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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The research project EURO-JUSTIS (Scientific Indicators of Confidence in Justice: 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.

This document describes the event of the second international EURO-JUSTIS conference which was hosted by the University of Parma in Parma, Italy on 6-7 May 2010.



1. INTRODUCTION

The second international EURO-JUSTIS conference was hosted by the University of Parma in Parma, Italy on 6-7 May 2010. The purpose of the conference was to present the work carried out in the project this far and to have invitees present their work on issues of trust in justice and legitimacy of the criminal justice system. The EURO-JUSTIS External Expert Group (EEG) had a closed meeting where the work and deliverables of WP3 were approved and validated.

Invitees to the conference included EU officers, External Expert Group members, FP5 and FP7 project members, and prominent criminologists and specialists in the field of trust in justice. All in all, more than 50 people attended the conference. We believe it is important that our project is well linked with organizations and academic institutions across the world.



2. CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference consisted of five sessions, starting with global perspectives on trust and legitimacy followed by presentations on the progress of the EURO-JUSTIS project. The last session of day one was a closed EEG meeting.

In the first session of the second day, EURO-JUSTIS was discussed in a broader European context, and the last session of the conference dealt with building links with other European research projects on crime and deviance.

2.1. SESSION 1: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRUST AND LEGITIMACY

This session was chaired by Mike Hough from the Institute for Criminal Policy Research - King's College London who welcomed everyone to Parma. The first presentation was by Manuela Alfe who gave an overview of FP7 Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities research on crime. Afterwards, Tom Tyler from New York University, US spoke about trust and legitimacy in the USA and Europe. Tyler's ideas about procedural justice are of fundamental importance to the EURO-JUSTIS project, and he expressed his interest in the results of the project which will show whether the concepts and ideas of procedural justice travel across the Atlantic.



Jonathan Jackson from London School of Economics presented emerging findings on trust in the UK, and the last presentation of session 1 was given by Philippe Robert from Centre de Recherches Sociologiques sur le Droit et les

Institutions Pénales (CESDIP), France. He spoke about the French tradition of survey research. Time was allowed for discussion at the end of the session.

2.2. SESSION 2: EURO-JUSTIS 2010 - PROGRESS REPORT

The second session was chaired by Julian Roberts from the University of Oxford, UK. The session was started by an introduction by Mike Hough after which Roberto Piscopo, President of the Tribunale di Parma, gave his greetings. Presentations followed by Camilla Priede from the University of Sheffield on how to improve EURO-JUSTIS indicators using cognitive interviewing, and by Mike Hough and Jonathan Jackson on trust in justice and the European Social Survey. The last presentation of the first conference day was by Stefano Maffei from the University of Parma. He talked about the collection of country-based contextual data to be used when analyzing the EURO-JUSTIS data.

2.3. SESSION 3: EXTERNAL EXPERT GROUP MEETING

The External Expert Group (EEG) had a closed meeting where work and deliverables of Work Package 3 (EURO-JUSTIS methodology: conceptualization of new and improved indicators of public confidence in justice) were validated. A detailed report about the EEG meeting will be made public under D7.2.2.

2.4. SESSION 4: EURO-JUSTIS IN THE BROADER EUROPEAN CONTEXT

The first session of the second day of the conference was chaired by Alberto Cadoppi from the University of Parma and Mike Hough. The day started with an introduction by Mike Hough, after which Ugo Angeloni from the Italian Ministry of Interior gave his greetings. Presentations were given on trust, punitivity and imprisonment by Tapio Lappi-Seppälä from the National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Finland, and on the Stockholm Programme and cross-national trust in justice by Geert Vervaeke from the European Network of Councils of Judiciary. François Paychère from the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice talked about his institution's work, and the session was finished by greetings from Gennaro Gallo from the Italian State Police.

2.5. SESSION 5: BUILDING LINKS WITH EUROPEAN RESEARCH ON CRIME AND DEVIANCE

The last session of the conference was chaired by Manuela Alfe from the European Commission and Stefano Maffei from the University of Parma. Four different EU funded projects on crime and deviance were presented by Renée Zauberman from CESDIP, France, Thordis Ingadottir from Reykjavik University, Iceland and by Angelos Giannakopoulos from the University of Konstanz, Germany. Finally, closing remarks were made by Stefano Maffei.



3. EURO-JUSTIS 2011 CONFERENCE IN LONDON

The next and last EURO-JUSTIS conference will be held in London, UK in early 2011. This public event will be the largest conference of the project. More information about the conference will be available in the project website (www.eurojustis.eu) and in EURO-JUSTIS newsletters later.