all participating bodies have been changed

These were the problems raised:

- status of network unclear yet (organizational form and administration)
- concrete planning and external evaluation are not satisfying yet
- all networkers are reflecting more for their institution than for the network as a whole

The networkers of “Vmeste” came to the conclusion that they urgently need more support by stakeholders in the future. Accordant contacts should be intensified.

For further information see **Annex VII** again.

Part 4

Activity 8: Methodical seminar and workshop I: “Project management for leading staff of the participating organisations - social work”

Aim: Receiving work plans and schedules for organisational development of each participating institution

The seminar took place in Arkhangelsk with 35 participants for 5 days on 15-19 September, 2008 (see attached list of participants - **Annex IX** - and attendance sheet - **Annex X**).

The German trainers were W. Gottschalk, Ministry of Justice of the Land Schleswig-Holstein, coordinator of foreign projects of the prison administration and B. Reichel, head of the Juveniles court aid in Lübeck. The topic of the first workshop was slightly re-arranged: according to the figures reported to the beneficiary during the first phase of the project, the need for improving and increasing the housing opportunities for juvenile delinquents does not seem to be as demanding as expected (see **Annex XI**). Therefore the workshop was focused on the “Development of a professional juveniles court aid” as a comprehensive and structured approach to all problems that juvenile offenders face. Of course the methods of project management and case management are applied and institutional

development was taught by the trainers. Concrete aims, tasks and further steps were discussed and acquired by the participants who were mainly judges, prosecutors, social workers, psychologists and pedagogues. The materials regarding Juveniles court Aid Schleswig-Holstein and criminological issues of minors’ criminality were introduced in the form of ppt. presentations, translated into Russian language and were distributed as handouts for the seminar participants (see attached presentations - **Annex XII**).



Birgit Reichel, Valentina Iljuschina, Elena Zakharova, Wolfgang Gottschalk at workshop I, September 2008

Activity 9: Implementation of measure plans in participating institutions

Aim: start of concrete and reliable steps to improve the social situation of the beneficiaries

The first planned steps for the development of the elements of Juvenile court aid in Arkhangelsk have been realized by seminar participants. First of all two involved active judges presented the idea of juveniles’ court aid in detail to the vice-president of Arkhangelsk Region Court, Vladimir Bunkov, and he approved and supported the idea to run a pilot project aimed at the implementation of juveniles’ court aid in one or two districts of Arkhangelsk.

The seminar participants and Russian project management began to investigate the field to choose the most appropriate town district for development of this pilot project, for example, the request for

description of social situation in the town was sent to the social and health department of the Arkhangelsk Mayor's office.

Activity 10: Preparation of workshop II

Aim: Involving employers and other participants not specialised in working with offenders

As the topic of the first workshop seminar was slightly modified, it was decided to devote the workshop II to further development of the juveniles' court aid in Arkhangelsk as it precisely serves the specific project objective. The beneficiary began to search for the appropriate second German trainer for participation in the workshop and the following activities.

The preparation of the workshop II will be discussed during the study visit of Russian specialists to Schleswig-Holstein.

1.1. Please list all contracts (works, supplies, services) above 5.000 € awarded for the implementation of the action during the reporting period, giving for each contract the amount, the award procedure followed and the name of the contractor.

Not applicable.

1.2. Please provide an updated action plan¹

Year 1													
Activity / Month	Semester 1						Semester 2						Implementing body
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Exec. Activity 1 (Inception phase)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET
Prep. and exec. Activity 2 (Developing of evaluation instruments and start of evaluation)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Justice (SHMJ) • RASSVET • Society for promotion of social work in Eastern Europe (Prom. Society)
Prep. Activity 3 & 4 (Preparatory visit and inception meetings)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET
Exec. Activity 3 Preparatory visit -inception meeting in Arkhangelsk													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Health and social department of Arkhangelsk mayor's office (Soc.Department) • applicant
Exec. Activity 4													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary

¹

This plan will cover the financial period between the interim report and the next report.

Year 1													
Inception meeting in Kiel													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom. Society • SHMJ
Prep. Activity 6 (opening conference in Arkhangelsk)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET • Soc. Department
Exec. Activity 5 (IBPP kick-off meeting)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET
Exec. Activity 6 opening conference in Arkhangelsk													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary and all partners
Prep. Activity 8 and Exec. Activity 7 (evaluation of the activities 2-6)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary and all partners
Exec. Activity 8 (Methodical seminar and workshop I)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET • SHMJ
Exec. Activity 9 (implementation of measure plans in participating institutions according to workshop I)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Soc. Department • all Russian participants <i>with support of</i> • Beneficiary and SHMJ
Exec. Activity 10 (Preparation of workshop II)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Soc. Department • all Russian participants <i>with support of</i> • Beneficiary and SHMJ
Prep. Activity 14 (study-visit for representatives in Schleswig-Holstein)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • Prom. Society • SHMJ

