

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT PARTNERS

Antares 2000 is a social cooperative, certified **ENISO 9001(2000)**. Member of the European consortium **HUSCIE**. Registered in the National Register of organisation providing working with immigrants and protecting , advocating for and advancing human, legal and service rights. Accredited training organization. Main activities: participatory community project planning, training and long life learning, diversity education, youth work and informal education, community work, international partnership and cooperation, evaluation. For contact: info@antares2000.org - www.antares2000.org

ARSIS (Association for the Social Support of Youth, www.arsis.gr) is a Non-Governmental Organisation, specialised in the social support of youths and the advocacy of youth rights. It was established in 1992, with its headquarters in Athens and branches in Thessaloniki, Volos, Larisa and Karditsa. The vision of the organisation is a society with equal opportunities for all young individuals and respect of their rights as these are shaped in the Greek and International Law through Conventions for Human and Children's Rights.

ARSIS' mission is to take actions for the prevention of youth exclusion (15 to 25 years old). In this frame, ARSIS develops **new methods and tools** for youth support, organizes and participates in **networks for social solidarity**, cooperates with **public and private services** and promotes improved methods for the **social policy of youths**.

Some of its basic structures and activities include running a youth support centre (offering gratis psychosocial support and counselling, legal support, preparation for employment, supportive training, youth exchange programs, leisure activities), intervening in schools and prisons, taking action against child trafficking, sensitizing the local community and networking.

ARSIS has been certified since 1995 as a Training and Support centre specialised to target and serve socially excluded youth. Following structural changes in the training system for this population in Greece, ARSIS was recognised by the Ministry of Employment as a "Centre for the Provision of Support Services to Socially Excluded Trainees". The Association is in constant co-operation with the Ministry of Education regarding educational and supportive interventions in prisons and in areas affected by social exclusion. ARSIS also is a recognised training platform for students of pedagogic, social work and sociological studies.

The Koebenhavns Kvindedaghoejskole (KKD, www.cphfemale.dk) – is a learning centre for women and offers non-formal education for women, as well as preliminary formal education in the Danish language and maths for women with weak literacy and numeracy skills. The target groups of the non-formal education programme are mostly women with psycho-social problems, ethnical Danes and ethnical minorities. Among the students are often ex-offenders and now and then offenders serving the final part of their sentence. The target groups of formal education programmes include the same group as for the non-formal education programme as well as low-skilled staff in companies.

The aim of the school is from a holistic approach to offer students education and counselling, which will further their personal development, clarification, professional qualifications and the development of their learning competencies in order to strengthen their opportunities on the labour market. The idea is also to strengthen the student's capability as an individual to handle her personal life as well as being an active citizen in a democratic society.

KKD is partholder in publications eg. „A good practice guide for working with disadvantaged groups“, European Union, Social Fund, INTEGRA & NOW, 2000,

„Access to the World of Work, Young People’s Future“, European Union, Employment, Youth Start, 1997,

„ICARE; what policies for changing families“, European Union, Employment and social affairs, 2005,

„Lifelong Learning: Personal Development Plan“ European Union, Socrates R3L, 2004.

Občan a demokracia (Citizen and Democracy, www.oad.sk) is an NGO that was established in 1992 as the Minority Rights Group – Slovakia. The mission of the organisation, working throughout the whole Slovakia, is development of democracy, strengthening of civic participation and protection of human rights.

Občan a demokracia has a wide range of experience in training various target groups, mainly high school teachers and other educators, representatives of the police, prison staff, NGO activists, including Roma activists etc. in the field of human rights. It has also published numerous publications in this field. Besides, it has been active in the field of policy-making. For example, it has significantly contributed to the adoption of the Free Access to Information Law, or to establishment of the position of the Police Specialist on the Work with Roma Communities, or to establishment of the office of the Slovak ombudsman. Občan a demokracia is also dealing with strategic litigation in the field of human rights and public interest law.

Polish Association for Legal Education (www.psep.pl) was founded and registered in 1994.

Polish Association for Legal Education operates for

- the promotion and reinforcement of the state of law through legal education
- realisation of the idea of human rights
- observance of the idea of equal rights of women and children,
- care for legal interests of prisoners, homeless and other minorities,
- popularisation of legal knowledge among citizens useful everyday in the field of Polish and International law.

The Association implements its objective by

- Running of the clinic, Law in Every day at Warsaw University and four other universities in Poland (in Kraków, Białystok, Rzeszów and Poznan.
- Educational; projects aimed at various social groups. Within that framework PSEP provides training for high school teachers, prison service functionaries, homeless, unemployed etc. It is based on the best examples and experiences of the country and international experts
- Support for realisation of human rights
- Support of social initiatives and activities enhancing the legal knowledge among citizens with particular attention paid to equal position of women and men.
- Support for the reform of the justice system and criminal policy.

Polish Association for Legal Education carries out a publishing activity. Until now we have published a handbook of Law in Everyday Practice, used at the implementation of the program 'Law in Everyday Practice' (2 editions – 1997 and 1998); Collection of texts in criminology "Europe in Transition: Past Trends and Future Perspective", in co-operation with the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control, Warsaw 1999; 11 educational leaflets on: the rights of minors, the defender and the victim, witnesses, court fees, labour code, mediation, appeal measures, temporary arrest, appeal from the verdict of the criminal court and eviction; and many others.