

# ImpleMendez newsletter



WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE **IMPLEMÉNDEZ NEWSLETTER!**  
OUR GOAL IS TO LAUNCH A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER THAT HIGHLIGHTS **KEY DEVELOPMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND EVENTS** WHILE ENSURING **TIMELY COMMUNICATION** WITH ALL MEMBERS.

## Latest Developments

### Workshop and Network Building meetings in Warsaw

Between 29.01–31.01.2025 two ImpleMendez funded events took place.

Firstly, a **three-day workshop** entitled **“Journeys to Safety. Multidisciplinary, Interagency Pathways for Protecting Children from Ukraine”** that was held and co-organised with **KIND (Kids in Need of Defence)**, an international civil



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society organisation and the Polish Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration. The workshop brought together national and international experts in criminal justice, psychology, and child protection. The participants discussed a wide array of complex topics such as the impact of displacement on Ukrainian children and the functioning of existing protection mechanisms, best practices for interviewing and supporting children affected by military conflict, and collaboration between different actors to ensure comprehensive protection of the children. Our super ImpleMendez colleagues – Coral Dando and Katarzyna Holewik, Eva Ochodničanová, Irma Melunovic, Julia Korkman, as well as Yuriv Belusov all contributed and helped organise the workshop, which was attended by around 45 policy makers, NGO representatives and interviewing professionals.

The second activity in Warsaw involved a **Network-building meeting**, that examined plans to facilitate further networking within the Action were discussed.

## Your ImpleMendez Core Management (CM) group

**Chair**  
Dave Walsh  
**Vice-Chair**  
Yvonne Daly

**WG1**  
**Investigation and Interviewing**  
Leader: Lennart May

**WG2**  
**Law, Human Rights, Criminal Justice**  
Leader: Anželika Banevičienė

**WG3**  
**Vulnerability**  
Leader: Lore Mergaerts

**WG4**  
**Institutional and Governmental Leadership**  
Leader: Zvonimir Ivanovic

**Special coordinators:**  
Kristjan Kask  
*Science Communication Co-ordinator*  
Ivar Fahsing  
*Grant awarding co-ordinator*

### Workshop and Network Building meetings in Warsaw

Six ImpleMendez members also met senior representatives of the Polish Ministry of Justice and in a separate meeting a Polish journalist from the country's leading media outlet. During the meeting in the Ministry's webpage [here](#), the participants discussed perspectives for Poland on the implementation of the Principles and identify ways for future collaboration. The information about the meeting was published on the Ministry's webpage [here](#). The meeting with the Polish journalist was a great opportunity to promote our Action and the Principles in national media. The participants talked about miscarriages of justice, why they happen, and science-based interviewing techniques. Both meetings were kindly organized by our colleague Olga Mazur (massive thanks there!).



### Online WG1, WG2, WG3 and MC meetings

On 18.02. 2025, **WG1** convened online to review key project developments and explore new collaborative opportunities within ImpleMendez. The meeting featured presentations on initiatives including "From Conflict to Court Room", "Investigative Interviewing of Human Trafficking Victims", and "Child Interviewing and Mendez Principles CIMP", highlighting significant progress. Discussions also focused on integrating research components into our training programmes and enhancing teaching materials to optimize project outcomes. Additionally, the group considered a proposal for a Special Edition in the Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling. The next WG1 meeting is scheduled for 4.09.2025.

On 05.02.2025, members of **WG2** met online to discuss possibilities for networking within the group. Three ongoing projects were presented – "Expanding the Accessibility of the Mendez Principles: Piloting Translation and Dissemination Processes Across COST Country Languages", the launch of the Irish Mendez Centre for Investigative Interviewing, and "From Principles to Practice: Achieving Bias-Free Investigative Interviewing through Mendez Principles Training and Guidance". Next meeting of WG2 is scheduled on 10 September 2025 (14:00 CET). On the same day, an **MC meeting** was held online with the participation of COST representatives, who introduced changes in the reimbursement policy for 2025 (published on the [COST website here](#)).

On 12.02.2025, members of **WG3** met online to catch up on the ongoing and upcoming projects within ImpleMendez. In addition, a survey was circulated to assess who wants to get involved/in touch on certain specific vulnerability related topics. The survey can still be filled out by via [this link](#). The next meeting will be held on Friday 5 September at 10:00 CET.

**WG4** is active in efforts to bridge the gap between academic research and practitioners. It faces numerous challenges such as interdisciplinary collaboration, funding, and scalability through the engagement of the national stakeholders, pilot programs, and continuous evaluation. It seeks to create sustainable, scalable, and effective solutions for real-world challenges. WG4 aspires to shape a more innovative, inclusive, and policy-driven future.

