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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The research project JUSTIS (Scientific Indicators of Confidence in JUSTIS: Tools for Policy Assessment), which is funded primarily by the European Commission from the 7th Framework Programme for Research, is designed to provide EU institutions and Member States with new indicators for assessing public confidence in justice.

Member States are making growing use of social indicators to improve policy and its assessment, but limited progress has been made on this in criminal justice. Common-sense indicators based on readily available statistics – such as crime trends – have been used extensively. Much less attention has been paid to crucial but hard-to-measure indicators about public Trust in justice. Without such indicators, there is a risk that crime policies may become over-focused on short-term objectives of crime control, at the expense of equally important longer-term objectives relating to justice and social cohesion.

The project will develop and pilot survey-based indicators of public Trust in justice. It will assemble contextual data for interpreting the indicators. It will develop tools for presenting and interpreting the indicators in ways that are intuitive and accessible. The project aims not only to develop scientifically credible indicators but also to build some consensus across Member States about the importance of assessing crime policy against criteria of public confidence, making effective dissemination a priority.

This report describes the activities performed within the JUSTIS project during the first year of implementation, namely from 1st March 2008 to 28th February 2009. Particular attention will be paid for the second semester, from 1 September, 2008 to 28 February, 2009. The first six months of the project were spent organizing the management structure of the project, creating the first tool for dissemination (the website: www.eurojustis.eu) and starting up the scientific research that will back all subsequent research work. (For a detailed description of the work carried out in the first semester, please refer to annex 1.)

During the first year of the JUSTIS project, there were three major achievements. Firstly, the project completed our first work package which explored the need for social indicators of public Trust in justice across Europe. It involved examining the need for such indicators, assessing the social scientific literature on Trust in justice, and gathering existing indicators that have been used at national and supra-national levels. This included conducting a questionnaire-based survey in seven countries to find out about the perceived need for a set of indicators of Trust in justice amongst criminal justice experts and practitioners. It also included a detailed review of literature on available indicators measuring Trust in justice in each of our project member country as well as other selected countries. Reports and papers produced for this work package are currently being put together as a publication to be distributed, which will be available from our website as well as a hard copy.

Secondly, the JUSTIS project organised our first international conference in Sofia, Bulgaria in March, 2009. Invitees to the conference included the Vera Institute of Justice from the US, who are also involved in a relevant project. There was also a public discussion event at the Bulgarian National Institute of Justice. Speakers included the Bulgarian Minister of Justice, Director of the National Institute of Justice, and the Deputy Prosecutor General. (Below are some photos from our conference.)

Our last achievement this year is the successful bid for participation in the 2010 round of the European Social Survey (ESS), which will be conducted in approximately 30 countries. This means that the JUSTIS indicators can be used in developing the set of 50 questions on trust in justice for which we have space in the ESS. This allows our project not only develop these indicators and pilot them in several project member states but also to test and analyse them on a greater scale cross Europe including countries which are not partner institutions.



First day of the conference. JUSTIS includes institutions from the UK, France, Lithuania, Hungary, Finland and Italy. The conference was attended by all partner institutions, as well as members of the JUSTIS External Expert Group and other prominent criminologists.



Left: Prof. Stephan Parmentier, University of Leuven, Belgium
Right: Prof. Helmut Kury, University of Freiburg, Germany



From left to right: Dr. Stefano Maffei, University of Parma, Italy, Ms. Daniela Stradiotto, Ministry of Interior, Italy, Ms. Cristina Pavarani, University of Parma, Italy and Mr. Ben Bradford, London School of Economics, UK

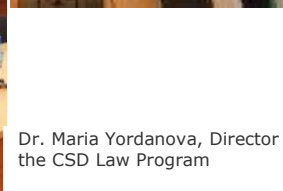


The public discussion event during the conference at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) the Center for the Study of Democracy.

From left to right: Prof. Mike Hough from the Institute for Criminal Policy Research - King's College, London, coordinator of the JUSTIS project, Prof. Julian Roberts from the University of Oxford, Chair of the JUSTIS External Expert Group, Ms. Miglena Tacheva, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Hristo Manchev, Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic of Bulgaria and Dr. Pencho Penev, Director of the National Institute of Justice



Prof. Julian Roberts, University of Oxford, Chair of the JUSTIS External Expert Group



Dr. Maria Yordanova, Director of the CSD Law Program



1. WORK PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1.1. WP1 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT

During the first year of the project, all tasks planned in the Description of Work were carried out and developed.

