







Project Why me? CZ.1.04/3.1.00/73.00001

## Project helping victims of crime "Why me?"

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#### "Why me?"

- ✓ <u>Co-financing:</u> 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)
- ✓ <u>Scope:</u> 8 regions, 40 towns across the Czech Republic, more than 80 advisors

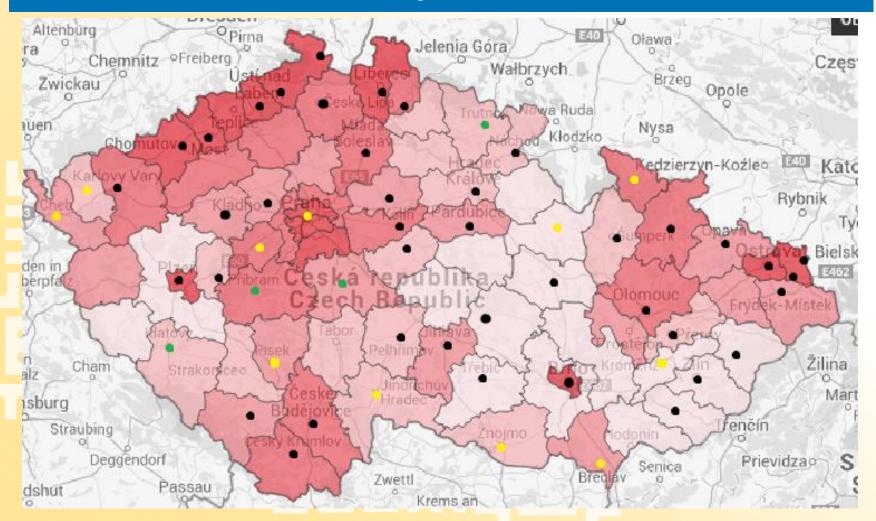








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#### What we build on

- ✓ 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











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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-tried









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## **Project objectives**

- I. Help to victims of crime
- Consultancy (personal, telephone, email)











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#### Help to victims of crime

- ✓ Consultancy (personal, telephone, email)
  - ✓ Professional assistance pursuant to the Act on victims
  - ✓ "... to anyone who feels to be a victim of crime..."
  - Providing <u>legal information</u> (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 quasivictims 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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#### II. Teams for victims of crime

✓ Essential for quality and timely assistance

✓ networking

✓ Fundamental cooperation with the police

✓ Experience from 40 locations

POLICE Teams
for
victims
PMS

PLAINTIF FS NGOs and

**JUDGES** 









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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









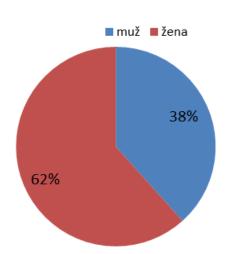
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#### Statistical data

- ✓ DATA as of 31.8, 2015
- ✓ 5 890 clients, 12 757 consultations

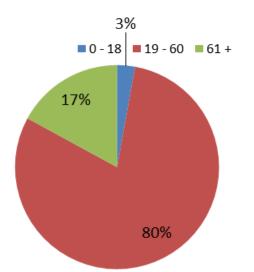
Specially vulnerable victim Child (up to 18 years of age) Disabled person Victim of sexually motivated crime Victim of human trafficking no

Victims by gender Males; females Oběti dle pohlaví

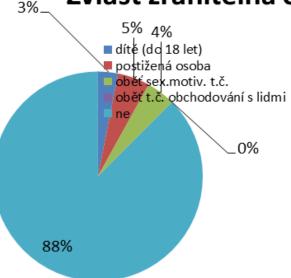


Victims by age





#### Zvlášť zranitelná oběť





Sexually motivated;

Other:





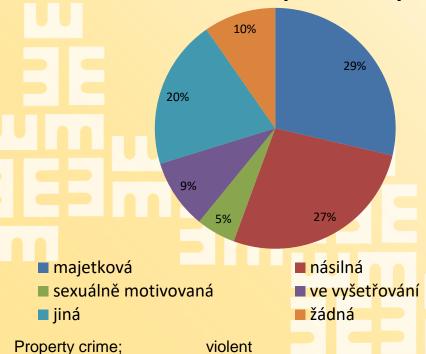


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#### Statistical data

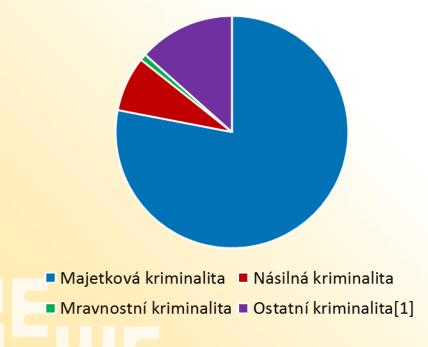
Victims by structure of the crime
Oběti dle struktury kriminality



none

under investigation

Structure of criminality in CR for 2014
Struktura kriminality v ČR za rok 2014



Property offences; immoral offences; violent crime other crime (1)







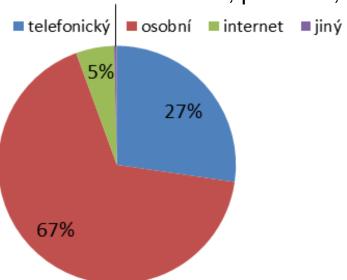


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### Statistical data – by type of contact

#### Dle druhu kontaktu













■ jiné potřeby

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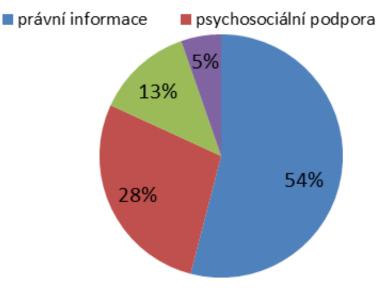
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#### Statistical data – needs of victims

#### Potřeby obětí

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

odškodnění









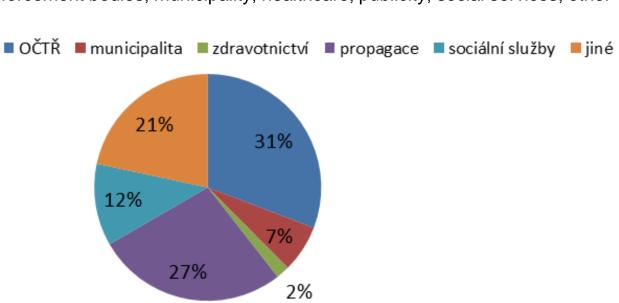


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#### Statistical data - info on the service

#### Informace o službě

Law enforcement bodies; municipality; healthcare; publicity; social services; other











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## 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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