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ME.D.I.C.S.



MEntally Disturbed Inmates
Care and Support

The *M.E.D.I.C.S. - Mentally Disturbed Inmates' Care and Support* project

From mere treatment to
targeted rehabilitation
programmes for inmates
with mental disorders

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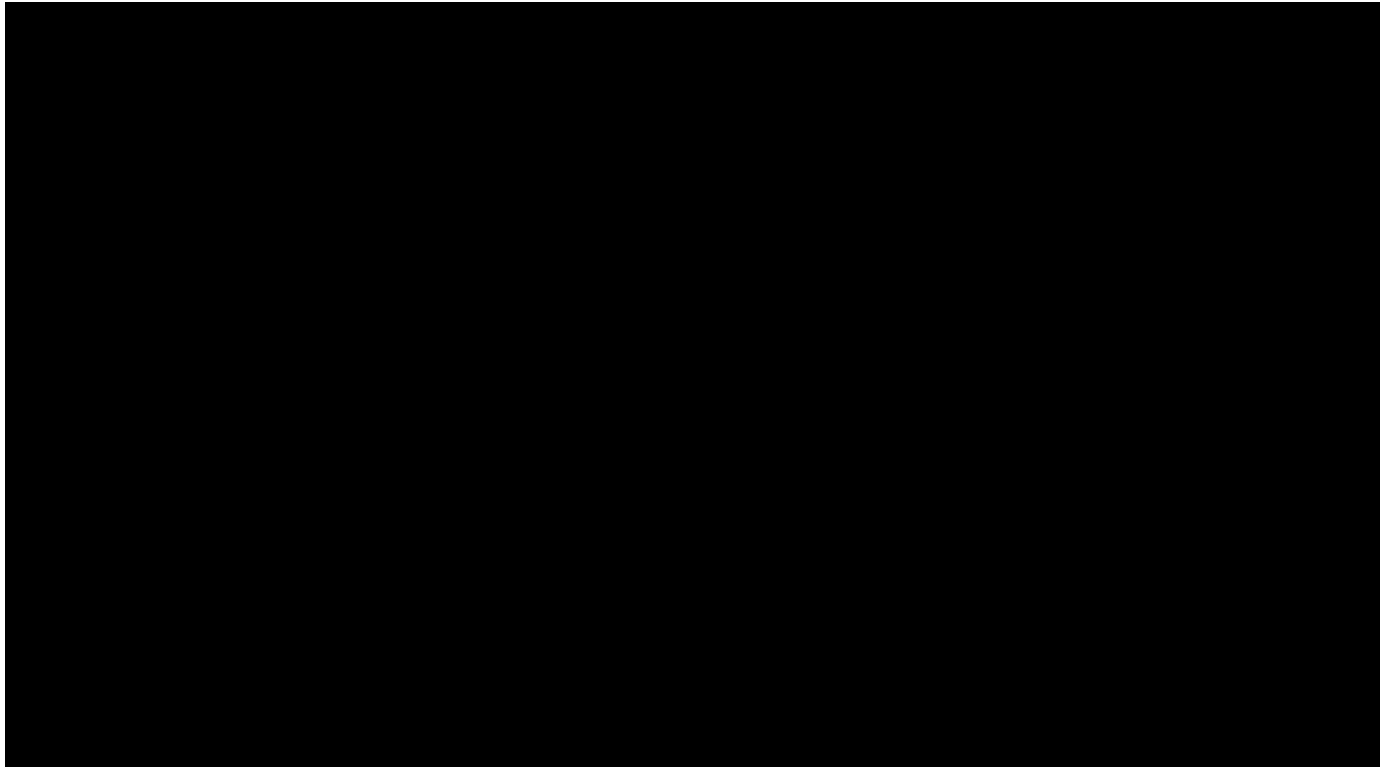


We will go through the project's

- ❖ Background and scope
- ❖ Results in healthcare
- ❖ Recommendations



One flew east, one flew west ...





