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Good Practice

„Seminars to support the intercultural competences of the German Federal Police“

attached to the statement for the consultation process on the preparation of the “White Paper on intercultural dialogue” of the Council of Europe

Organisation:

Ecumenical Center of the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN)
(the EKHN is a regional member church of the EKD)

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Cooperation-partner is the department of the German Federal Police at the Frankfurt Airport, representative is Mr. Reza Ahmari.

Themes:

Intercultural training, fight against stereotypes, cultural cooperation, conflict prevention.

Target group:

Policemen at Frankfurt Airport. At about 2000 male and female police-officers are working there with different responsibilities.

Intervention level:

The police-officers are working directly at the Frankfurt Airport.

They work in the international context of passenger border control all day (not only while handling repatriations).

Objectives:

- establishing a sensitive contact with people from a different cultural background while controlling or repatriating them.
- avoiding conflicts in difficult, sensible border control situations.

Frequency of seminars:

The seminars are held once or twice a month and are divided in basic- and advanced courses.

Description of activities:

- Exercises, activities and lectures with the following topics:
 - Development of sensitivity in terms of intercultural problems;
 - Differentiated view of cultural related behaviour;
 - To notice the own cultural point of view;

- Examination of cultural different living space
- Examination of approaches supporting racism.

Budget and financial sources:

- Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN)
- German Federal Police

Overall project results, evaluation:

Each seminar closes with an evaluation by the seminar-participants. Furthermore, the leaders meet for a regularly dialogue, evaluate the seminars, update and enlarge the contents.

Follow-up:

The seminars are currently running and will be continued in this form.

Why is this project regarded as an “example of good practice”?

The project is a “good practice” example, because the view of human dignity will be sharpened in a field where it is overseen very often. The border control at the Airport creates an intercultural clash, which could produce a lot of harm on both sides. To avoid this is an important challenge.