



### **Calypsus Transnational**

#### **Braga, University of Minho (UM), Portugal**

The fourth transnational meeting of the Calypsus Project occurred in Braga from June 20<sup>th</sup>, to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. As usual partners arrived in the first day of the meeting and departed in the last one, so that the core program of the meeting took part in the second and third days of the meeting.

Following an agenda previously scheduled, partners arrived at the School of Psychology building on Thursday morning and were welcomed by the Presidency of the School of Psychology and later by the University of Minho's Pro-Rector for the Internationalization, professor Carla Martins.

Participants were then presented with two lectures concerning the Portuguese Penal Law and the Portuguese Penitentiary and Juvenile systems given, respectively, by professor Margarida Santos from the UM Law School and Professor Rui Abrunhosa Gonçalves, professor from the UM School of Psychology and coordinator of the Portuguese Calypsus team.

During the afternoon partners discussed the intellectual outputs already gathered by the University partners from La Laguna, Almeria and Rome. The University of Minho partner reported some problems of data collection in prisons due to continuous strikes from the prison officers that affected mainly individual data collecting. This strike problem that persists since the end of 2017, largely affected the schedule conceived by the Portuguese team. Therefore, only data from group evaluations could be available at the time of the meeting, which is clearly insufficient. A contingency plan was then proposed using a more enlarged strategy, so that it will expected to have data for as many as possible inmates by the end of August.

The morning of the second day was devoted to discuss management issues and to plan the closing multiplier event that will occur in Brussels on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The project manager gave a

full account of the project's evolution and presented the relevant issues that the team has to face ahead.

During the afternoon, the partners were visiting the Santa Cruz do Bispo Male prison, in Matosinhos (close to Oporto), where they had the opportunity to contact prison inmates from the Mental Health Security Unit, the Drug Treatment Unit and could also had a general view of the prison facility.

A farewell dinner closed the Braga calypsos Meeting.

As a sort of balance of the Project's evolution and apart from the problem related with the intellectual outputs from the UM team – that is currently under resolution – the Calypsos Project seems to be in good shape and the multiplier event will actually be a success considering either the outputs either the expected participants.

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