The project's supranational background

- European Parliament Resolution 2897
dtd 7.12.2011
- The CPT 2006 revised standards
- R(2006)2



The project's supranational background

- R(2012)12
- UN Bangkok Rules (2010) – Rule 16
- R(2004)10



The project's scope

February 2014 - May 2016

Co-ordinator: Department Prison Administration (ITA)

In partnership with:

- DG Serveis Penitenciaris (CAT)
- Zdravi Grad – Healthy City NGO (HR)
- SIMSPE NGO (ITA)
- NOMS (UK)

In collaboration with:

- University of Florence (ITA)
- EPTA (Penitentiary Academy of Croatia)
- PSSJD Parc Sanitari Sant Joan de Deu (CAT)



The project's scope

Questionnaires

ITALY: 450 in 3 prisons

CATALONIA: 800 in 3 prisons

CROATIA: 220 in 5 prisons





Results



Treatment & rehabilitation

“It’s important to believe in yourself –
even when the jury doesn’t.”



Results: treatment & rehabilitation

To bridge the gap between NHS & prison service





Results: treatment & rehabilitation

To undergo changes in prison life organisation and adopt sentence enforcement patterns that will develop life

perspectives and conducts in line with the rights of any community member





Results: treatment & rehabilitation

- ✓ To differently approach mental health in prison, skipping from mere pharmacological to therapeutical/rehabilitative interventions
- ✓ To enhance prison and healthcare staff training





Recommendations *(to the EU Parliament)*

DEVELOPED IN DIFFERENT PHASES

PHASE 1. INCOME – INPUT
(Planning, programming and
resource managing)

PHASE 2. SENTENCING
(implementation of assistance)

PHASE 3. MONITORING (results
and evaluation)



