

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS AND MEASURES INTO JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS

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The article points out one specific aspect of juvenile justice which is highlighted by the different international juvenile justice standards. The concept of diversion as an appropriate strategy of juvenile crime prevention. After a short overview of the history and the basic ideas of the concept of diversion the presenter concentrates on the varieties of diversion within the European juvenile justice system. The frequent use of diversionary strategies can inter alia be explained by the close connection between the juvenile justice system and the youth welfare system which will be indicated further. According to data on the use of diversionary concepts these can be proven as effective strategies, which are not accompanied by higher reconviction rates. Therefore diversion is a meaningful and effective answer (particularly) to juvenile first and second time offenders.

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