

## **Medium-term plan for the research activity of the Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention, 2008-2010**

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The new Medium-Term Plan for 2008 – 2010 respects the Department's fundamental priorities and its future tasks in the field of research. It also supplements the ICSP's tasks, in particular by involving it in processing the assessment of the impacts of regulation (RIA).

The plan takes into account the reduction in the number of the ICSP's research and other employees and thus focuses on establishing priorities for the research tasks given to the Ministry of Justice by Government resolutions or stemming from other previously approved documents.

The plan reflects the fact that, in accordance with Act No. 130/2002 Coll., the Ministry of Justice has received authorisation from the Government Council for the Research and Development of the Czech Republic for the **research programme entitled "Society, Sanctions Policy, Crime"**, which will be implemented between 2008 and 2011. The programme's implementation is financed in the ICSP by means of a public tender in research and development and incorporates certain core tasks of the Medium-Term Plan.

The completion dates for the individual research tasks respect the assignments contained in binding documents and decisions; the Crime Prevention Strategy authorised by Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 1150 of 15 October 2007 is approved for 2008-2011 and therefore the implementation of tasks stipulated by this Government Resolution will be concluded in 2011 (with phased output dates for individual tasks). The same applies to tasks proposed for the research program **"Society, Sanctions Policy, Crime"**, approved for 2008-2011.

In view of the necessary rationalisation in performing the research tasks, some contents-related assignments in the proposal have been combined in a single research task. The task entitled **Analysis of Crime Trends and Development of Latent Crime**, stipulated by Government Resolution No. 1150/2007 for the Crime Prevention Strategy, incorporates specific tasks which specify it in detail.

Research tasks are only listed with the name of the assignments and the persons responsible for performing them. The procedure for their implementation will be stipulated in the projects (subject matter, aims, methods and techniques, time schedule, research team, deliverables etc.). The level of expertise for the projects and progress in their completion will

be regularly assessed by the ICSP's internal Examining Board and an external Scientific Board. External specialists will also be approached to cooperate on some of the tasks concerned.

#### **A. Tasks performed in the programme “Society, sanctions policy, crime”**

The programme was authorised with the aim of contributing, through research findings, to an improvement in the legal system of the Czech Republic, an improvement in the legislative process, greater efficiency and expeditiousness of the justice system, greater efficiency in sanctions policy and the prevention of crime and socially pathological phenomena. It includes specific research projects which reflect its content. These are projects which will verify the efficiency of existing preventive measures and legislation in preventing crime, especially with regard to juveniles, the use of mediation and an analysis of trends in crime.

#### **Survey of tasks :**

	NAME	ASSIGNED BY	RESEARCH PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHER
1.	<b>Research into the use of mediation in criminal justice</b>	Council for Probation and Mediation	2008-2010	Mgr. Jan Rozum
2.	<b>Probation and mediation activity under Act No. 218/2003 Coll.</b>	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic 1150/2007	2009-2011	Mgr. Jan Rozum
3.	<b>Criminal behaviour in children and minors.</b> This task merges the two specific tasks assigned by resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 1150 of 15 October 2007 in respect of the Crime Prevention Strategy ( <b>The role of existing preventive measures and existing legislation in preventing crime, or recidivism of criminal behaviour in children and minors</b> ), and also by resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 1151 of 15 October 2007 in respect of the Assessment of the System of Care for Children at Risk ( <b>Evaluation of the application and effectiveness of Act No. 218/2003 Coll., especially with regard to application and factual weaknesses and shortcomings, in relation to the development of child crime and the use of criminological research, including relevant amendments</b> ).	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic 1151/2007	2008-2011	PhDr. Kazimír Večerka, CSc.
4.	<b>Analysis of crime trends and the</b>	Resolution of	2008-2011	PhDr. Alena

	<b>development of latent crime</b> This task will gradually incorporate the following separate projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual analysis of crime trends</b></li> <li>• <b>Research into the victims of crime.</b></li> </ul>	the Government of the Czech Republic 1150/2007		Marešová
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**B. Other specific research tasks stipulated for the Ministry of Justice, or the ICSP, in the relevant Government Resolutions, or stemming from other authorised documents.**

**Survey of tasks :**

	NAME	ASSIGNED BY	RESEARCH PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHER
5.	<b>Decision-making in practice on orders for institutional education and on imposing protective education</b>	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 1151/2007	2008	JUDr. Petr Zeman, PhD.
6.	<b>Compensation for custody in criminal proceedings</b>	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 1151/2007	2009-2010	JUDr. Petr Zeman, PhD.
7.	<b>Research into the causes of the commercial sexual abuse of children</b>	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 949/2006	2008-2009	PhDr. Šárka Blatníková
8.	<b>Research and analysis of serious forms of crime</b> This task stems from the <b>Plan to Combat Organised Crime</b> , approved by Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 64/2008 of 23 January 2008, and the proposed <b>Reform of the System for Research, Development and Innovation in the Czech Republic</b> , which stipulates the Ministry of Justice's participation in implementing the <b>Security Research Programme</b> .	Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 64/2008	2008-2010	PhDr. Martin Cejp, CSc.

