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Restorative Justice**

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Research on RJ procedures is often positive, emphasizing the numerous benefits of engaging in a RJ process: victims are less fearful and angry, offender recidivism is reduced, and both parties feel more satisfied, involved and empowered. Yet, RJ is not always the most obvious option and small numbers of referrals are reported in many countries across Europe.

This research project focuses on the conditions making RJ accessible to citizens and on the initiation procedures available in different European jurisdictions. Concerning accessibility of RJ, topics such as availability of RJ services, legislation, attitudes of referrers, awareness, cooperation and costs are examined. Concerning initiation, the focus is on daily practices stimulating or discouraging the beginning of a RJ process, such as the mode of delivery, contents, language, timing, frequency, and level of influence of the RJ offer.

Workshops and trainings for legal and RJ professionals are provided in the countries partners in the project. A final research report and practical guide to greater accessibility and successful initiation of RJ will be available by December 2014 at the EFRJ.

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