Administrative Data on Access to Justice for Children in Bulgaria

The Promising Practice and Possibilities of the Automated Informational System for the Prevention of Child Crime and Protection of Children

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Rationale behind the information system – policy aims and needs

- International standards – UN CRC and EU directives on children in conflict in the law and victims of violence;
- National framework - National Strategy for the Child and Child Protection Act;
- Stakeholders’ needs;
- General monitoring of the situation with children.
Objectives and Advantages of the Automated Informational System for the Prevention of Child Crime and Protection of Children

- **Objectives:**
  - Improved management and control of the procedures involving children in contact with the police;
  - Strengthening the accountability of the police officers, working with children;
  - Centralization of information;
  - Optimization of work.

- **Key advantages:**
  - Automated production of statistics;
  - Unification of information;
  - Reference information.
System Architecture

Operational system
System for management of databases
Server
Software
**User level**
- 300 workstations
- 200 Multifunctional Devices 4-in-1
- 100 Cameras

**Hardware level**
- 4 servers

**System level**
- Licensed MS Windows 10 Enterprise
- MS Windows Server 12 R2
- IBM Informix IDS 12
- Oracle WebLogic 12c
Data protection

- In line with national, European and international standards on child rights and data protection

- Data Security insurance:
  - Part of the Ministry’s information system,
  - Protocols for access of every individual,
  - Protocols for level of access and log info.
Children in contact with the police and types of cases that are recorded

9 types of cases for children who have committed a crime (over 14), children at risk and children victims of crime (all children):

- Crime
- Antisocial-behavior
- Beggary
- Prostitution
- Addiction
- Arrest in a Police Department
- Unaccompanied child identified abroad
- Police protection
- Domestic violence
Administrative Data on Access to Justice for Children in Bulgaria: Situation

**Challenges:**
- Lack of holistic approach on Children’s access to justice data;
- Overall lack of data on children involved in administrative and civil proceedings;
- Lack of common/comparable definitions and protocol for exchanging data among stakeholders.

**Possibilities:**
- Piloting self-assessment tool on admin data on children’s access to justice: clear picture of the situation;
- Building on strong internal systems;
Key achievements and way forward

➢ Strategic utilization of funding opportunities to develop and pilot AIS;

➢ Developed in cooperation and consultation with a wide range of MoI staff and external – national and international experts;

➢ Rolled-out nationally in 2019 with more than 2 800 cases related to children already in AIS as of 22.11.2019;

➢ Internal work – the development team is MoI staff, hence there is in-house know how to ensure operation and further development;

➢ Annual report and analysis on issues related to children in contact with the police is facilitated;

➢ Continue working on improvement of the system, its management and exploitation for the purposes of monitoring and planning local and national interventions.
Thank you!