JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY

EXPERT GROUPS

On May 11th, the fifth and final experts’ meeting took place at Porto’s Universidade Católica; this event was part of the “Advocacy for Children’s Rights Protection” line of action. The National Action Plan for the Elimination of Corporal Punishment against Children was also concluded.

TRAININGS

As the training sessions on the Ill-treatment of Children took place between the 19th and 26th of May, at Porto’s Universidade Católica. Said sessions targeted healthcare and education professionals and also law school interns – with a total of 70 participants/trainees.

PARENTING AND POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

TEA TALKS

Concerning the Parenting and Positive Discipline dimension, the team organised four “Tea Talks” – informal meetings with the trainees of the POWER programme, in order to share Positive Parenting topics, practices and strategies of Positive Parenting with other parents.

These sessions were attended by 69 participants.

ACTION PLAN

On September 12th, the recommendations for the elimination of corporal punishment against children (developed in the ambit of the HandsUp project) were presented at the Assembly of the Republic, namely to the Commission Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees - Sub-Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination. The main goal was to discuss the improvement of the current legislation and also to present future interventions with professionals and community in general.
The inauguration of the "Bem Me Quer" exhibition took place on April 21st, at the Salta Folhinhas bookshop. This event included illustrations about Parenting by different authors: Filipa Viana, Gabriela Sotto Mayor, Joana Pinho, Margarida Botelho, Mariana Serra, Pedro Machado and Raoni Xavier.

The campaign “Quanto mais me amas, mais gosto de mim” also took place in April (the Child Abuse Prevention Month), with the dissemination of messages promoting affectionate and close relationships between children and adults.

On September 25th, the final conference of the HandsUp project - Time for Insights into Children’s Rights – took place at Porto’s Universidade Católica. All the partners of the project participated in this event, which was also attended by key-speakers from the justice, psychology and education fields.