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DICTIONARY / GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Previous observation:

If we have understood it correctly, the purpose of this dictionary or glossary is to have a partners' agreed definition of every key word, in order that the users who consults the key words has a complementary information (the definition), that helps them to select the words most adapted to their formative needs.

This selection must help the users to accede to those cases whose subject matter or question is related with the key word (understood this word as it will have been defined).

In order that the definition of every key word could be useful for this purpose (to find the suitable cases according to it is looked) is necessary that the case treats the subject matter giving to the key words the same meaning that have in the definition. It should not be difficult if before defining the key words of the case it would have the list of terms and its agreed definitions, thus the authors of the case only would need to select the key words according to the definitions agreed by the partners. Proceeding this way, the only difficulty might appear when in the case it treats subjects or key words not selected previously by the partners.

In the current state of the project we find already written cases. The difficulty can be major since each case has worked with key words according to a specific conceptualization. That is to say, we have cases that treat of different subject matters and also give different meanings to the key words. Therefore, it is not enough to come to an agreement on the definitions; it is necessary to guarantee that this agreement fulfills two requirements:

- a) The definition of each agreed word by the partners must be the preliminary point in the elaboration of future cases.
- b) The definition of every word must be directly related to the concept as has been developed in the already elaborated cases.

This second requirement obliges necessarily to taking into account that is the conceptualization with which it has been worked in each of the already elaborated cases.

2. Revision of the suggested definitions:

- **Reception**: the definition is correct, although very wide. Perhaps it should be complemented or related to the term. *Welcome* ("acogida")
- **Reception location**: in this case two definitions are suggested, which understands that is not possible. Our proposal is to give priority to the perspective of the users of the service and, therefore, to maintain the first definition

- **Gate keeping**: it proposes to consider the term as synonym of Reception action. Two doubts are considered:
 - a) Semantics: is the synonym correct?
 - b) Technological: is it possible to contemplate synonyms?
- **Involvement / Participation**: we do not see the definitions clear. In our area, on occasions, it understands just on the other way round: the participation can be passive and the implication means an active action. It is a question to discuss.
- **Civil**: this term seems difficult to be defined to us but we understand that in the definition the relation of the term should be contemplated with the citizenship.
- **Parental**: in the term, should also the concept of legal tutor be included?
- **Minor**: it should be detailed: legal adult age?
- **Institution**: this definition we should discuss it; somehow the concept of organism should be included, with a specific structure and ways to operate it, that takes a function of public interest. That is, the definition should allow working the institutional analysis. Another difficulty is the extent of the term.
- Multimedia Competente: in the definition should the concept "analysis" be included?
- Press media comptence:?

3. Offer of definitions for the discussion:

- **Consent**: deliberate agreement, conscious, by which is accepted an opinion, a demand, a proposal or a feeling.
- Loco parentis arrangement: ?
- Marriage: in strict sense: union legalized of a man and a woman, of two men or of two women (in some countries); in wide sense: stable union though it is not legalized.
- **Age of majority**: age from which the person is considered legally fullly responsibly for his acts.
- Youth: person who is between the infancy and the age matures. (Alternative: person who is in the last stage of the infancy).
- Disagio: ?

• **Prevention**: with completes certainty, this term we will have to discuss it a little bit...

- Combat:?
- **Drug Abuse**: consumption of drugs (not legalized?) in to situation of biological and / or psychological and / or social dependence that implies risks for the health.
- **Substance Abuse**: consumption of toxic substances (legalized?) in to situation of biological and / or psychological and / or social dependence that implies risks for the health.
- **Disability**: limited capacity of a person in certain aspect that administratively supposes a consideration of handicap.
- **Mental disability**: mental limited capacity of to person in certain aspect that administratively supposes a consideration of handicap.
- **Disease**: Alteration in the condition of the body or in some organ that provokes disturbance of the state of health.
- **Tutor**: person in charge of the education, guide, defense or of advising to another person. (Relation with: legal tutor who has the native authority).
- **Ecology**: study of the interactions of the organisms between them and their environment where they live.
- Sexuality: related to the conduct concerned of the sexual instinct and his satisfaction
- **Gender**: related to situations and problematic owed or influenced by the fact of being man or woman
- **Bilingual**: Person or social group in which two languages coexist.
- **Education**: Process of teaching and learning.
- Remedial action: Intervention or action that tries to solve or to diminish a problematic.