

## GRUNDTVIG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Meeting

Vienna/Austria, 18. – 20. September 2013

#### Minutes

DAY 1	18. September 2013 13.00 – 17.00	Welcome State of the project Presentation and discussion evaluation results meeting 1 and 2 Discussion and evaluation of the Turkish model Background information on Austrian prison system and vocational training in prison
DAY 2	19. September 2013	Site visit Justizvollzugsanstalt Simmering, Vienna Discussion with staff
DAY 3	20. September 2013 9.00 – 13.00	Discussion and evaluation of the Austrian model Next steps Planning project meeting 4

#### DAY 1 – 18.9.2013

- × *Welcome and introduction round*
- × *presentation of programme for the 3 days*
- × *talk on interim report – has only been accepted by Austria and Italy national agencies so far*
  
- × **joint definition of tasks for the meeting:**
  - *Methodology of report*
  - *SWAT analysis → TR sends it to FR next week*
  - *Workshop Evaluation of/Feedback on Turkish model*
  - *Workshop Evaluation of/Feedback on Austrian model*
  - *Film about a prison in Temesvar, Romania*
  - *fill in monitoring check list*



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- dissemination PO and NL
  - next steps/new agenda
  - set date for next meeting in France
- × **Methodology**
- discussion of template and questions concerning its completing.
  - agreement on timeline for next steps:  
30/9/13: Imma (IT) sends Liliana (RO) comments from the Vienna meeting on methodology  
7/10/13: Liliana sends new tools to all  
29/10/13: everybody fills in the template and sends it to Imma for integrating in joint report  
writing of report: Imma (IT) + sharing on website  
→ Results will be presented in February in France
- × **Suggestions for the future (FR)**
- more feedback on the workshops in prison
  - more overall documents – not enough group documents produced – only national/individual reports
- × **Workshop: The Turkish model/Discussion of observations made during the sight visit in Turkey:**  
“Which observations have been made during the sight visit concerning the structure of the prison and the vocational training, the process of implementing vocational training in prison, and the culture/attitude which leads vocational training?”
- Structure:
    - highly developed administration department
    - more staff in administration compared to PO but not to FR
    - mostly Turkish male staff → women work mainly in offices
    - no crowded prisons
    - 780 prisoners in Usak – 4 foreigners (they only benefit from social rights but not from vocational training)
    - Training is paid by the government and a small percentage comes from private donators
    - The prison director is in charge of the training
  - Process:
    - Vocational training is voluntary
    - Due to financial reasons not everyone can work and be educated
    - Education is seen as a privilege – the prisoners are selected
    - Criteria of selection: age, ability, period of sentence, individual behaviour of prisoner
  - Culture:
    - Prisoners benefit from trust shown towards them (work with dangerous tools)  
→ they have been preselected (only the well behaving prisoners are in training)



- *Strict definition of “abuse” (alcohol and drugs) → medical drugs and psychological support are available but on voluntary basis*

## **DAY 2 – 19.9.2013**

**Sight Visit JVA-Wien Simmering + questions and discussion**

## **DAY 3 – 20.9.2013**

### **× Workshop: The Austrian model/Discussion of observations made during the sight visit at JVA Simmering:**

- Structure:
  - *Male and female officers*
  - *Guards are the trainers in prison (they all have to have “first” jobs/training and combine 2 elements. Possible to get further training on both)*
  - *different security levels of how visits are organised*
  - *only 1 hour walk in year/day*
  - *lot of courses available (German courses, debt relief training)*
  - *not as overcrowded as RO and PO*
  - *newer buildings, bright colours*
  - *prisoners are involved in renovating the buildings (learn to care for things that don’t belong to them)*
  - *difficulty of job is compensated with “good” income*
  - *good sport/culture/religion facilities*
  - *good behaviour → better living standards*
  - *light and big cells (window size is mandatory)*
- Process:
  - *every prisoner is supposed to work – education voluntary, work = obligated*  
→ *same amount of payment no matter if a prisoner works or is in training*
  - *possibility to work outside of prison (“Freigang” if only 1 year of sentence left)*  
→ *same amount of income as prisoner who work inside the prison*
  - *half of their salary is saved for time after release*
  - *no cash money is allowed*
  - *comprehensive vocational training within a year, rather than 3 years outside.*  
*Diploma is neutral (not mentioned that they got it in prison)*
  - *training can be finished in prison even after the release*
  - *prisoners from other prisons can apply to be educated at JVA-Simmering*
  - *high quality of training – many awards*
- Culture/attitude:
  - *Trainers and director are very engaged in the project*
  - *Relaxed atmosphere – feel there is no pretention/natural*
  - *Inmates seem to want to learn*
  - *staff has been working there for a long period of time*



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- *trainers wear working/private clothes not uniforms*
- *prisoners don't wear prison clothes (to work)*
- *guards really know prisoners and are interested in them and their development*
- *right to practice religion*
- *being a guard is more rewarded than in FR. They seem confident and relaxed*
- *training (young) prisoners is seen to be satisfying work*



**VIP: Vocational training in Prison**  
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- × **FILM about the prison in Temesvar, RO:**
  - *between 4 and 25 prisoners/cell (with bathrooms)*
  - *Work mostly outside of prison (community service)*
  - *lot of activities outside with the community*
  - *old building, no ability to extend it*
  - *very overcrowded – 1200 prisoners in total*
  - *prisoners eat in cells, food is prepared by prisoners working in the kitchen*
  - *get a degree for their work (diploma)*
  - *able to study – collaboration with universities*
  - *Temesvar = low level security prison (open, semi-open), progressive system –average sentence in Temesvar 1-5 years*
  
- × **Dissemination PO:** *more information on project will follow next week per mail + dissemination plan. Invitation to give feedback.*
- × **Dissemination NL:** *presentation on project “K-start”. Integrate knowledge about the work/job/culture of older people who are retiring soon. Distribution of newsletter and invitation to give feedback.*
  
- × **Meeting in France:**
  - *13.&14.2.2014 – travel day 12.2.2014*
  - *Concentration on vocational training and work and NOT security*
  - *Small prison (42 cells), historical sight, “maison d’arrêt” = remand centre and short sentences*
  
- × **Completion of the monitoring check list**
  - *1 per country – 8 filled in and collected for analysis by AT*



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