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Description of the action (DoA)

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PROJECT	
Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Enter the info.	
Project number:	101138264
Project name:	The Voice of the Child
Project acronym:	VotC
Call:	JUST-2023-JTRA
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Service:	JUST/H/03
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Project duration:	24 months

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Provide an overall description of your project (including context and overall objectives, planned activities and main achievements, and expected results and impacts (on target groups, change procedures, capacities, innovation etc)). This summary should give readers a clear idea of what your project is about.

Use the project summary from your proposal.

This project wants to contribute to the EU strategy on the Rights of the Child and more specifically on child-friendly justice.

The project is called 'The Voice of the Child'. It is set up to improve the rights of children. To reach this goal, we use the teaching tool of video recordings of real cases where children speak with judges. Therefore we will make three educational videos in three different countries, compose an accompanying Manual and organise an International Conference. In The Netherlands, already six videos have been produced for the same purpose and they will be (complimentary) added to the new batch of video's.

After the Conference, the Videos will be distributed through two channels: 1) to all judicial schools and institutes under the EJTN, ie. to all schools and institutes in the EU Member States, where magistrates and court staff will be trained with these video's; 2) at selected universities, where law students - the possible future magistrates - will have classes with these videos and learn about a practice during their studies of cases that otherwise are hardly accessible to them because these cases are handled behind closed doors.

The purpose of this dissemination is mutual learning through the exchange of knowledge among judiciaries in a multiple way: the videos are recorded in different countries and thus magistrates, court staff and students can learn about (best) practices are exchanged and legal comparisons can be made with practices in other countries or in one's own country (as is happening all the time with the Dutch project).

This comparative view will enable an exchange of ideas aimed at improving the options, the system and the procedure of listening to The Voice of the Child, with the higher objective of giving children a clearer voice when they appear in front of a judge.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.

Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC
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Work package WP1 – Project management and coordination

Work Package Number	WP1	Lead Beneficiary	1 - CILC
Work Package Name	Project management and coordination		
Start Month	1	End Month	24

Objectives

The objective of WP 1 is to provide fluid overall management and coordination of the project in close cooperation with the work package leaders for the whole duration of the project. (BEN)

WP 1 also caters for close monitoring of project implementation, financial management and accountability and reporting on proposed milestones and deliverables of the project.

Description

WP 1 oversees project management and coordination with the aim to support and facilitate the realisation of the foreseen milestones and deliverables. Working together with the COO, WP leaders (BEN) appointed in each WP will ensure that the implementation is carried out based on the agreed plan and standards.

WP1 also oversees the arrangements of meetings with the advisory committee with BEN and AE and AP to supervise the development of the videos and manual and provide general guidance in the Implementation of the project.

WP1 further provides space for coordination, collection and provision of reports from WP leaders (BEN) example quarterly progress reports, activity reports and financial reports.

WP1 also oversees project monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Activities and division of tasks of WP 1 are categorised as follow:

- T1.1: General coordination and management
- T1.2: Organisation of kick off meeting
- T1.3: Set up and manage supervisory board
- T1.4: Organise and manage coordination meetings
- T1.5: Take major decisions on termination or refocusing of activities
- T1.6: Financial management
- T1.7: Reporting
- T1.8: Define visibility guidelines and publicity plan

Work package WP2 – Creation of videos as training materials

Work Package Number	WP2	Lead Beneficiary	4 - GME
Work Package Name	Creation of videos as training materials		
Start Month	1	End Month	23

Objectives

The aim of WP2 is to produce videos to bring "The Voice of the Child" to other jurisdiction. The videos will be used as reference to demonstrate legal practices, dilemmas and solution in dealing with children in family cases. The main purpose is to facilitate the provision of child-friendly justice.

Description

The creation of video is a crucial process and core activity of the project. This will be done through comparison and exchange of procedures and cultural aspects of different countries. Videos are visual tools which will be applied for the training of magistrates in three countries that have been selected. This process will be guided by Golden Monkey Enterprises (GME) which has a profound experience in making similar videos currently being applied in the Netherlands for judicial purposes and teaching of judges at SSR.

