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The project “**Towards a more responsive victim-centered approach of the criminal justice system (RE-JUST)**” has been implemented since January 2020 and it will end in September 2021. The coordination of the project was ensured by the **Pro Refugiu Association (Romania)** in partnership with **Center for the Study of Democracy (Bulgaria)**, the **European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI, Finland)**, **Solwodi (Germany)** and **Dinamia S. Coop. Mad. (Spain)**. The project aim was to enhance judicial and multi-disciplinary cooperation among institutions, organisations and professionals that have competencies in the protection of victims’ rights and assistance, to promote a victim centered-approach in the project countries.

During the implementation of the project, the following main activities were carried out:

- National reports that provided an overview of the legislation and practical aspects concerning victims’ rights and access to justice in Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Romania and Spain.
- Experts and stakeholders meetings, virtual events attended by 32 legal, social and health professionals from ministries, governmental agencies, universities, law enforcement agencies, courts, prosecutors’ offices, bars, union of bars, victim support organisations.
- Compendium of practices concerning victims and the justice system. A publication available in English, Romanian, Bulgarian, German, Finnish and Spanish. It is a collection of best/promising practices from the project countries, certain practices refer to all victims, while others to certain type of victims (ex. child-victims, victims of human trafficking, victims of gender-based violence).
- National group meetings, virtual events attended by 99 Bulgarian, Finnish, German, Romanian and Spanish lawyers, prosecutors, judges, police officers, psychologists, social workers, researchers, academia, representatives of ministries, governmental and non-governmental organisations and agencies.
- Action plan for developing victim-centered and trauma-informed criminal justice systems. The publication builds on the idea that the protection of victims should be understood and achieved on multiple fronts (legislation, judicial procedures, society). The publication contains information about the multi-disciplinary cooperation and referral procedures, access to information for victims of crime, psychological trauma and the relevance of trainings on trauma subject for criminal justice professionals.
- Local roundtables, virtual events attended by 102 Bulgarian, German, Romanian and Spanish legal, social and health professionals.
- Transnational conference, virtual event attended by 147 Bulgarian, Finnish, German, Romanian and Spanish professionals from ministries, governmental agencies, courts, bars, universities and research institutes, public & private assistance providers, civil society organisations.

Additional information is available on the project website and Facebook page.

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