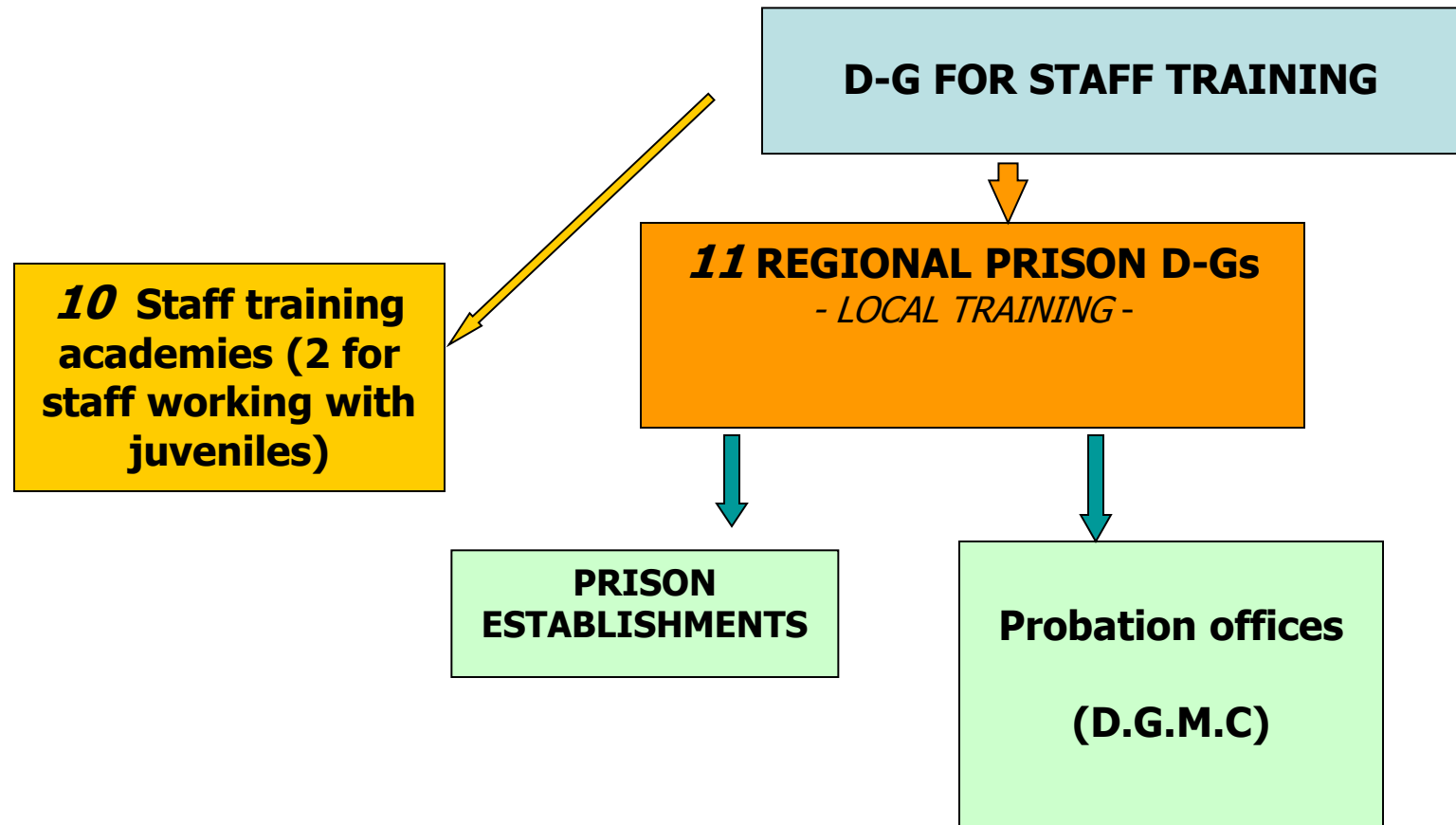


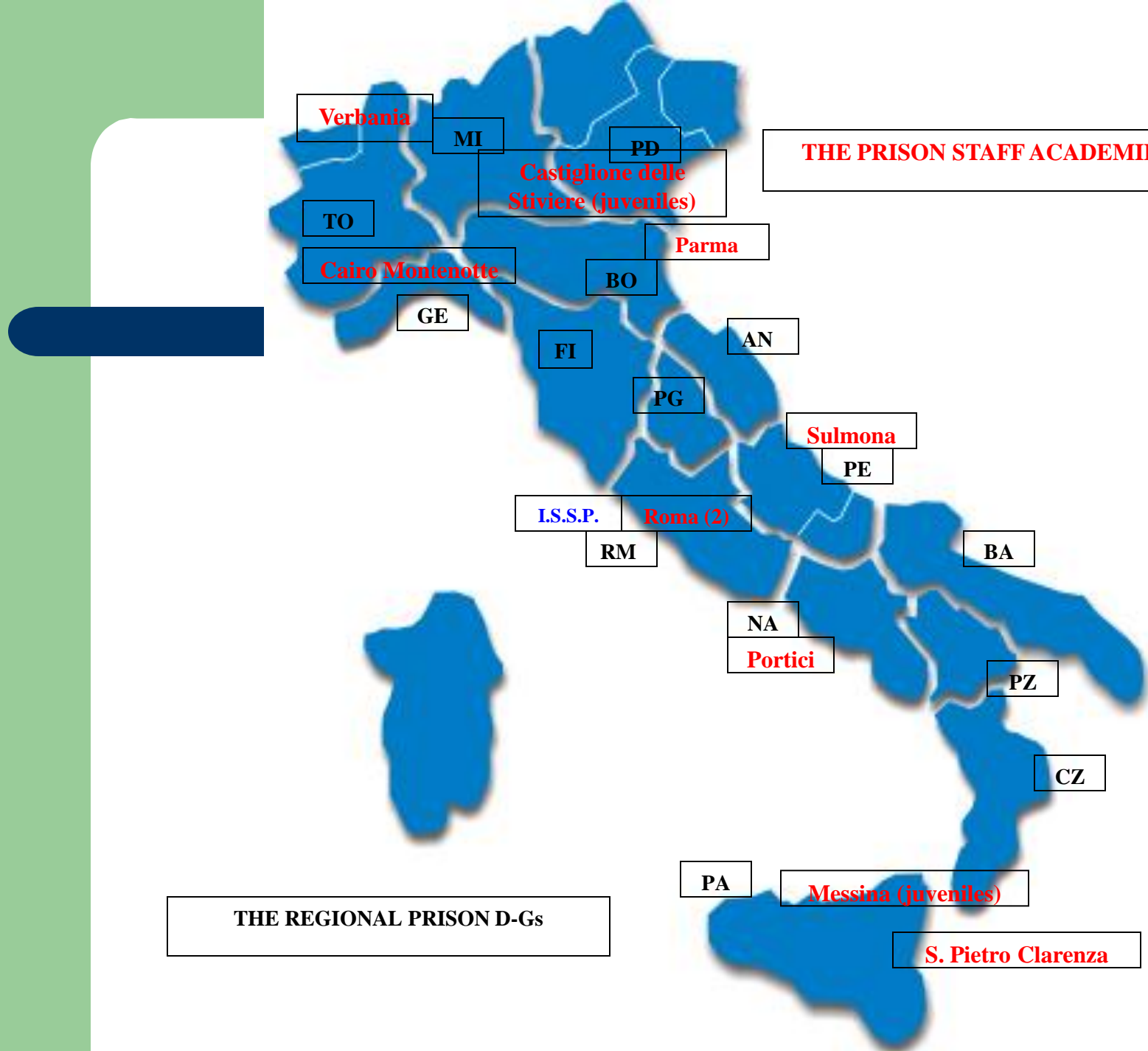
TRAINING OF STAFF

Domenico Schiattone – D-G for staff training- Italy



How training is delivered





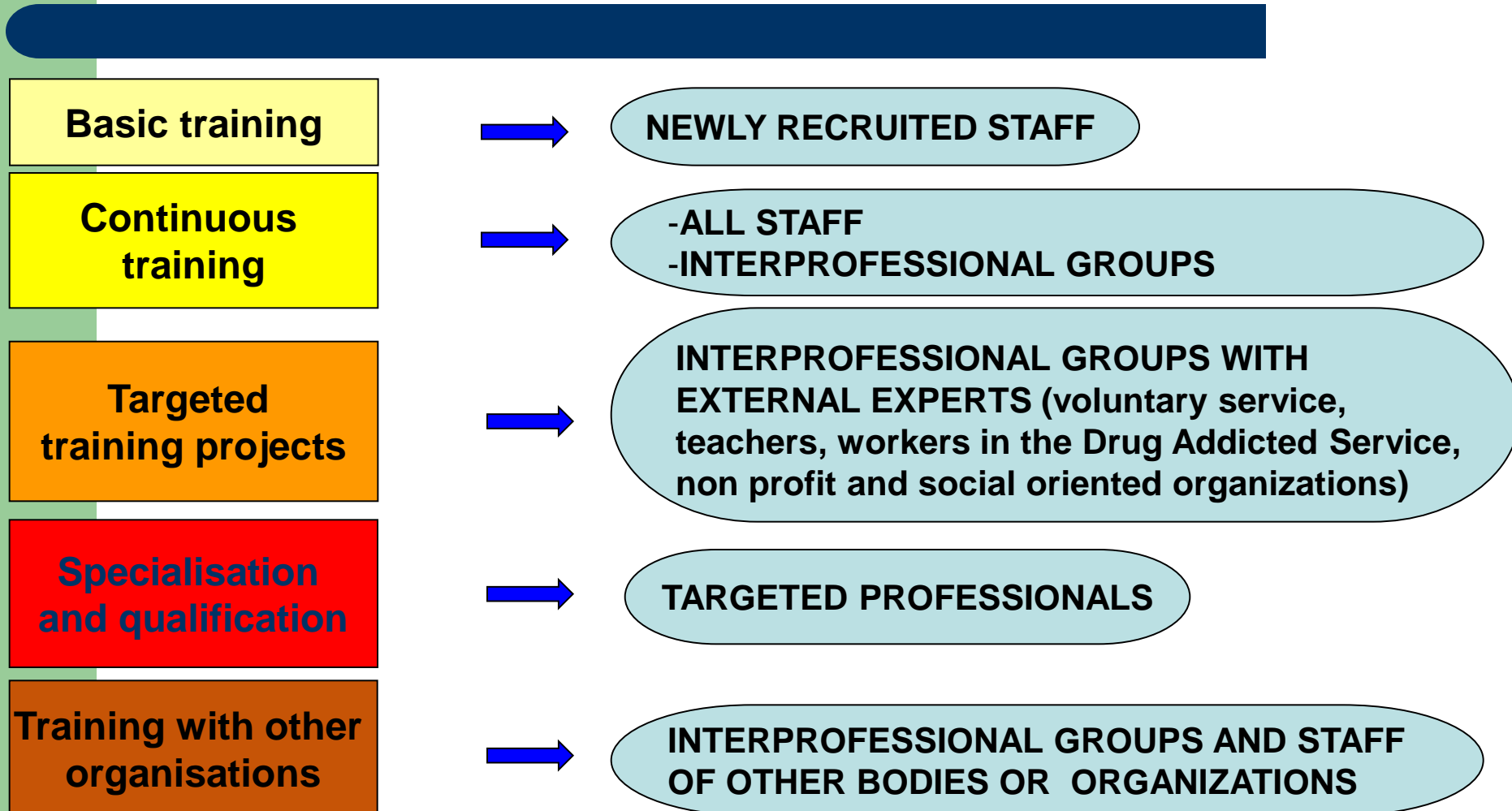
THE PRISON STAFF ACADEMIES

THE REGIONAL PRISON D-Gs



The training activity

Target





The training activity

Objectives

BASIC TRAINING

Acquisition of role consciousness

Knowledge of the prison environment

Regulations

Organisation

Professional aspects related to specific fields of intervention

CONTINUOUS TRAINING

Knowledge of new juridical sources

General

Single topic

Adaptation of experiences to the general guidelines

SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- Projects of the ESF
