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Anti-Corruption Training for Students of 14-18 Years

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Pilot-Project (Summer 2012):

≻Need to educate the youth

➢Personal contact of a teacher in secondary school

>Initial concept was developed and presented to a class

Feedback was constructive

Project group:

➢Goal: to create an educational training in anti-corruption to be presented to a school class (students of 14-18 years) four times/year

➤Target group: Students of 14-18 years in political education in high schools and vocational training schools

Team: experts in psychology, law, criminology/education in secondary school, sociology/political education





Goal of educational training:

➢By means of practical cases, the following should be guaranteed:

- Security in daily professional life
- Recognition and prevention of corruptive situations

≻Skills to be acquired:

- Expertise about corruption:
- Terms like corruption, prevention of corruption, economic crime, compliance, principles of the corruption phenomenon, legal bases of the fight against corruption
- Expertise in values, decision, actions:
- Students will be able to assess the relation between economic activity and moral values concerning ethics; to establish the role of a citizen regarding prevention of and fight against corruption
- Linguistic and social skills



Anti-Corruption Training

Teaching Content

- >Definition of the term "corruption"
- ➢Forms of corruption (situational, structural)
- ➢Reasons and consequences of corruption
- >Models to explain the corruption phenomena
- ➤Corruption prevention
- >Institutions and instruments in the fight against corruption



Anti-Corruption Training

Plan of the Training

➤Duration: 8 units (each 45 minutes)

≻Requirements: not necessary

Execution: Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption, Department Prevention

>Evaluation: Feedback form for the students guarantee permanent update of training



Actual Training

➢Presentations: Power Point

>Flip-Chart/Questionnaire: to gather ideas about corruption & test previous knowledge

Corruption barometer (see next slide)

Film about corruption (developed by the BIA/BAK)

Discussions (in plenum and groups)

➢Role-plays (see next slide)

➤Talk with an Investigator: Q&A, visit of an interrogation room (interrogation skills)

Handout on "Information on Corruption"





Actual Training (some exercices)

Corruption Barometer:

2 sheets "Corruption", "No Corruption" are placed on the floor leaving some distance
Trainer reads out some (possible) corruption cases

Students move between the two sheets according to what level of corruption they perceive for each case

➤Trainer asks about their reasons for believing that corruption is involved or not

>Only after the whole exercise will the cases be reflected and discussed in more detail

CASE (e.g.): (cases range from situations in school to public administration and politics) A student had learned a lot for an exam. On the day of the exam, however, she fails due to nervousness. The teacher lets her pass anyway.





Actual Training (some exercices)

Role-Plays (in groups):

Cases of situational and structural corruption are presented in role-plays

>For each case, each student is given a "role-card" where his/her role is explained

CASE: Acceptance of gifts

Claudia is a bad student and might fail in mathematics. Her mother arranges to meet Claudia's teacher at school. During the conversation, the mother gives the school teacher a precious pen. The director and a teacher of philosophy are present.

Questions:

1.How would you evaluate the behavior of each person?

2.In your opinion, can this already be considered as corruption?

3. How should these people behave properly?



Handout on "Information on Corruption" (incl. a test)

➤What is corruption?

≻Causes of corruption

➢Forms of corruption

≻Where does corruption start?

➤Consequences of corruption

>What will be punished by the legislator?

≻How can I prevent corruption?

≻Introduction of the Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption



Anti-Corruption Training

Next steps:

Creation of a training concept for students of 10-14 years

≻Cooperation

- with vocational business school to train the teachers expected in this fall
- with Ministry of Education to train the teachers-to-be at University

Inclusion in the curricula for primary/secondary school



Thanks for your attention!

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