The work immediately started on the setting up of the project website. The private intranet, necessary to the partners to exchange documents and information was the first tool set up in order to ease communication and activate the work on all planned tasks. The private pages of the website formed deliverable D1.3.

Following Task 1.1 “Contract management”, the Coordinator (King’s College London, KCL) acted as the reference point for any question arising from the partners with the fulfillment of the obligations set by the contracts regulating the project (the main contract with the EC and its Annexes, the Consortium Agreement, agreed by the partners during the project negotiation phase). The issues at stake during the first year were the following:

- Shift of responsibility and relevant budget from HEUNI to UNIPR for the implementation of the project website;
- Secondment of the project leader by CNRS to a non-partner organization;
- Relevant changes in the staff for NPLC, with minor consequences for the implementation of their part of the project work;
- Clarification on the use of available budget, especially with reference to possible variation from the items estimated in the work plan.

Part of the activities under Task 1.1 concerned the collection of signatures for the Consortium Agreement: the content of the document was agreed by the Partners on February 2008, during the phase of project negotiation with the

EU, since the CA was a prerequisite for the Commission agreeing the main contract. However, the EC allowed the collection of signatures to the CA also after the beginning of the project: this last step for the formal conclusion of the agreement ended at the beginning of summer 2008.

As far as Task 1.2 "Administrative and financial issues" is concerned, the partners took all necessary steps to organize their internal structures to ensure adequate administrative and financial assistance to the project research teams for the implementation of JUSTIS activities. No financial reporting to the EC was planned during the first 12 months of the project, but incurred costs were approximately assessed by the Coordinator after the first semester, in order to have a first look into the expenditure trend of the Consortium and start planning ahead on possible adjustments on the project budget.

As planned under Task 1.3 "Setting up the project management structure", decisions about the working structure of the project were taken at the very start of the project, during the kick-off meeting. Working groups within each partner institution were organized to form an efficient decision making mechanism within the Consortium. People were given different responsibilities with respect to the project activities and were ideally divided into three bodies:

- Steering Committee, having a strategic planning function
- Technical Management Board, having the role of deciding operational issues at project level
- WP Leaders, having the responsibility of organizing the work of the Consortium within the single WPs.

With respect to Task 1.4 "Periodic reporting to the EC", the first six-monthly report (deliverable D1.4.1) was prepared and delivered to the EC. The present document, though concerning the first year of activity, was prepared after the relevant period and will be listed as deliverable in next period's report.

The reports planned under task 1.4 add to the reporting documents required

by Art. 4 of the contract with the EC, where activity and financial reporting is mandated after month 18 and 36.

As planned in Task 1.5 "Establish and support the External Expert Group", the External Expert Group was outlined, having the role of validating the project most important deliverables and checking the achievement of planned milestones. Prof. Julian Roberts was invited to chair the Group and he was present to the kick-off meeting: other possible Experts were identified during the meeting and then their availability was checked during summer 2008 on the basis of a minimum of one or two Experts per consortium member, providing a core membership of 15 people, including the EEG chairman. Nomination of these two members was the responsibility of each partner. The core EEG members were selected on the basis of (a) technical knowledge and (b) influencing ability. Additional members were identified to be co-opted, with the agreement of the coordinator, where they possess particular skills useful to specific points raised during the project.

With respect to Task 1.6 "Project meetings", two meetings took place during the first year.

A kick-off meeting was organized by the Coordinator in Leuven (Belgium) on 17/18 March 2008. The location of the meeting was chosen following the invitation by Prof. Parmentier from the University of Leuven, who expressed his interest in joining the project as External Expert following informal contacts with the project Coordinator, Prof. Hough: thus, the meeting's location was considered an opportunity to start raising awareness on the project beyond the consortium boundaries and, at the same time, the partners considered Leuven as a good place to easily organize traveling and possibly saving money if compared to London, which was the originally proposed location.

A progress meeting took place in Helsinki on 27-28 October 2008 organised by HEUNI. Completed activities were discussed by the consortium and the work planned for the next months. The partners focused their attention on WP2, which had to deliver its results, and on planning the first international

conference where the results of WP2 had to be presented and elaborated. All other WPs were under review so as to check any problem and opportunity for coming activity.