- Community Initiatives
- Training following provisions in Law 309/90

Special targets in specific projects



STRATEGIC TASKS

CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE

TRAINING AS SUPPORT TO ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES



THE ADDED VALUE OF THE M.E.D.I.C.S. PROJECT

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE KEY ACTORS OF THE TRAINING PROCESS

WHO ORDERED TRAINING

PARTICIPANTS

TRAINERS



THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES

BOLOGNA PRISON

PALERMO PRISON

TURIN PRISON



ONGOING EVALUATION

EVALUATION OF THE TRAINING PILOT EDITIONS

READAPTATION OF FUTURE EDITIONS

FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS



CRITICAL FACTORS

SKEPTICISM OF MEDICAL STAFF

ISSUES IN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PRISON AND MEDICAL STAFF

***LACK OF ATTENTION FROM PRISON GOVERNORS WHEN
TARGETING TRAINING ACTIVITIES PARTICIPANTS***



SUCCESSFUL FACTORS

INTEREST TO THE TOPIC FROM PRACTITIONERS

HETEROGENEITY OF PRACTITIONERS' PROFESSIONALITY

***PRISON REGIONAL D-Gs' REPRESENTATIVES and
FACILITATORS INTERVENTIONS***



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

PROJECT DISSEMINATION

GUIDELINES PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION

***CASCADING AND WIDESPREADING TRAINING ACTIVITIES
WITH DOMESTIC RESOURCES***



Links and contacts

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