



Ministry of Justice
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**European Project “Fine, Families in Net”
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Final Conference

Rome, 1st and 2nd of December 2014

“FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES: NEW STRATEGIES FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE”

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The intervention on juvenile offenders is, to date, a challenge for the Juvenile Justice Systems in Europe, a challenge that has led these systems to gradually rethink their action strategies.

This change in strategy must be developed in full compliance with the instructions that come with the most recent European directives, to give life to a child friendly Justice System. The admonition of Europe is very clear in this regard: each country must make it one of its priorities to create a justice system that is capable of always acting with care and fairness and to promote the welfare and dignity of every child.

This has meant that, on one hand, actions have been taken by the Justice Systems in Europe to reduce the custodial nature of criminal sentences in the case of minors and, on the other, that greater attention has been given to using a more global and interdisciplinary approach in the work with justice involved youth. This new approach emphasizes the need to achieve an even more coordinated intervention on the part of all the actors involved in the minor’s intervention program, that is to say, the community as a whole, with the family at the centre because of its key educational role.

For this reason, at present there is an urgent need to define improved social working strategies capable of assuring the active involvement and participation of the minor’s family and of the key local community professionals, agencies and organizations.

This will be the main focus of the final European conference regarding the FINE – Families in Net, European Union Funded Project. The Conference, which is one of the events falling in the course of the Italian Presidency of the European Union, will be held in Rome on the 1st and 2nd of December 2014. The Conference will offer an opportunity for reflecting upon and discussing the results, prospects and possibilities explored by the FINE Project, the main objective of which was the development of intervention models having family active involvement as their main concern, based on the successful experiences of partner countries in this field.

By sharing the positive findings of the project regarding forging constructive relationships with the families and communities of minors at risk and/or in the penal system, the hope is to encourage other countries to adopt common strategies. Indeed, the Conference will involve representatives from Italy, Spain, Greece, Romania, Germany and the United Kingdom, which are the partners in the FINE project, and representatives from the Justice Systems of Ireland, Portugal, France, Malta and Belgium.

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Draft Agenda

Monday, December 1st, 2014

Session 1 – Restricted Session

VENUE: Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research, Passeggiata di Ripetta, 11, Rome

16:00 - 19:00

- 16.00 **Welcoming address and participants' registration**
Isabella Mastropasqua, Senior Manager, Study, Research and International Activities Bureau, Juvenile Justice Department.
- 16:30 **“Fine, families in net” project: main results**
Raffaele Bracalenti, President of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research
- 16:45 **Presentation of project outputs**
- Website and e-learning platform
 - E-learning didactic units
 - Stakeholder workshop
 - National seminars
 - Final International Seminar
 - Final report
 - Monitoring reports
 - Other project outputs
- 18:20 **Main results and National scenarios in the following areas:**
- *exchange of family-focused good practices;*
 - *development of accessible and transversal training programs;*
 - *development of public-private partnerships.*
- 18:40 **General discussion on dissemination and networking opportunities**
- 19:00 **Closing of the day**

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Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014

VENUE: Residenza di Ripetta, Via di Ripetta, 231, Roma

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Session 2

9:30 - 13:00

- 9.30 **Welcoming addresses and participants' registration**
- 10.00 **Opening Ceremony,**
Formal welcome of the Italian Minister of Justice and the Authorities.
- 10.45 **Opening remarks**
Juvenile Justice Services, Families and Communities: a threefold strategy for success. The European Perspective.
Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union, European Commission - Directorate-Home Affairs (representative to be confirmed)
Caterina Chinnici, Member of the Eu Parliament
- 11.15 **Justice Services, Families and Communities working together: mutual empowerment or disempowerment?**
Isabella Mastropasqua, Senior Manager, Study, Research and International Activities Bureau, Juvenile Justice Department.
- 12.00 **From custody back to Families and Communities: a turning point.**
Marie Derain, Ministère des Affaires sociales, former France Authority for Children.
- 12.45 General discussion
- 13:15 *Lunch break: buffet*

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Session 3

ORE 14:30 - 18:30

14:30 **Round table: intervention models for working with the Families**
Chairman: Mr. Philip Willekens, Direction générale Sécurité Belgium (to be confirmed)

Participants:

Serenella Pesarin, General Director for the Enforcement of Judicial Decisions, Ministry of Justice, Italy.

Jordi Burcet, Directorate for Penal Execution in the Community in Juvenile Justice, Generalitat de Catalunya, Justice Department.

Florian Rodenberg, Hamburg's city agency for Employment, Social Affairs, Family and Integration, Germany.

Eric Wiersma, Policy consultant and expert on juvenile delinquency, Halt, the Netherlands.

José Manuel Suárez Sandomingo, Xunta de Galicia Central Services, Consellería De Traballo e Benestar.

16:00 *Coffee break*

16.20 **Round table: intervention models, forging alliances within the Community**
Chairman: Raffaele Bracalenti, President of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research

Participants:

Jonathan Spencer, Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Marie Gribben, trainer on Family Group Conference and Restorative Practices to create Restorative Communities, University of Ulster, Ireland.

Ana Ramires, Ministry of Justice, DGRS, Portugal (to be confirmed)

Eftychia Katsigaraki, Head of the Directorate of Juvenile's Criminality Prevention and Penitentiary Treatment, Greek Ministry of Justice

Madalina Cristea-Ioan, National Probation Department, Romania

Kevin Sammut Henwood, Department of Probation, Ministry of Home Affairs and National Security, Malta.

17.50 Final considerations
Isabella Mastropasqua, Senior Manager, Study, Research and International Activities Bureau, Juvenile Justice Department

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18.20 Closing remarks

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