The second progress meeting was held in Sofia, Bulgaria in March 2009. This meeting was organised by CSD and all partner institutions were present. Jiri Burianek from Charles University Prague was welcomed to JUSTIS as an associate member by the Steering Group. Progress and future work to be carried out on each Work Package including WP2, 3 and 4 were shared and discussed.

The third progress meeting will be held on 9 September, 2009 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The timing of the meeting will coincide with the European Society of Criminology Conference, and the Steering Group is also organising a JUSTIS panel as a round table presenting initial results.

1.2. WP2 - REVIEW OF NEEDS

WP 2 led by CSD explored the need for social indicators of public Trust in justice across Europe. It examined the need for such indicators, assessed the social scientific literature on Trust in justice, and gathered existing indicators that have been used at national and supra-national levels.

WP2 has been completed (with continuing work on D2.5) and all scheduled deliverables have been submitted to the Commission. Below are the deliverables that have been produced by CSD with contributions from all project members:

- D.2.1. Report on the importance of public confidence in policy assessment
- D.2.2. Report on current indicators of public confidence – national efforts

- D.2.3. Report on supra-national experience in the use of social indicators of public confidence
- D.2.4. First milestone report

As for D2.1 and D2.2, all partner institutions wrote up their country report. D2.1 required conducting a questionnaire-based survey in each country to find out about the perceived need for a set of indicators of Trust in justice amongst criminal justice experts and practitioners. D2.2 required a review of the available indicators measuring Trust in justice in each country. All partner institutions delivered their reports. D2.3 involved illustrating existing cross-national surveys which attempts to measure Trust in justice or a related concept. These reports were done by those members who were involved or familiar with such indicators. Lastly, D2.4, which is a summary of all the aforementioned deliverables, was approved by the EEG.

The only work which will continue until the end of the project under WP2 is D2.5 Comprehensive Bibliography. All the preparatory work has been completed such as identifying search terms, format, structure, referencing system. Initial country bibliographies have been collected from project partners they will be sending updates to their bibliographies to CSD regularly.

1.3. WP3 - METHODOLOGY

WP3 provides the theoretical foundations to guide the development of social indicators of public confidence that allow for the understanding of national peculiarities and for productive comparisons across the EU. WP3 is clarifying and defining the concepts that drive the indicators which will be developed by WP4 and WP5.

Below are the deliverables which are being produced under WP3 (led by

CNRS with contributions from all project members):

- D3.1: Specifications for WP4 and WP5, summarising what set of survey-based attitudinal indicators and country-based contextual data are required
- D3.2: Instructions for developing effective presentational tools for the new indicators of public Trust in justice
- D3.3: A short synthesis report, designed for politicians and officials, summarising deliverables D3.1 and D3.2

At the moment, D3.1 and D3.2 are currently being finalised. The first drafts were produced by CNRS, UNIPR and the UK-based institutions, and has received feedback from the rest of the partner institutions.

In addition to the work outlined above, the Steering Group decided to conduct qualitative interviews to help understand how the public understand Trust in justice. So far, HEUNI had conducted these interviews and they will be conducted in all other project member countries with the leadership of USF.

1.4. WP4 – DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS

WP4 will develop survey-based indicators on public confidence in criminal justice with the specification produced by WP3. These indicators will take the form of a number of survey questions for use at both national and supranational level in social scientific surveys and which can be employed as indicators of public confidence in the criminal justice system.

For nine months from April 2009, the work on the JUSTIS project will concentrate upon WP4 and WP5. Field work for piloting should be done in January/February 2010. The countries where piloting work will be carried out will be finalised in the next progress meeting in September, 2009, but we are provisionally planning on France, the Czech Republic and two out of Lithuania,

Bulgaria, and Hungary.

1.5. EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY

One of the major achievements in our first year of the JUSTIS project is the successful bid by two members of the Consortium and one of the EEG for participation in the next round of the European Social Survey (ESS), which will be conducted in approximately 30 countries. This means that the JUSTIS project will inform the development of 50 questions on trust in justice in the ESS. More detailed information can be found on the ESS website (http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=231&Itemid=333).

JUSTIS project's involvement in the ESS is significant in two ways. Firstly, the original JUSTIS proposal was to create indicators to measure Trust in justice across Europe. Now we can not only develop these indicators and pilot them in several project member states but also test and analyse these indicators on a greater scale cross Europe including countries which are not partner institutions. Secondly, the ESS will make the product of JUSTIS more visible.

