VICTIM-OFFENDER MEDIATION PROGRAMMES
IN ROMANIA – A USEFUL EXPERIENCE, UNEXPLOITED
IN THE LEGISLATION

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The article describes the two experimental projects of restorative justice implemented in Romania in 2003 and 2004. The article presents the main difficulties and obstacles faced by these programmes, but also the benefits brought by them into the field of Romanian justice. Despite their usefulness, the practice of restorative justice was not stipulated as such in Romanian legislation. The Law no. 192 regarding the mediation and the organization of the mediator profession ignores both the Romanian experience gained from the implementation of the two experimental project mentioned above, and also the experience from other countries with long tradition in the field, being substantially diverted from the European standards in this domain.