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THE PROCESS BEHIND THE ETHICAL PROCEDURES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SLOVENIA

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sLOVEnia

- Slovenia – little country on the “Sunny Side of Alps”
- 2 million people



- Slovene Psychologists' Association and/vs. Chamber of Clinical Psychologists → volunteer membership
- Approx. 2000 practitioners, only a about 300 members of any organization

Average young psychologist (optimistic scenario):

- Job within public sector – health, social care, education, ...
- Has detailed list of work demands and competences needed for the work
- Trains and develops his knowledge and skills from UNI within supervision

Average young psychologist (pessimistic scenario):

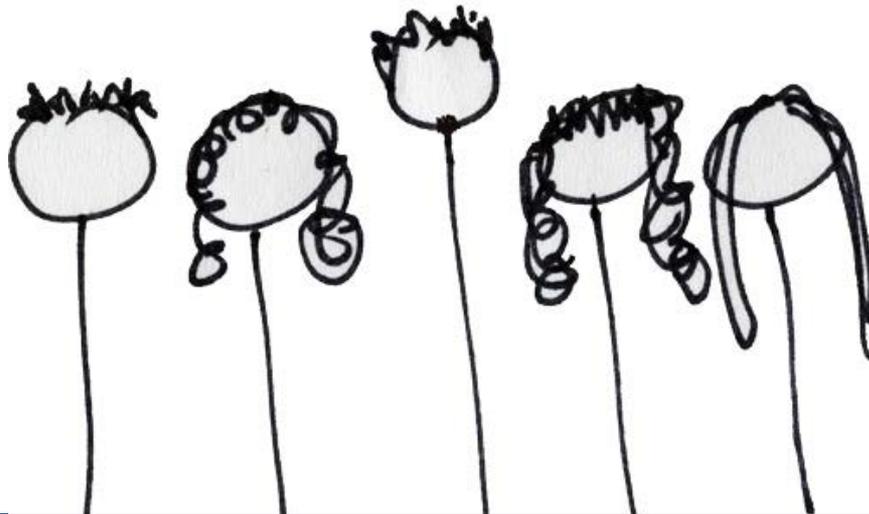
- Self employed
- Offers workshops for “better life” to public
- Knows some techniques from UNI, but has no regular supervision
- Has to “find his way on the market”

Slovene psychologists

- No **licence** system
 - No **common law** on psychology (some sectors have internal regulations)
 - Not yet established overall **supervision system** (some sectors follow principles of the good practice and a new system was just piloted in SUPER PSYCHOLOGIST project)
 - Successfully established **EuroPsy** system, but only has symbolic value
- ethics the only common regulator for the practice

Legal regulators?

- Permanent part of SPA
- Considers cases of ethical violation and gives opinions regarding these
- Is a consultation body, offering advice in practical professional questions



Ethical committee

- Prepared procedures for work
 - Before no official way to file a complaint

- 7 cases
 - Content
 - Data protection
 - Use of the psychological assessment tools
 - Competent work of psychologists
 - Use of the experiments in educational purposes
 - No case against SPA members, most regarding consultation

Ethical committee in last term

- Initiation of end of the study oat
 - Public oats



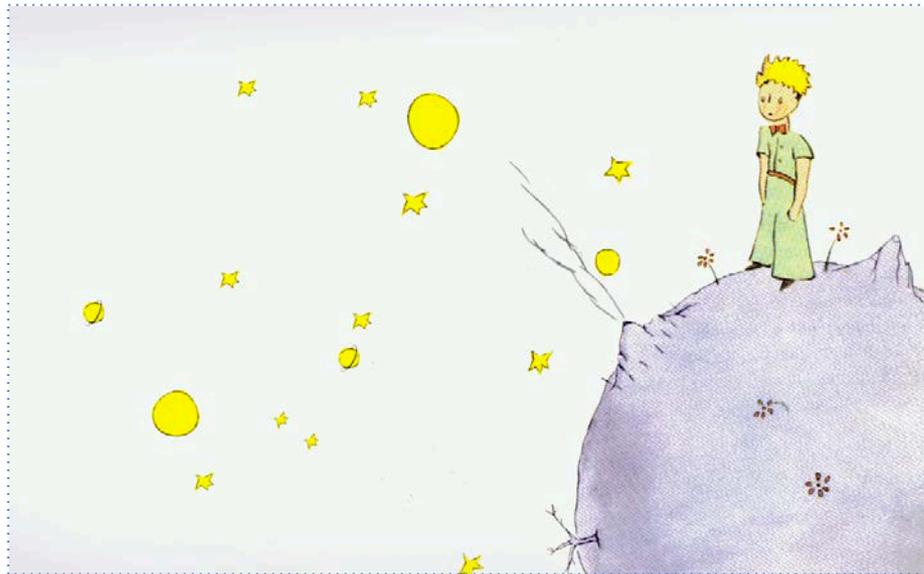
- At the end of the MA level of the studies, students of 2 (out of 3) universities where you can study psychology can voluntarily sign Oat to follow ethical codex of psychologists
 - More than 130 agreements since October 2015
 - No legal value, but raising awareness and identity

Oat: Raising awareness

- Public debates
 - Congresses and other events
 - Roundtable with different professions related to ethics
 - Police ethical board
 - Lawyers ethical board
 - Medical doctors deontology board
 - Prosecutors ethical board
 - Judges ethical board
 - ...
- Case-studies on the website
- Updated ethical code → currently in revision procedure

Dissemination

- Limited power of Ethics committee
- Ethics is more a regulator, then aspirational
 - Perceived: more about what not to do then what to do
- Creative approaches



Processes behind ...

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