The inclusion of the ESS questions in JUSTIS means extra work for all partner institution; however, this does not require a drastic change to our timeline.

For example the timeline for WP4 which involves the development of survey questions matches the ESS timeline:

- D4.1: Question design report (September, 2009)
- D4.2: Sets of batteries of new survey questions (in English) (November, 2009)
- D4.3: Batteries of survey questions translated into EU languages (February, 2010)

- D4.4: Milestone report to External Expert Group (December, 2010)

The timetable for both the ESS module and for the JUSTIS survey indicators is thus:

- Conceptual map – end May, 2009
- Rough draft of questions – mid July, 2009
- Developed draft of questions – mid September, 2009
- Near final version – early November, 2009
- Final set of questions – early December, 2009

The Steering Group have already been informed of the demands of the ESS workload and the timeline with regards to the ESS.

1.6. WP7 – VALIDATION

WP7 aims to provide an organisational structure in order to ensure the project complies with the highest international standards. For this purpose, the External Expert Group (EEG) was created to provide an external evaluation of the project as well as periodic advice about elements of the project.

The EEG members, chaired by Prof. Julian Roberts, were invited to our first international conference and validated our progress on WP2. Before they came to the conference, the EEG members were advised to read through the deliverables produced on WP2. During the conference, the EEG members organised a validation meeting to collectively discuss the quality of the deliverables.

After the conference, the Steering Group received a short validation report from Prof. Julian Roberts on behalf of the EEG that they unanimously felt that JUSTIS has made excellent progress to date, and that the scientific work produced so far was of a very high level of quality. The report (see Annex 2) has been submitted to the Commission.

1.7. WP8 – DISSEMINATION

The JUSTIS website (<http://www.eurojustis.eu/index.php>) has been running for a year. The public part of the website which is open to the public has improved in several ways. For example, there is a conference section now with presentations from the Sofia conference. There is also a "Documents" section where all our submitted deliverables are displayed. In each progress meeting, the Steering Group will come up with new ideas for the website for further development. Currently JUSTIS is considering creating a discussion forum section and also to start counting the number of people who access our public part of the website.

The first international conference to mark the completion of the first year of the JUSTIS project took place in Sofia, Bulgaria on 24 and 25 March, 2009. The purpose of the conference was not only to have JUSTIS members and other invitees to present their work on issues on Trust in justice but also to validate the work on the project done so far, and to develop a network of people with the capacity and interest in contributing to the JUSTIS project.

Invitees to the conference included the Vera Institute of Justice (<http://www.vera.org/>) from the US, as they are involved in a related project which attempts to build Trust in justice from a human rights based judicial reform perspective. There was also a representative from the English and Welsh Ministry of Justice. We believe it is important that our project is well-linked with organizations and academic institutions across the world.

CSD organised a public discussion event at the Bulgarian National Institute of Justice. Speakers included the Bulgarian Minister of Justice, Director of the National Institute of Justice, and the Deputy Prosecutor General.

Photos from the conference and the public discussion can be found at the

following website:

- Conference: <http://www.csd.bg/artShow.php?id=9666>
- Public Discussion Event: <http://www.csd.bg/artShow.php?id=9663>

There have also been a number of public presentations of JUSTIS related issues by some partner institutions. Below is the list of public presentations which took place in the second semester (for the first semester, please see Annex 1):

- Mike Hough (KCL) presented at the Ministry of Justice, UK about the project in April, 2009.
- Jon Jackson (LSE) and Mike Hough (KCL) presented at the Royal Statistical Society in April, 2009.
- Jon Jackson (LSE) at the University of Sydney, Australia in April, 2009.
- Mike Hough (KCL) presented at the British Society of Criminology meeting in Plymouth, UK in May, 2009 on the project.

Future events currently planned include Cardiff, Stockholm, Leeds, and Ljubljana.

The Steering Group decided that JUSTIS will produce publication materials from WP2, as part of dissemination. This was not originally included in the proposal but the Steering Groups felt that a publication from WP2 would be a good dissemination material to share our current findings with those not currently involved with JUSTIS and to make most of the work already carried out. The publication will be made in English and an electronic version (which will be offered through our website) and a hard copy version will be edited and organised by HEUNI. It is scheduled to be ready for dissemination by September, 2009.