Year 2													
	Semester 3						Semester 4						
Activity / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Exec. Activity 11 (Workshop II)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary and all partners
Exec. Activity 12 Implementation of action-plan for occupation projects													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Soc. Department • all Russian participants <i>with support of</i> • Beneficiary and SHMJ
Exec. Activity 13 (Intensive “institutional													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET • SHMJ

coaching”)														
Exec. Activity 14 (study-visit for representatives in Schleswig-Holstein)														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET • SHMJ
Exec. Activity 15 (preparation of workshop III)														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Soc. Department • SHMJ • Beneficiary
Exec. Activity 16 Workshop III for bodies of justice and detention														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • SHMJ • RASSVET
Year 2														
	Semester 3						Semester 4							
Activity / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body	
Exec. Activity 17 (Implementation of mechanisms for shortening imprisonment)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASSVET • Soc. Department • all Russian participants <i>with support of</i> • Beneficiary and SHMJ 	
Exec. Activity 18 (Preparation of international closing conference)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET 	
Exec. Activity 19 (Preparation of evaluation conference)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET <i>with support of</i> • Soc. Department • Prom. Society • SHMJ 	
Prep. Activity 20 (Institutional consultation and treatment on new developed practice)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET • SHMJ 	
Prep. Activity 21 (Evaluation conference in Arkhangelsk)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET 	
Prep. Activity 22 (International closing conference in Arkhangelsk)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET 	
Exec. Activity 23 (Publication of materials)													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary • RASSVET 	
Exec. Activity 24 completion of													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary 	

2.3. Where applicable, describe your relationship with any other organisations involved in implementing the Action:

- **Associate(s) (if any)**
- **Sub-contractor(s) (if any)**
- **Final Beneficiaries and Target groups**
- **Other third parties involved.**

The relations with the Arkhangelsk Regional Court have been developed and intensified. Three meetings between the Beneficiary and its vice president, Vladimir Bunkov, took place. The core partner is in permanent contact with him. Mr Bunkov is very interested in implementing a juveniles' court aid into the Russian criminal system and even appointed about 30 judges especially for this task.

The relationship towards the Arkhangelsk' Regional Duma remained as intense as before. Especially Ljudmilla Kononova is interested in the development of new draft laws and changing the current legal situation for young offenders. But also the Head of the Arkhangelsk regional assembly of deputies, Vitaly Fortygin, already attaches much importance to the project. So he invited for instance the leading people from all institutions dealing with juvenile criminal justice for a dinner in October 2008.

After personnel changes of leading staff in the Arkhangelsk' Regional Administration and the Arkhangelsk administration of penitentiary institutions (UFSIN), the Vice Governor of the Arkhangelsk Regional Administration Elena Kudrjashova and the Head of the Department of the Penitentiary Institutions in the Arkhangelsk Region (UFSIN) Aleksandr Protopopov, were introduced into the project and can now be characterized as important supporters of the objective.

New relationships started with the Arkhangelsk State Technical University. Tatiana Zykina, Decan of the law faculty, is interested in the project. She plans to establish a criminological chair at the university since the lack of criminological research and teaching for the purposes of a „critical“ criminology on the Russian side has been a grave problem.

Another new relationship was established with the Vologda' institute of law and economics (VIPE) under Federal administration of penitentiary institutions. In the frame of another - compared with this one small – project (funded by the German Foundation Aktion Mensch) contacts were made. The aim is to widen the effect of this project into other regions of the Russian Federation and to establish a common criminological chair for North-Western Russia in the future.

The representatives of the Russian and German project teams contacted the mayor of Novodvinsk town (which is close to Arkhangelsk), Ivan Popov, and had a meeting at the Novodvinsk administration with representatives of the social town department on the 4th of May 2008. Novodvinsk specialists expressed their great wish to participate in the project activities.

The target groups (staff members of organizations providing social services for children and juvenile offenders and their families) are involved in the project currently via the network established in the previous project. They take part in seminars and workshops and have regular meetings in Arkhangelsk. They are directly profiting from the new experiences. Despite of the visits in colonies there are no direct relations between the final beneficiaries and the project partners. Only the members of the target groups communicate with the young offenders and apply their knowledge in dealing with them.

2.4. Where applicable, outline any links you have developed with other actions.

a) CoE

Since 2002, the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Justice, Employment and European Affairs cooperates with the region of Arkhangelsk in an organizational framework. Together with the administration of penitentiary institutions a partnership programme, funded by the Council of Europe, was implemented. Its purpose is the development of professional social work within the penitentiary institutions. The development of the past TACIS project and the current one has mainly originated from the insights gained in this programme, since it showed the necessity not only to develop social work within the penitentiary institutions but to develop a whole network of offender – care also outside of the prison - walls.

Another possible issue of further co-operation in the frame of the CoE project could be the punishment “limited freedom”, which is an alternative sanction towards crime and directly connected with the project’s aim of avoiding stationary measures.

