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WP4: Transnational Deportation Counselling and Assistance

Case Study #1

Organisation that has provided deportation counselling and assistance during deportation:

The Justice Project e.V. (TJP)

Organisation that has provided assistance during deportation and ongoing assistance after deportation:

Pope John XXIII Community Association (APG23)

After the BAMF's asylum rejection, an expedited appeal was filed (Eilantrag). The court decided negatively, and the client was therefore at risk of sudden deportation. The social worker in Germany pre-emptively contacted APG23 in Italy as a potential receiving organisation in this case. APG23 confirmed they will look to find a family home who can host her. The following is a documented account of the client's experience beginning shortly after police apprehended her for the forced Dublin-Return.

DAY 1

04:11

Client sent a text to TJP-Social Worker (she's on emergency standby this night): „Hey the police came to take me to Italy, *name of city in Italy*. Can you pls tomorrow call me, so you can call the family in Italy.“

At this point it is important for the social worker to stabilize the client and to find out the destination airport (all via phone, since the client is already in the police car).

07:16

The TJP-Social Worker informs the APG23-Social Workers using online messaging service and Email.

Low-threshold communication channels between client and social worker as

well as between the social workers trans-nationally are important. Establishing agreed-upon communication mechanisms with all parties in advance is highly recommended.

11:08

TJP-Social Worker informs Ufficio III - Asilo Protezioni spec. E sussidiarie - Unita' Dublino via E-Mail about the returnee and her vulnerability.

■ It is still unclear whether this is profitable or not.

11:18

The client arrives in *city in Italy*. The TJP-Social Worker is in contact with client by phone and online text messaging platform.

APG23-Social Worker tells the client to take the train to *another city in Italy*. There, APG23-social worker will pick her up and take her to the safe house.

■ Important moment, as Italian social worker joins in direct contact. Proactive contacting is essential!

Circa
12:00

Client is now at the police station in the airport. The police tell her that she should spend the night in the *city in Italy where she arrived* and the next day go to her Questura (Italian office where she made the first asylum application) to apply for asylum again. There she should then say that she wants to go to APG23 accommodation and take the train accordingly.

Circa
17:00

The client writes TJP-Social Worker that the police took her to Caritas in *city in Italy where she arrived*. She has no place to sleep and nothing to eat.

The TJP-Social Worker calls client and asks her to give the phone to someone from Caritas. It turns out that it is only a counseling center for the homeless. The social worker on the phone tells TJP-Social Worker that the client cannot stay overnight. She either has to sleep on the street or go to the emergency room at a hospital.

TJP-Social Worker passes this information on to the APG23-Social Worker. The APG23-Social Worker calls her lawyer and finds out that the client doesn't have to go to the Questura right away tomorrow. So, the APG23-Social Worker suggests that the client should take the evening train to the APG23 safe house in *city in Italy*. Unfortunately, there is no train today.

The APG23-social worker calls the Caritas and it turns out they have arranged a place to sleep for the client.

21:49

Client texts TJP-Social Worker: "I'm inside tram going to the Caritas-house."

23:34

Client texts TJP-Social Worker: "I'm in house now."

DAY 2

08:30

The TJP-Social Worker asks client how she is and whether she is already on the road to the APG23-safe house. Client says she will take the 11:30 train. The APG23-Social Worker and client have been in contact and have discussed all this.

Circa
14:30

The client tells TJP-Social Worker that she is at the train station and will now buy a ticket to take the train.

Circa
18:00

The client's train is late. She is worried that the APG23-Social worker will not wait. The TJP-social worker and the APG23-social worker reassure her that the APG23-social worker will wait.

■ Here it is important that the German social worker continually encourages contact between the client and the Italian social worker.

20:18

Client texts TJP-Social worker: „I'm inside the car already, going to the APG23 safe-house.“

21:18

The APG23-Social worker lets the TJP-Social worker know that client has arrived safely.