



Chance

Changing Lives by Community Engagement

The CHANCE project is currently in its final month of execution. Its main goal has been to support the implementation of **effective community-based judicial measures** for young offenders across 6 EU countries: **Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Italy, Finland and Spain**. The project's main activities have included the training of professionals working with young offenders, raising awareness of the benefits of community-based measures within civil society, and the exchange of relevant specialised knowledge and best practices among participants.

In this way, the CHANCE project has benefitted professionals in justice services for young people, local authorities, and NGOs which implement community-based measures in their jurisdictions, as well as ultimately young people who are required to comply with a judicial measure with the support of these professionals.

Project manual

The CHANCE project manual contains more detailed information on the implementation of community-based measures for young offenders in the partner countries. In particular, it draws together key information with regards to the justice systems in each of these participating regions. The creation of the manual also gave partner organisations the opportunity to contribute relevant insights into best practices relating to community-based measures in their countries. The manual will soon be published on the project's [official website](#), where you can also find more information about the project itself.



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Awareness-raising campaign

The CHANCE [awareness-raising campaign](#), ongoing throughout December, supports the project's goals by promoting the **benefits of alternative sanctions and measures** for both young offenders and society as a whole. The campaign is sharing this relevant information through success stories and infographics based on partners' knowledge and experience with alternative measures for young people in conflict with the law.

It is hoped that this awareness-raising campaign will help to achieve the project's goal of ensuring that society understands the advantages of community-based measures and spread the CHANCE project message, "Every day is a 2nd CHANCE", through social media posts that we encourage you to share with the hashtags #everydayisa2ndchance #CHANCE and #Erasmusplus.

Events

2nd LTT Meeting: the second CHANCE project training meeting took place online from the 14th-16th June and included presentations from partners and practitioners on the work they carry out with young people in conflict with the law in probation services and other community measures. The meeting also allowed for the sharing of good practices between partners and covered a wide variety of topics, including the structure and organisation of juvenile justice services, recreational activities as part of community-measures, and the case management process in probation services.

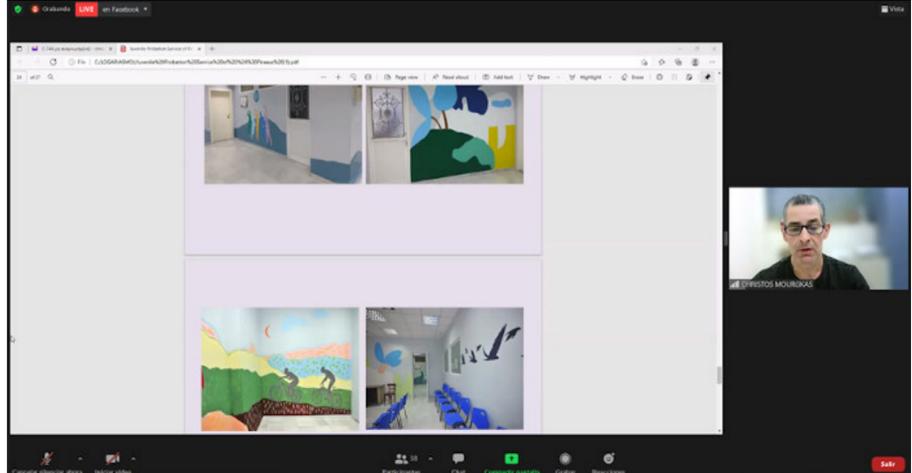


3rd TPM Meeting: the third transnational partners meeting was held on the 12th-13th of October in Tampere, Finland, hosted by partner organisation Silta-Valmennus. Attendees had the chance to see the positive effects of community-based learning and rehabilitation measures in action by visiting several youth workshops, as well as hearing talks from professionals within Finland's justice system. In addition, the TPM enabled partners to plan the final stages of the project and discuss their experiences thus far.



National training events: partners are also in the process of hosting national training events related to the CHANCE project, to be carried out in each of the participating territories by the end of December. These events are designed to present the results of the project and the project manual, as well as facilitate the sharing of good practices among participants, chosen for the relevance of their work to the project's objectives.

Final Conference



The CHANCE Final Conference took place on the 10th December in mixed mode (12 people in person in Athens and many others via Zoom) to accommodate multiple speakers and attendees from different EU countries. The event started off with an overview of the CHANCE project and the activities implemented by the project's 9 partner organisations, sharing the project's results and outcomes. In addition, case studies were used to illustrate the positive impact of community-based measures, such as those in which sports were used as a means of rehabilitation and social integration. Other topics of discussion included the role of volunteering and community involvement in supporting young offenders, and of research in challenging the idea of imposing harsher punishments as a means of prevention. You can find more information and access a recording of the whole event on the project's [Facebook page](#).