In addition to the publication currently organised by HEUNI, the Steering

Group is also considering a publication of academic papers as a special edition of a journal from WP2 and presentations from the Sofia Conference. Journals being considered include Theoretical Criminology and Punishment and Society.

2. DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONE TABLES

2.1. DELIVERABLES

Del. N°	Deliverable name	WP	Dissemination level	Planned month of delivery	Actual month of delivery	Actual date of delivery
D1.1	Consortium Agreement	1	CO	1	0	February 2008
D1.3	JUSTIS intranet – private section	1	RE	1	4	12/06/08
D8.1	JUSTIS Website	8	PU	5	6	18/08/08
D1.2	JUSTIS – project management structure	1	RE	3	4	12/06/08
D7.1	Standards for validation	7	RE	3	5	15/07/08
D1.4.1	Intermediate progress report – semester 1	1	PU	6	7	25/09/08
D2.1	Report on the importance of public confidence in policy assessment	2	PU	8	13	30/03/09
D2.2	Report on national experience in the use of social indicators of public confidence	2	PU	10	13	30/03/09
D2.3	Report on supra-national experience in the use of social indicators of public confidence	2	PU	10	13	30/03/09
D2.4	Milestone report to External Expert Group	2	RE	11	13	30/03/09
D3.1	Specifications for WP4 and WP5, summarising what set of survey-based attitudinal indicators and country-based contextual data are required	3	RE	12	Not yet submitted - Final stage	
D7.2	Validation report	7	RE	12	15	13/05/09
D8.2	Newsletters	8	PU	6	8+14	14/10/08 22/04/09

3. ANNEX1 – INTERMEDIATE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the following note a short description of the activities performed within the project JUSTIS will be presented. The period of reference is the first semester, namely from 1st March to 31st August 2008.

During this period, activities have been carried out in four Work Packages, as planned in the project work plan:

WP1 – Project Management

WP2 – Review of Needs

WP7 – Validation

WP8 – Dissemination

The first six months of the project have been spent organizing the management structure of the project, creating the first tool for dissemination (the website: www.eurojustis.eu) and starting the scientific research that will back all subsequent research work

DESCRIPTION OF REALISED ACTIVITIES

WP1 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT

As planned in the JUSTIS work plan, the initial months of activity were dedicated to set up the management structure of the project. First decisions were taken during the kick-off meeting organized by KCL in Leuven (Belgium) on 17/18 March 2008.

The working groups within the single partners were organized to realize an efficient decision making structure within the Consortium. People were given different responsibilities with respect to the project activities and were ideally divided into three bodies:

- Steering Committee, having a strategic planning function
- Technical Management Board, having the role of deciding operational issues at project level
- WP Leaders, having the responsibility of organizing the work of the Consortium within the single WPs.

An External Expert Group has been identified, having the role of validating the project most important deliverables and checking the achievement of planned milestones.

In order to ease communication among partners and the exchange of relevant documents, a private intranet has been created as the first part of the JUSTIS website.

WP2 – REVIEW OF NEEDS

WP 2 aims at assessing the need for European-wide social indicators of public confidence in justice for policy assessment. WP2 is being led by CSD (Bulgaria), with all other partners contributing information about their own countries. So far, CSD has come up with concrete ideas as to how WP 2 will be approached with a detailed timeline of the responsibilities of all other partners and how the deliverables will be achieved.

As for the literature review, CDS has specified the scope of country reviews and their methodology. Key words have been identified and review will be conducted for each partner country covering peer-reviewed academic publications as well as grey literature. The format, structure, referencing and the length of the review has also been decided for each partner country.

As for the review of the importance of public confidence - which will be the first deliverable under WP 2 - CDS has so far created a questionnaire to survey the knowledge, perceptions and attitudes of scientists, criminal justice managers and government officials from different countries regarding the use of indicators to public confidence in the criminal justice system. This questionnaire will be used to carry out face-to-face interviews in each partner country. CDS has also created a timeline for the partners to translate the questionnaire, carry out the survey, and the submission of reports to CDS.

WP7 – VALIDATION

The work completed under this WP consisted in identifying the basic rules that the EEG will have to follow in its future work, when scientific deliverables will be ready and there will be a need for the project to estimate if/to what extent expected milestones are reached.

Due to the participation of the Experts on a voluntary basis, it will be one of the Consortium's objectives not to place undue burdens on them, but to update them regularly with brief news and then require their advice at the international conferences. (In order to save time and money, it is planned to organize validation meetings during progress meetings or relevant dissemination events, so that the Experts will be in touch directly with the people working on the project.