A methodology has been designed for the creation of videos which includes at foremost the installation of a supervisory board to oversee the process. This will be done at the kick off in the first month (T2.1). Thereafter the development of

videos, recording, editing will follow with thorough cooperation with courts from selected jurisdictions to ensure that such activities are conducted in a child-friendly manner in adherence to CPP.

T2.1 Kick off - Guidance and points of attention from the Supervisory board to the film crew before starting with the production of the videos

T2.2 Development of videos - Establishment of the relation with the courts and acquaintance with the judiciary and procedures

T2.3 Pre-production of the video - Consultation and agreement made with the courts where the films will be made on the actual recording

T2.4 Recording of videos - Recording of videos in targeted courts

T2.5 Editing of the videos - Composing the films in the Netherlands

T2.6 Postproduction - Preparing deliverables and presentation of the videos to the Supervisory Board and gathering their feedback

T2.7 Delivery of the final product - Presentation of the videos at the international conference to the expert audience for further dissemination

Work package WP3 – Creation of a Manual

Work Package Number	WP3	Lead Beneficiary	3 - ULEI
Work Package Name	Creation of a Manual		
Start Month	19	End Month	23

Objectives

The aim is to develop a manual to be used by trainers and trainees who will use the video as a learning tool.

Description

This Manual will be created to accompany the video and will contain themes and subjects that are visible in the videos. These are for instance issues about the age of children and their rights when they are interrogated, the environment in which children are interviewed and reports to parents after interviews.

The manual will be developed by experts from ULEI in collaboration with judiciaries where the films will be made. The expert involved in the development of the manual will also be involved at the Supervisory Board so that he can closely align the manual to the video scene and ensure that the message comes across well. He will also ensure that the manual offers maximum protection of children rights. So to pursue this task the expert will consult the Supervisory Board once the videos have been produced and presented to the Board and will agree on the best and efficient approach to develop the manual. These activities are expected to be conducted in the last four months of the project.

T2.1 Contact/consultation/update with the Supervisory Board - Consultation of the Supervisory Board after presenting the videos to start with the Manual. Regularly contacts will be held Minutes of the Advisory board

T2.2 Creation of a Manual - Development of the manual is done in close consultation with GME and the Supervisory Board

T2.3 Presentation of the final product during the international conference - The final product of the manual was presented to the Supervisory Board and the attendees of the conference

Work package WP4 – International Conference

Work Package Number	WP4	Lead Beneficiary	2 - IGO-IFJ
Work Package Name	International Conference		
Start Month	18	End Month	23

Objectives

The purpose of WP 4 is to organise an international conference to present the videos and manual and provide space for

exchange of experience on how to make use of the visual tools for the judicial and teaching purposes. This will be a crucial step for the dissemination of the products (video, manual and lessons learned).

Description

This conference will bring together experts from ETJN member schools in the field of juvenile justice. The main focus of the two days conference will be child-friendly justice and hearing of children. The videos, manual and training materials will be presented, feedback will be drawn, and agreement made on how to use the videos for judicial and teaching purposes. The conference will be the closure of the project and the start of dissemination process.

The two days international conference will be held in English language with interpretation in French. Representatives from all three countries where the videos have been produced will be invited to attend. This will be approximately 75 persons.

The preparation of the conference will be coordinated by IGO-IFJ who will be involved in the project from month 1. IGO will participate in the supervisory board which will also discuss and advise on the preparation of the conference.

T2.1 Organising a two-day International Conference - Two days of International Conference in English with simultaneous translation into French. Videos and a manual will be presented then. Work entails, preparation of the programme and sending invitation and reservation of and venue of the conference. Experts The keynote speaker and experts for the panel discussions will be invited in consultation with the Supervisory Board. Participants The conference will have some 75 participants. These will include:

- Representatives of the project partners
- Representatives from European Judicial training institutes
- Representation from ETJN
- Magistrates and court staff responsible for family law cases
- Invited speakers and experts

T2.2 Convening the International Conference - Presentation of all final products: videos and manuals. An additional deliverable of the Dutch video will be used during the conference. So, in total 4 videos will be presented.

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