### **C. Tasks relating to the needs of the Justice Department**

#### **Survey of tasks :**

	NAME	ASSIGNED BY	RESEARCH PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHER
9.	<b>The public and crime policy</b>	for needs of the MoJ	2009-2011	JUDr. Petr Zeman, PhD.
10.	<b>Penological research</b> This task will include research themes that reflect the needs and suggestions of the Czech Prison Service : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recidivism and recidivists – characteristics, manifestations, possibilities of criminal justice</b></li> <li>• <b>Recidivism and recidivists – characteristics, manifestations, possibilities of criminal justice.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pilot identification of the number of potential clients for the Prison Service's detention institute under preparation.</b></li> </ul>	for needs of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic	2008-2010	PhDr. Alena Marešová

### **D. ICSP's cooperation in preparing the Regulation Impact Assessment (RIA) for proposed legal regulations stated in the MoJ's planned legislative work**

The ICSP will participate in preparing the RIA according to the Ministry of Justice's legislative tasks. The concrete assignments will always be specified by the MoJ legislative – legal section.

#### **Tasks on which RIA will be performed in 2008**

Ser.no.	Name of the Legislative Task
1.	Bill amending Act No. 169/1999 Coll., on the service of a sentence, as amended ( <i>creation of civic commissions, expansion of the prisoner's duty to work for private entities</i> )

2.	Proposal for a regulation implementing Section 5 (2) of Act No. 7/2002 Coll., on proceedings relating to judges and state prosecutors, as amended, including the amendment currently being considered by the Government ( <i>remuneration for lay judges of disciplinary court panels</i> )
3.	Proposal for a Government decree implementing Section 99 (5) of Act No. 6/2002 Coll., on courts, judges, lay judges and the state administration of courts and on a change to certain other acts (Act on Courts and Judges), as amended, including the amendment currently being considered by the Government ( <i>remuneration for judges acting abroad</i> )
4.	Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation No. 37/1967 Coll., to implement the Act on Experts and Interpreters, as amended ( <i>remuneration of experts and interpreters</i> )
5.	Bill amending Act No. 6/2002 Coll., on courts, judges, lay judges and the state administration of courts and on a change to certain other acts (Act on Courts and Judges), as amended
6.	Bill for free legal aid
7.	Implementing Government Decree for the Criminal Code
8.	Bill amending Act No. 36/1967 Coll., on experts and interpreters, as amended
9.	Bill on mediation in non-criminal cases

### **Presentation and publication of results**

The ICSP's findings are available to all interested parties and users from the Justice Department and members of the expert public. Results and findings from the research will be presented in the following ways :

1. By preparing reports and studies directly for the Ministry of Justice's own needs.
2. By preparing brief advance reports from completed research for the Ministry of Justice.
3. By publishing research results in an ICSP edition and providing them to users (SOURCES series and STUDY series); by publishing findings in the specialist press both at home (e.g. *Trestní právo* (Criminal Law), *Trestněprávní revue* (Criminal Law Review), *Kriminalistika* (Criminology) etc.) and abroad. The results of ICSP's activities and current information from the field will also be presented on the ICSP website on the Ministry of Justice portal ([www.kriminologie.cz](http://www.kriminologie.cz)). In addition to information on the ICSP's activities, this will also publish the full texts of publications issued in an ICSP edition, current information from professional life, including international events and references to other websites relating to ICSP's activities.

4. By presenting the results of selected research projects in the Republic Committee for the Prevention of Crime.
5. By arranging lectures to present research and other specialist findings in cooperation with the Justice Academy.
6. By organising the information background for the wider specialist public from MoJ employees (via websites and through a specialist library merged with the Ministry of Justice library).
7. By arranging the Institute's own seminars for the domestic and foreign specialist public on specialist themes and results of completed research and, where relevant, press conferences in agreement with the press department of the Ministry of Justice.
8. By participating in teaching at universities in cooperation with the law faculties in Prague and Pilsen and with the Czech Police Academy, and by helping to train specialists in the social field in cooperation with the Charles University Philosophy Faculty, Social Sciences Faculty and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic.

### **International relations**

The ICSP is regularly authorised to prepare documents and reports on the development of crime, penal policy etc. required from the Czech Republic by UN, EU and the Council of Europe, as well as other European intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations. The Institute will continue to cooperate with research and theoretical centres abroad and play an active part in international specialist conferences and seminars related to the subject of its activity. The ICSP is a member of international scientific societies and participates in events organised by international organisations (e.g. the UN, Council of Europe etc.) which concern its area of operations.

The ICSP is expected to have greater involvement in international research projects financed by EU (or other) funds in cooperation with foreign specialist centres (e.g. research on the victims of crime for EUROSTAT).

#### ICSP is a member of:

SIC - Société Internationale de Criminologie (International Criminological Society)

AIDP – Association Internationale de Droit Pénal (International Criminal Law Society), where it currently ensures the activity of the secretariat of the Czech national group

European Union Crime Prevention Network

ISPAC - International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of UN

ESC- European Criminological Society, through the individual membership of its researchers