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PROBATIONET PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of PROBATIONET project newsletter! We hope you enjoy it. Any question? Visit our website at <https://www.probationet.eu/> The Probationet project aims to capacitate criminal justice professionals in the Probation system according to the Restorative Justice approach.

What is Restorative Justice?

To strengthen the western legal system while addressing some of its needs, Restorative Justice first gained popularity in the 1970s. Recognizing that punishment is frequently unsuccessful, Restorative Justice focuses on encouraging individuals who committed illicit crimes to acknowledge and repair the harm they have caused. This practice focuses on mending the damage caused by crime and involves individuals and community members rather than worrying about whether the individuals who have committed a crime “receive what they deserve”.

The project's concept

Probationet project aims to develop and deploy an innovative training model able to respond to the education and training needs of officers and workers involved in the probation process with a flexible and multidisciplinary approach as requested by each national Probation case management system. In this project the probation officers will be engaged in training activities to extend their social and relationship skills, giving them an innovative approach to the mission, considering the fundamental psychosocial aspects both for themselves and for the offenders; to promote social inclusion of offenders, in order to prevent recidivism, racism and intolerance.



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It is essential to sensitize prison staff towards offenders, through sensitivities groups, stressing the importance of giving a real chance of reintegration into the community, following the step taken by the Italian judicial system which is moving from the “certainty of prison” to the “certainty of punishment” overcome the idea of prison as the only effective response to crime.

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Particular attention is given to reconciliation and victim-offender mediation issues.

The PROBATIONET integrated training model applied to a common casework will give particular attention to the sectors’ professionals by **increasing quality, supply and accessibility of continuing VET**, validation of non-formal and informal learning, promoting work-place learning.

The PROBATIONET training model promotes the **sensitivity group**, as a particularly effective psychosocial training methodology to treat groups with strong emotional involvement.

Moreover, PROBATIONET represents a scheme for developing partnerships between SME VET providers, HEIs and Probation Justice Departments. It is aimed too at promoting a **learning networks model** and providing initial and/or continuing training to a European Probation Training Area.



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The partners

The PROBATIONET project brings together 6 partners from Italy (a HEI and a technology transfer center), Portugal (a VET provider and a Justice Institution), Bulgaria (a Justice Institution), Greece (a HEI and a Justice Institution), and Turkey (Justice Institution) with complementary competences and wide geographical coverage of case management examples.

Click on the logos for visiting each Partner's website!

1 - Panteion University of Social and Political Science (coordinator - GR)



2 - Centro Ricerche e Studi dei Laghi (IT)



3 - Innovative Prison Systems (PT)



4 - Università degli Studi della Tuscia



5 - Epanodos (GR)



6 - General Directorate Execution Of Sentences (BG)



7 - Direção-Geral de Reinserção e Serviços Prisionais





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The attended Project Results

1. Probation case mgmt education and training: Building the project environment
2. PROBATIONET Education and training model
3. PROB-T e-learning platform
4. Restorative Justice and Recidivism
5. A training scheme for Practitioners' in Probation case management
6. PROBATIONET- Sharing repository Toolbox

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