

Project title:

"The Little Cops" Cristesti – Example Of Local Partnership

Main theme:

Prevention of juvenile delinquency and victimization of minors

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

Increasing safety in Cristești Secondary School

Project submitter (Member State):

Romania

Project leader(s):

Mures County Police Inspectorate

Project partner(s):

Cristești Village Hall

Project description:

At national level, there is a diversification of forms of juvenile delinquency in schools. Developed policies to prevent these phenomena must consider, in addition to education against crime, the awareness of all stakeholders in education - family, school, government, media, about consequences, effects, costs involved in this type of events.

Therefore, although in Cristesti village there are no special problems; ten years ago Mures County Police in partnership with Cristesti Village Hall launched the Project "THE LITTLE COPS ", whose aim is to increase the safety of students and beyond.

Presenting was made at a festive meeting with students, parents, authorities and media. The head of Mures County Police Inspectorate emphasized the importance of involvement in such activities. The same message was sent by the others guests: School Inspectorate representative, Mayor of Cristesti, school principal and faculty. Also, preventive officer and project coordinators in the school presented the objectives and activities undertaken or planned.

Thus, 16 students (Romanian, Hungarian and Roma) had the opportunity to become "policemen" of General Cristesti School with police-like uniform and well defined tasks, promoting amicable resolution of potential conflicts between students.

Also, the children and their peers contribute substantially to the drafting of a quarterly information sheet "THE LITTLE COPS NEWSPAPER", which includes various information: activities of students, joint events, articles of teachers, citizen advice, useful information etc.

Objectives project:

- Anti-infractional and anti-victimization training of pupils, as well as of the factors involved in the education process;

- Awareness of students citizens in general, about the causes and consequences of this phenomena;
- Involving students in prevention activities;
- Increasing the confidence of young people in the police;

Project outcome:

During the 10 years of the project, the activities had about 13.000 beneficiaries, pupils, teachers, but also other categories of beneficiaries.

Regarding the impact on the pupils involved they affirmed that they felt very valued throughout the project being highlighted in front of the community.

Start and end project:

September 2008 – until now, the project being underway

Timescales and key milestone dates:

September – October: - selection and training of “Small Coops” teams

November – January: - preventive activities with the pupil of Cristesti school

January – June:- actions to prevent crime in the community

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

Children inscribed uniforms – 300 euro – The Mayor of Cristesti

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