

## Workshop II

### Violations of the Traffic Law in Greece and the treatment of Juvenile offenders: good practices, challenges and future perspectives

Almost 80% of juvenile delinquency cases in Greece, concern violations of the Traffic Code. According to the Greek Penal Code, Juveniles never bear full criminal responsibility as adults do, because their mental, social and emotional disposition towards social values and legal standards are not fully developed. Likewise, parents of a juvenile offender cannot incur any criminal liability with respect to offences committed by their child, unless they act with intent to promote or allow the delinquent conduct, or with negligence. Under these circumstances neither the juveniles nor their parents are considered liable for the offence. Furthermore, juvenile offenders may be sanctioned with educational measures such as with a reprimand, supervision order carried out by parents or by probation officers, which replace a more severe penalty and are very common in violations of the traffic law. Despite the fact that juveniles' treatment differs from that of adults in order to take into account the degree of their maturity, their psychosynthesis and personality in general, it is still considered forgiving for juveniles and therefore raises serious concerns in terms of its effectiveness in achieving the juveniles' education, behavioural change and prevention of future relapse.

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