

LEGAL PROGRAM

FORMING AN NGO NETWORK WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MODEL "COMMUNITY POLICING"

Project Objectives

The project aims to form an NGO network with a capacity for carrying out projects which will popularize the model "Community Policing" and, what's more, will consolidate the change itself.

Project Implementation Tools

Providing fertile ground for information exchange and good practices among the organizations which have been working towards the introduction of the model "Community Policing";

Organizing a conference at which police officers and NGOs will jointly report the achieved results and the debated issues in 2003, as well as establish objectives related to implementation of the community policing strategy in 2004;

Conducting an opinion poll designed to represent society's attitude towards the police, the hidden potential for raising people's awareness to maintain civil order, the trust in the police, the factors which influence people's trust and other issues of similar nature;

Publishing a collection of "Community Policing", containing a theoretical and practical description of the model, as well as the Bulgarian and foreign practices in the same field;

Project Status

Completed

Project Development

An NGO network dealing with issues related to civil order, security and prevention was formed in 2004 and 2005. Civil organizations representatives, the local authorities, the police, etc attended a number of training sessions that took place.

Results

- Six NGO training sessions on pro-active maintenance of civil order and security;
- NGO network "Community Policing";
- A public opinion poll which represents people's attitude towards the police, conducted on a national level; a publication by the Institute of Criminology;
- A collection of "Community Policing", which was published and put into circulation;

Experts and Partners

- Ministry of Interior
- National Police Directorate
- Institute of Criminology

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