The co-ordinator for foreign projects (from the prison administration of the Ministry of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein), Wolfgang Gottschalk, is continuously looking for co-operation possibilities of all projects. Some of the ENPI course participants who work for the penitentiary institutions have already benefited from the development of social work within the prisons and still do. They share this experience to the benefit of all course members in the training sessions on social management.

b) Aktion Mensch

Since August 2007 the beneficiary has been responsible for the project „Support of children and juveniles with special social difficulties“. The project also continues the former activities and is funded by the German foundation “Aktion Mensch”. Core partner on the Russian side is again “Rassvet”. On the one hand it is directed to children and juveniles between the ages of 11-16 years from Arkhangelsk, Severodvinsk and surroundings, who repeatedly commit or committed crimes and are threatened or even affected by stationary measures in a children’s home, correctional institution or juvenile colony. On the other hand the project aims at Russian professionals and leading staff from these stationary institutions, from advisory services and transition institutions (NGOs) in the sphere of help for children and juveniles, from public institutions for social and juvenile help, from penal institutions, it aims at policemen, juvenile court judges and prosecutors. Above all this “Aktion Mensch” funded project has one long-term aim in common with the this project.

c) Barents-Secretariat

The Barents-Secretariat in spring 2008 has accepted the project “Humanization of penitentiary system”, the grant beneficiary is “Rassvet”. Norwegian partners are the Tromso prison and the rehabilitation center “Huset” (Tromso). The project objective is humanization of relations between personnel and convicts. This project provided educational seminars for all levels of prison staff, from security to social workers, psychologists and management. A study trip aimed at the rehabilitation issues of ex-prisoners for one of the prison leaders and a representative of the Regional social department to Norway took place. Further possibilities of co-operation between Norway, Germany and Russia are being monitored by the German project management and especially by the common co-ordinator “Rassvet”.

d) Danish Church Aid and Nordic Council of Ministers

The main partner on the Russian side has been also involved into the project "Strengthening the capacity and co-operation of NGOs and local authorities to promote juvenile justice in North-West Russia – Phase II". The project was supported by the Danish Church Aid and the Nordic Council of Ministers. The other project partners were DanChurchAid; Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland; Uteshenie, Charity Foundation, Petrozavodsk, Russia. The focus areas of intervention were staff capacity building, advocacy for legislative change, information activities to raise public awareness on juvenile justice. The project participants had the opportunity to learn from the experience and the practice of different countries (Poland, Denmark) and regions of the RF at seminars and during study trips. Some people were actively involved in both projects (TACIS and this one), so they can share gained knowledge with other TACIS project participants. The Project management coordinated the activities of both projects closely in order to join the strengths of both projects, strengthen the potential of publications and avoid double efforts.

e) Human Rights in Prison

Since December 2008 the Russian core partner 'Rassvet' has started an educational course "Human rights in prison" in cooperation with Norwegian Helsinki Committee (Oslo). The programme of this particular school was drafted for professionals working in the administrations of justice, mostly prison managerial staff who have to uphold the human rights of the people in custody. The educational efforts addressing the audience were aimed not only at providing knowledge but also at developing practical skills and attitudes. Such kind of further qualification assists to better understanding of international standards and professional approaches towards offenders.

f) Arkhangelsk Regional Office for the support of TACIS programmes

There is a "Contact point of the EU" in Arkhangesk that became a part of the Regional Committee on international relations. In June 2008 the Days of Europe in Arkhangelsk were organized by the contact point, where the Russian project manager presented the project activities. It is planned to keep each other informed closely in order to establish future cooperation if it becomes advisable.

2.5. If your organisation has received previous EC grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EC grants).

The previous EC grant was given to the Beneficiary from 2005 – 2007 (contract number: 2005/100-769), title of the project: "Development of the infrastructure for social services in offender treatment in the region of Arkhangelsk, Russia."

The network of staff members has become stronger than before although it is not a registered association yet. Regular meetings called by the core partner Rassvet show good results. There were for instance organized first events without any support by the German side (e.g. case-management-workshop for practitioners in penitentiary institutions) to widen and to spread the effect of the experiences made by the participants of the workshops and to plan further activities.

3. Visibility

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?

When the results of the project are made public all project team members involved are dedicated to make the EU contribution visible and audible. The logos and the disclaimer “*This project is financed by the European Union*” are used in all materials related to the project. All materials (for instance the trilingual booklet or teaching materials) handed out by the project team contain the EU-flag and the hint that the project is funded by the EU. Also published articles in journals and newspapers always point out that the project is financed by the EU.

Besides there has been created a trilingual (Russian, English and German) website www.arhnethelp.ru where the flag is situated on the top and the disclaimer “This site has been produced with the assistance of the European Union. The contents of all publications is the sole responsibility of network organizations and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Union.” is used as well. The Beneficiary’s website also includes the flag and the hint within the sub-title “projects”.

Furthermore a big flag was given by the commission in Moscow and hung up at the opening conference, EU-folders and pens were distributed.



Elena Ermolina at the opening conference in front of the EU-flag

The European Commission may wish to publicise the results of Actions. Do you have any objection to this report being published on EuropeAid Co-operation Office website? If so, please state your objections here.

We have no objections but wish to be informed about publication.

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Joachim Tein, Dr. Susanne Rieckhof, Olga Maslinskaya

Signatures:

Location:

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