

PROBATION SERVICE IN CROATIA

Inter-agency training



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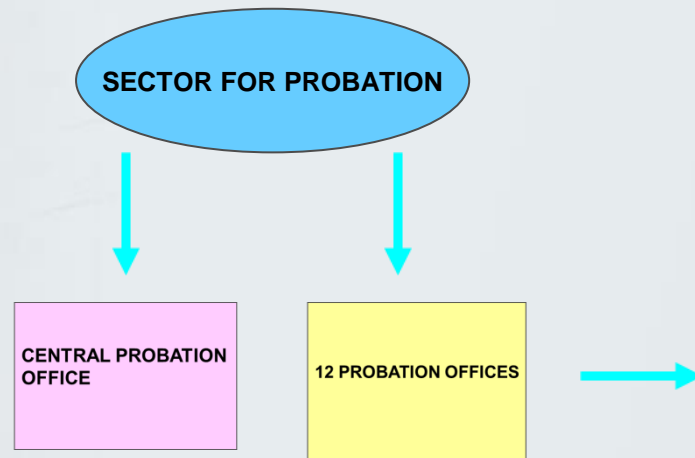
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PROBATON SERVICE



- Probation Service in Croatia is part of the Ministry of Justice
- Sector for Probation is part of the Directorate for criminal law and probation
- Sector for Probation: Head office and 12 local offices



Probation tasks in Republic of Croatia

Pre-trial	Criminal trial	Enforcement of “alternative sanctions”	Enforcement of sanction
Supervision of fulfilling obligations arising from the decisions issued by the State Attorney	Pre-sentence reports to the Court	Protective supervision ordered with: -Suspended sentence -Community work	Protective supervision ordered with: -conditional release -upon the end of the prison sentence (security measure)
Reports to the Prosecutor (State Attorney)		Community work -acquiring consent for replacing a prison sentence with community work - organization of the community work -supervision of the community work (CW:1dps=2hcw)	Reports for prisons or penitentiaries
		Supervision of : -special obligations -security measures	Reports for courts when deciding on conditional release and on the termination of sentence

COOPERATION

- In order to efficiently perform all probation tasks, special attention is on communication and identification of all stakeholders and partners
- Probation Service cooperates and exchanges information with the courts, prosecution, police, prison system, NGO's, institutions of the health and social welfare, educational institutions, employment service and all other organizations that are relevant for probation tasks and offenders



INTER-AGENCY TRAINING

example:

**Thematic education for the scope of the
combating drugs abuse**

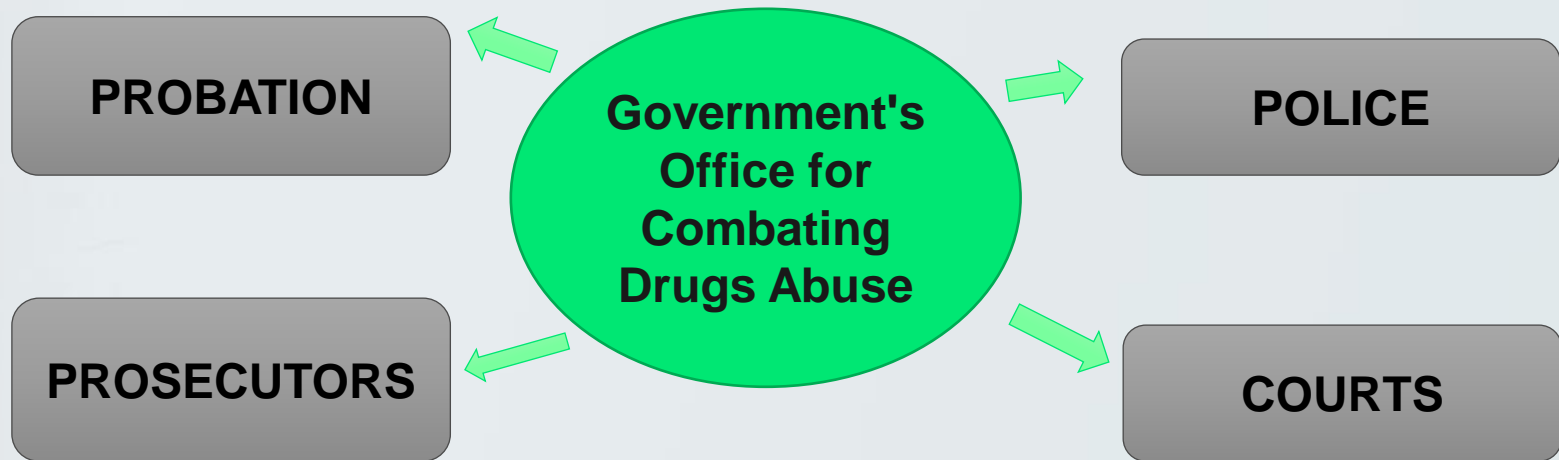


Combating drugs abuse training: inter-agency approach

- **Organizer:** Government's Office for Combating Drugs Abuse
(in cooperation with Judicial Academy, MoJ & MoI)
- **Started:** in 2013 as regional education for practitioners
- **Today:** on-going education (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017...)



TARGETED EXPERTS:



Targeted areas:

- ✓ 4 geographical regions in Croatia
- ✓ introducing experts from different institutions but from the same local area
- ✓ Sharing experience from practice both on local and national level



Topics:

- ✓ **statistical data from all agencies**
- ✓ **information on new drugs**
- ✓ **information on law changes**
- ✓ **inter-agency cooperation issues**



Other topics:

- ✓ **NGO representatives**
- ✓ **Medical experts (pathologist, representatives from the Institutes of Public Health...)**
- ✓ **International data / data collection (EMCDDA)**
- ✓ **food for thoughts -international experience (Norway Drug Court)**



New ideas

- ✓ Clarify the procedures
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Collecting data
- ✓ Arranging joint activities



RESULTS

of the inter-agency training:

- ✓ Better cooperation between agencies
- ✓ Better links regarding individual cases
- ✓ A higher degree of trust among experts
- ✓ Better understanding of the specific role of each agency
- ✓ Better exchange of relevant information
- ✓ Better support for the offender





FUTURE:

- **new educations**
- **more frekvent educations**
- **new topics**
- **more participants**

Looking forward to future cooperation

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