

Third study commission questionnaire, 2025

- Does your country, as part of the criminal justice system, have alternatives to the traditional model, such as (i) alternative measures or diversion (where the charge is withdrawn or stayed by the prosecution in exchange for the accused doing something outside of the court system); (ii) therapeutic justice (such as a drug treatment court or a mental health court); (iii) restorative justice (such as a sentencing circle or a healing circle for Indigenous persons); or something else?
- If yes, please describe in short which areas are covered, for example, alcohol, drugs, sex abuse, etc.
- If yes, please describe in short how it is carried out, for example, is it administrated by the courts or by an outside system?
- If yes, please describe in short what are the sanctions - if any – if the offender does not complete the program
- If yes, please describe the advantages and disadvantages of these alternatives, and their success rate from your perspective as a judge
- In your role as a judge, do you perceive that the police have received expanded investigative powers that need no prior approval by the court, whether before or after they are exercised? If yes, give some examples of these powers. If yes, describe the advantages and disadvantages of these expanded police powers from your perspective as a judge