



The EU Directive 2012/29 of the European Parliament reaffirms the principle that "crime is a wrong against society as well as a violation of the individual rights of victims". Restorative justice is based on this assumption: crime generates a conflict breaking expectations symbolically shared by the society. Thus, the crime is an offense not only affecting the offender and the judge convicting it but also the victim and the society because they suffered the injustice and the laceration. With both, fractures have to be repaired with positive actions. Fundamentals of restorative justice are indeed: the responsibility of the offender to whom a proactive attitude is required; the recognition of the victim whose suffering must be repaired; and, the involvement of the community in the process of damage's reparation.

## KINTSUGI

Exchange of European Good Practices on Restorative Justice

### OUR OBJECTIVES

KINTSUGI supports the exchange of good practices in European restorative justice approaches, spreading the meaning of reparation and promoting the assumption of responsible attitudes towards victims, society and community rules.

The project intends to improve skills and competences of partners' staff involving social workers, trainers and offender's tutors, mediators specialized in the victim-offender relationship and/or in family mediation and community conflicts. Beneficiaries of the KINTSUGI training programme will be able to implement effective methods and tools fostering social inclusion of people subjected to alternative detention measures through the implementation of restorative practices paths.

## ACTIVITIES

Sharing of European good practices and capitalisation of working methods on restorative justice.

Setting up of a joint archive on restorative justice case studies for project partners.

Implementation of a joint training programme, for restorative justice operators, to be implemented through three full-time training rounds, each lasting 5 days and for a total amount of 90 training hours.

- 1 The first training round in **Belfast** (UK) to better understand the role of “restorative communities”;
- 2 The second training round in **Rome** (IT) to analyse the relationship between restorative justice and “probation measures”;
- 3 The third training round in **Namur/Liegi** (BE) to study different aspect of “victim-offender mediation” applied to restorative justice.

Each training round will schedule field visits to organisations and institutions daily working with restorative justice procedures and open seminars with local stakeholders.

Building of new and systematisation of existing relationships to create a solid European network of actors working in the field of restorative justice.

Organisation of a final event to capitalise KINTSUGI training experiences and to share success stories.

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## OUR PARTNERS

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