Project helping victims of crime
"Why me?"

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- **Co-financing:** European Social Fund (through the Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment) and the state budget of the Czech Republic
- **Budget:** CZK 53 mil. = around 2 mil EURO
- **Implementation period:** 1.6.2012 – 30.11.2015
- **Project sponsor:** Probation and mediation service (cooperation with NGOs)
- **Scope:** 8 regions, 40 towns across the Czech Republic, more than 80 advisors
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What we build on

- Specialised complex consultancy for victims of crime
  - Since 2006
  - System of complex consultancy
  - Piloting of services, of a system of cooperation with NGOs
- **Restorative justice** - support and consultancy for victims of crime (EU programme *Criminal Justice*)
  - Expansion of the existing activities
  - Training of law enforcement authorities staff in work with victims
- Cooperation with *London Probation Trust*
- Piloting the service of *Victim Liaison Officer*
- Methodological manuals of good practice created

WE BUILD ON GOOD PRACTICE
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Background and the need for the project

- Position of a victim in criminal proceedings
- VICTIM as a victim?
- Level of support and help to ALL victims of crime
  - Small capacity, limited services
- Fragmentation of the network of providers of assistance to victims of crime, weak information network
- Context of Act No 45/2013 on victims of crime
- Following up the already existing and well-tryed
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Project objectives
I. Help to victims of crime
✓ Consultancy (personal, telephone, email)
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✓ Professional assistance pursuant to the Act on victims
✓ "... to anyone who feels to be a victim of crime..."
✓ Providing legal information (rights according to the Act on victims of crime)
✓ Psycho-social support, accompaniment
✓ Assistance in claiming compensation
✓ Help in drawing up an application for financial assistance
✓ Mediation of other services
✓ Individual approach
  even a small injury may lead to a serious consequence
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Help to victims of crime
✓ Consultancy (personal, telephone, email)
  ✓ Provision of restorative programmes
  ✓ Support of the activity
  ✓ "Anyone who feels to be a victim..." - a risk of quasi-victims appearing
  ✓ Independent of the criminal proceedings phase
  ✓ EVERYTHING ANONYMOUSLY, FREE OF CHARGE

APPLICATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
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Help to victims of crime
✓ Restorative group conferences
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Main objectives of the project

II. Teams for victims of crime

- Cooperation of courts, District Prosecutors, police, social departments of municipal authorities, NGOs, municipal police...
- Managed by a coordinator
- Platform, in every location
- Harmonisation of procedures, exchange of info....
  - Flexible reactions
- Specific outputs
- About 4 times a year
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Main objectives of the project

II. Teams for victims of crime

- Essential for quality and timely assistance
  - networking
- Fundamental cooperation with the police
- Experience from 40 locations
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Project objectives

III. Monitoring of victim's needs

✓ Unique statistical data
✓ Aim - to harmonise information on the needs of victims with the other entities
✓ To identify specific needs
✓ Possibility of flexible reaction
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Statistical data

✔ DATA as of 31.8. 2015

✔ 5 890 clients, 12 757 consultations

Victims by gender

Males: females

Oběti dle pohlaví

- Males: 62%
- Females: 38%

Victims by age

Oběti dle věku

- 0 - 18: 17%
- 19 - 60: 80%
- 61 +: 3%

Specially vulnerable victim

- Child (up to 18 years of age)
- Disabled person
- Victim of sexually motivated crime
- Victim of human trafficking
- No

Zvlášť zranitelná oběť

- Dítě (do 18 let): 5%
- Postižená osoba: 4%
- Oběť sek. motiv. t.j.: 0%
- Oběť t.j. obchodování s lidmi: 0%
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**Statistical data**

Victims by structure of the crime

**Oběti dle struktury kriminality**

- **Property crime**: 29%
- **Violent crime**: 27%
- **Sexually motivated**: 10%
- **Other**
- **None**: 5%

**Structure of criminality in CR for 2014**

**Struktura kriminality v ČR za rok 2014**

- **Property offences**: 29%
- **Violent crime**: 27%
- **Sexually motivated**: 10%
- **Other crime** (1)

- **Property crime**; 
- **Sexually motivated**; 
- **Other**; 
- **None**

- **Property offences**; 
- **Immoral offences**; 
- **Violent crime**
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Statistical data – by type of contact

Dle druhu kontaktu

- Phone: 67%
- Internet: 27%
- Personal: 5%
- Other: 1%
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Statistical data – needs of victims

**Potřeby obětí**

Legal information; psycho-social support; compensation; other needs

- právní informace: 54%
- psychosociální podpora: 28%
- odškodnění: 13%
- jiné potřeby: 5%
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Statistical data – info on the service

Informace o službě
Law enforcement bodies; municipality; healthcare; publicity; social services; other

- OČTŘ: 31%
- municipalita: 21%
- zdravotnictví: 12%
- propagace: 7%
- sociální služby: 27%
- jiné: 2%
Role of community

✓ Teams for victims of crime
✓ Proliferation victims counseling to public
✓ Restorative group conferences
✓ Victims’ participation (medialization, conferences etc.)
✓ Realization of lectures and talks- discussion with public (students, seniors...)
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And the future....?

STRIVING FOR INTEGRITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Expansion from 40 to 55 locations
- To increase local availability
- Focusing on a group of especially vulnerable victims
- Awareness raising
- Training of the assisting workers (senior citizens and children)
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Thank you for your attention!

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