



## FEEDBACK FROM TRAINING SCHOOL

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Dear Colleagues

I hope you enjoyed your time in Slovenia at the first ImpleMendez Training School. We gathered together your views and placed them below. I hope that you find these collated comments interesting. Thank you again for your enthusiasm, energy, and hard work over a great few days in Ljubljana! Great memories!

Best wishes

Dave

<b><i>What did you learn / appreciate?</i></b>	
<b>Format:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good interactive activities</li> <li>• Role playing exercise</li> <li>• Practical examples</li> <li>• Interesting/active group discussions</li> <li>• Good communication in the group</li> <li>• Good mixture between lectures, discussions and activities</li> <li>• Excellent brainstorming</li> <li>• Networking</li> </ul>
<b>Topics concerning suspect interviewing:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflicting interests and competencies and priorities between disciplines (law / psychology / police) substantially complicate the investigative process</li> <li>• Review of the basics about suspect interviewing</li> <li>• Disclosure of evidence / proximity-based disclosure / order of disclosing evidence</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to reframe how we approach the interviews and to make it explicitly, not only in the 'how' it applies in practice but also through explaining it inside and outside the interview room</li> <li>• All suspects are vulnerable</li> <li>• Good highlights on basic social and communication skills</li> <li>• Communication knowledge of complex concepts</li> <li>• Planning an effective interview</li> <li>• Questioning: order and type of question</li> <li>• The importance of how to approach suspects when presenting themselves, asking questions and disclosure evidence</li> <li>• Strategies for building rapport / rapport as a complex area</li> <li>• Clear, useful and practical tips on how to get information according to the Principles</li> </ul>
<b>Training:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What we can learn from past cases (miscarriages of justice)</li> <li>• Practical exercise examples</li> <li>• Putting myself in a lawyer's perspective</li> <li>• Meta-perspective on training is interesting</li> <li>• Practical ideas</li> <li>• Awareness that we still discuss it among ourselves so it must be hard and complex for investigators</li> <li>• Key training techniques on delivering this material</li> </ul>
<b>Legal aspects:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the lawyer in preventing miscarriages of justice</li> <li>• Legal and procedural safeguards in the interview process</li> <li>• Legal rules in different countries</li> <li>• The role of the lawyer in the interview process</li> <li>• Legal framework versus on the ground reality 'you have rights but if you use them, it can be used against you'</li> <li>• Effective legal advice</li> <li>• Video-exercise 'acting as a lawyer'</li> <li>• Suspect-lawyer interaction should be handled very carefully similarly to the interview itself</li> <li>• Importance of mandatory recording</li> </ul>
<b>Méndez Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpful to understand the importance and procedures for legal advice within the Méndez Principles</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation of Méndez Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which steps to take towards implementation of Méndez Principles</li> <li>• Inspiration and motivation to move forward</li> <li>• Networking without an agenda is critical for future success in implementing the Méndez Principles</li> <li>• Networking with the police to disseminate the Méndez Principles</li> <li>• Implementation should be thought through in collaboration with other ImpleMéndez members as well as stakeholders</li> </ul>