The EEG is chaired by Prof. Julian Roberts, who was already present during the kick-off meeting and has been giving his advice since then.

WP8 – DISSEMINATION

First of all, the basic tool for dissemination was put in place – the JUSTIS website. Initially, the attention of the partners was taken up in the completion of the private pages, used as the Consortium intranet to share documents and information. Then, the public content of the website was defined, so that the public pages are a point of access for the broad audience to JUSTIS research and events.

Thereafter, the work focused on the first edition of the Newsletter, which is being issued in September 2008. The Newsletter will be sent to a targeted mailing list, realized by the partners by indicating all relevant organizations

and people working in the field of the project and having both a research and a policy interest in its results.

During the first six months of the project, some partners had the chance to give public presentations of JUSTIS planned activities and open questions, thus starting to raise awareness on the project's aims in the scientific audience. The following international events took place:

- Kauko Aromaa presented details about the project at the Stockholm Criminology Symposium
- Mike Hough and Jon Jackson made presentations about the project at the European Society of Criminology conference in Edinburgh.

Local dissemination events have occurred across the consortium. The UK team has engaged in a number of meetings with senior government officials on measurement of confidence in justice. Contact has also been made with other ED-funded work, eg the CrimPrev workprogramme that relates to public surveys, Interest in JUSTIS work has been shown by the Czech Republic – with a request to become an associate member – and we have been invited to contribute to the development of survey indicators in the UK and in Finland.

ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT SEMESTER

The next progress meeting is planned for 27/28 October in Helsinki and organised by HEUNI. Items for the agenda include:

- Progress on literature reviews under WP2
- Progress on review of need for PIs under WP2
- Planning of international conference in Sofia in February/March 2009
- Agenda for Sofia conference
- Forward look at project strategy for:
 - Disseminating emerging findings
 - Developing indicators
 - Assessing scope for survey 'vehicles' that might carry PIs.
- Links with other countries and other strands of EU work.

In addition to the international conference in Sofia, two further ones are planned. The second will be in Parma, and the third in England. The Sofia conference was originally scheduled for Month 11 (February 2008 upon the completion of WP2). While it is still possible to organise the conference in February as scheduled in the proposal, we think that March will be a better month both in terms of availability of the EEG and in terms of comfort/climate. The Conference will test out the conclusions reached on the need for the indicators, and will present emerging findings for conceptualisation (WP3).

There will also be local (country-level) half-day workshops targeting politicians and policy officials, as well as a half-day conference for EU staff with responsibilities for criminal policy.

WP 3 will be activated from month 11 (Jan/Feb 2009). WP3 will clarify and define the concepts that drive the indicators which will be developed by WP4 and WP5. In particular, it aims to provide the theoretical foundations to guide the development of new and improved social indicators of public confidence that allow for the understanding of national peculiarities and for productive comparisons across the EU. WP3 will be led by CNRS, with contribution from CSD, IPS, KCL, LSE, UNIPR and NPLC.

Below is a list of deliverables expected for the next semester:

- Importance of public confidence in policy assessment (WP2, D2.1, month 8)
- Newsletters (WP8, D8.1+8.2, month 8 and 10)
- Month 10 (Dec) - National experience in the use of social indicators of public confidence (WP2, D2.2, month 10)
- Supra-national experience in the use of social indicators of public confidence (WP2, D2.3, month 10)

4. ANNEX2 – EEG REPORT

April 1, 2009

Mike Hough
“Justis” Project

Dear Mike:

First meeting of the External Experts Group

I am writing to you and your colleagues regarding the recent meeting of the “**Justis**” project. At the recent conference in Sofia, I convened a meeting of all members of the External Expert Group (hereafter EEG) who were present. As you know the EEG was created to provide an external evaluation of the project as well as periodic advice about elements of the project.

Prior to the meeting in Sofia all members of the EEG had been sent, and had reviewed, the materials summarizing developments on the project to date. During the meeting we collectively reviewed progress to date. There was unanimity among the members of the group that the **Justis** project has made excellent progress to date, and that the scientific work produced so far is of a very high level of quality. Some members of the group have some minor technical suggestions to make about various components of the project, and I will convey these to you at a later point.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. If not, I look forward to seeing more deliverables from the project in due course.

Sincerely

Julian Roberts
Chair, External Experts Group