### Upcoming events

#### 1st #IMPLEMENDEZ Webinar

A Webinar entitled "Torture-Tainted Evidence: Theory, Investigation, and Litigation" will take place on **Thursday 6th of March** from **1-2:30pm (CET)**, with guest speaker **Alka Pradhan**. It will include 45 - 50 minute lecture, followed by 20-30 minutes Q&A for a total of about 1.5 hours. ImpleMéndez members need to register through the **e-cost system**. Registration link fo external readers are **here!**

#### Online Training Schools

- Online Training School - **Writing Successful Grant Applications** will be held on 09.04.2025 at 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (time in UK);
- Online Training School - How to write papers to get published will be held on 10.03.2025 at 09:00-11:00 (time in UK). Links to both events have been sent to everybody previously (**check your emails!**)

#### EAPL 2025 Conference

2025 Annual Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL) "**Technological advancements and application in legal psychology**" will take place on 5-8.08.2025 in Vilnius, Lithuania. Note, please, that the event "coincides" with the MC meeting in the same city. More info **here**.

### Calls for Cooperation

#### Co-participation in the study - call for the experts!

Our colleague, Linda Geven (Leiden University, Netherlands), is looking for professionals with expertise in interrogations, interviewing, and confessions as part of research on psychological influences in interrogations. The study aims to assess professionals' and laypeople awareness of psychological influences during interrogations. More information can be found **here**.

#### Managing the Action's LinkedIn Account - looking for assistance!

We are looking for colleagues to manage our LinkedIn account. If you are interested in taking that role, please contact our chair Dave Walsh: [dave.walsh@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:dave.walsh@dmu.ac.uk)

#### Embedding Implemendez - WG4 Request for Support

**WG4** aims to showcase real-world benefits of implementing the Mendez Principles through shared experiences from within law enforcement. The Group requests examples of positive outcomes from applying the Mendez Principles, no matter how small. These will be compiled into a narrative portfolio for leaders. Contributions can be shared in any format. Your support is valued, and participation will help shape the future of policing. Contact Monty Mountford - WG4 member [p2755687@my365.dmu.ac.uk](mailto:p2755687@my365.dmu.ac.uk)

## Our Achievements!

Prof. **Yvonne Daly** (Ireland) published an article on police custody and interviewing in Ireland entitled "**The changing nature of the Garda station interview**".

Find the publication [here](#).

The second edition of Investigative Interviewing: Psychology and Practice by **Rebecca Milne** and **Ray Bull** will be published in early 2025. Stay tuned!

Link to the first edition [here](#).

In Davidhorn's podcast "**Beyond a reasonable doubt**" our colleague **Ivar Fahsing** (Norway) interviewed some of our colleagues about the best practices in investigative interviewing. Listen to the podcast episodes [here](#).

Our colleague **Vasiliki Karpouza** (Greece) together with **Lamprini Ntountoumi** has published an article titled "**The Good and Bad and the Tired Cop: The Burnout of Greek Police Officers During the Interrogative Process**" in the *Journal of Dialogues in Clinical Neuroscience & Mental Health*. The article explores Greek police officers' perspectives on burnout and recommends systematic training and psychotherapy as preventive measures. Link to the publication [here](#).

**Lennart May, Ivar Fahsing, Christopher E. Kelly, Steven Barela, Rebecca Milne** and **Ray Bull** published an article titled "**What is investigative interviewing (and what is it not)? A primer on the ethos of suspect interviewing**" in the *Journal of Criminal Psychology* (2025). The article discusses the boundaries of investigative interviewing and the chances of introducing it into training, implementing it in practice, and conducting further research on effective practice. Find the article [here](#).

Our colleague **Natalija Orlić** (Slovenia) has published a handbook titled "**A Brief Introduction to Community Interpreting: A Practical Work Manual**" (Scientific Publishing House of the Faculty of Arts, the University of Ljubljana). This is the first handbook on community interpreting in Slovenia! Link to the book [here](#).

**Twelve of our colleagues** have been accepted as presenters at the Annual CEPOL Conference themed "**Tackling the world of High-Risk Criminal Networks**", which will take place on March 25-27, 2025, in Rome, Ostia. In parallel, a Network-building meeting will be held in Rome on March 26, 2025. Link to the Conference [here](#).

## The Reminder

Those submitting a paper for publication should follow the COST Annotated Rules to ensure proper recognition of COST funding. In short: just use the following "formula": This article is based upon work from COST Action CA22128 (ImpleMéndez), supported by European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST). More details on the COST rules can be found [here](#).



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