





EPTA

Tackling gaps in cross-border cooperation for Penitentiary Training Academies

Project from May 2018 to April 2021



Team project

Core team

1. Ecole Nationale d'Administration Penitentiaire (France) – expert organization
2. Swedish Prison and Probation Service - Kriminalvårdsstyrelsen (Sweden) – expert organization
3. Centralny Ośrodek Szkolenia Służby Więziennej (Poland) – expert organization
4. Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform (Ireland) – expert organization
5. Europris - secretariat and development of website
6. Netherlands Helsinki Committee (Netherlands) – Coordinator

Expertgroups: from all different countries!

Netherlands Helsinki Committee

Goal

Building and securing justice across Europe

Focus of NHC

1. Strengthening Civil Society
2. Securing Rule of Law
3. Safeguarding Human Rights



Objectives project

1. Support sustainable, professional and active EPTA network
2. Tackle gaps in cross-border cooperation

Work on three levels

- A. Organizational level
- B. Development of training material
- C. Sustainability (future perspective)



Activities

ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL

1. Development of EPTA website +
2. Creating EPTA secretariat at Europris

TRAINING

1. Having expert group meetings
2. Handbooks on minimum standards or other deliverables on certain topics/

SUSTAINABILITY

1. Continuous exchange of information
2. Stimulate cooperation
3. Annual meetings (funding)

Expertgroups

- 9 meetings in total for three deliverables
 - Three meetings per topic (in total 3 topics)
 - Deliverable depends on topic and needs of network (list later)
 - First meeting in September 2018!
 - Experts from different countries
 - Can be non-EPTA members
 - In July 2018 we will gather topics and choose at least first topic

Concrete goals

- Increase capacity to stimulate cooperation between members (meetings)
- Manage information (website and newsletter)
- Functional secretariat that supports EPTA rotating Presidency (Europris)
- Support development of (joint) correctional trainings (expert groups/deliverables)
- Improved annual exchanges, bilateral and multilateral contacts

Importance of strengthening network

- Sharing best (and worst) practices
- Access to qualified trainers (EPTA members) & training material
- Update and observe common principles – European prison policy
- Professionalizing cooperation between member

Questions to be discussed

Still a lot of theory, need your input

1. Identifying what the topics are that the EPTA network want to work on together
2. EU value and network value
3. Communication between EPTA members, how, when..
4. How to continue after the project?
5. Other questions, comments (please hand in list after the presentation to Pepijn, Veronique or Cedric)

If you think of questions or comments later, please let us know at conference or via mail to vachoui@nhc.nl



Thank you for listening

