

**The project « E.U.R.O.P.E - European Union Rapprochement for Offenders and Pupils Education» Project No. 563124-CITIZ-1-2015-1-PL-CITIZ-CIV was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**Applicable to the Strand 2  
Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"**

**8 events have been carried out within this project:**

**Preparatory Meeting**

**Participation:** The event involved 10 citizens, including: 6 participants from the cities of Warsaw, Siedlce (Poland), 2 participants from the city of Athens, Lefkada (Greece) and 2 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Collegium Civitas (Warsaw, Poland), from 07/12/2015 to 09/12/2015

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

The preparatory meeting of the Leader - Collegium Civitas and Partners from Poland (Slawek Foundation), Hungary (Valto-sav Alapitvány) and Greece (Amaka ngo) was devoted to getting acquainted with the activities of all organizations that relate to the project and discuss the planned activities. During the stay, the participants visited one of the Prison in Warsaw, acquainted with the functioning of the penitentiary unit and organizational structure, the conditions of prison staff work and the problems involved in the implementation of psycho-psychological interactions with persons in prison conditions. In addition, guests had the opportunity to meet with penitentiary staff and sentenced.

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 42 citizens, including 37 participants from the cities of Warsaw, Sulejówek, Siedlce, Gdańsk, Katowice, Toruń, Kalisz (Poland), 2 participants from the city of Athens, Lefkada (Greece) and 2 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary) and 1 participant from the city of Sydney (Australia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Collegium Civitas (Warsaw, Poland), from 07/04/2016 to 10/04/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

The training course was provided for volunteers and activists interested in working with prisoners included knowledge about the European Union, issues of social exclusion and tolerance. The training program included seminars conducted by the Collegium Civitas professors Pawel Dobrowolski, Rafal Pankowski and Ryszard Michalczyk and interactive workshops conducted by NGO representatives working with prisoners. During the training the representatives of the 'Never Again' Association conducted anti-racist presentations and anti-discrimination workshops, which met with great interest from the participants. Partners presented different methods of working with prisoners including: workshops, preparation to release, different penitentiary systems. Topics discussed include themes related to cultural diversity among prisoners and

the role of sport in the process of integration beyond divisions. Jeremy Jones, the leader of the Jewish community in Australia, raised the issue of multiculturalism and refugees, and talked about intercultural integration on the example of the rugby team, at the seminar in Warsaw, as a guest of the 'Never Again' Association.

Following issues were discussed:

- Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes
- Challenges and Perspectives for the Prevention of Racism, Hate Crime and Xenophobia
- Discrimination. Hate speech.
- Promoting tolerance, respect for diversity and non-discrimination through education and media, particularly among the younger generation

Creative workshops:

- Working with prisoners and families – examples of workshops
- Preparation to release – “Path to freedom”
- EU symbols and member countries
- Racism
- New skills challenge as key to better jobs

## **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 47 citizens, including 38 participants from the city of Athens, Lefkada, Thesaloniki (Greece), 7 participants from the city of Warszawa (Poland) and 2 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Athens (Greece), from 18/04/2016 to 21/04/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows

The training course was provided for volunteers, students and activists interested in working with marginalized youth or prisoners. The subject of the training covered European Union knowledge, issues of exclusion, discrimination, racism, xenophobia and human rights. Seminars and presentations were conducted by professor Pawel Dobrowolski from Collegium Civitas, Ioanna Valsamidou from the European University of Viadrina in Frankfurt and Matilinta Chatzipanagiotu, a human rights lawyer. Interactive workshops were organized by Maciej Sopylo of the Young Journalists Association "Polis", coach of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and Maria Thun-Janowska. Representative of the 'Never Again' Association Stanislaw Czerczak, conducted anti-racist presentations and anti-discrimination workshops. Representatives of the Young Journalists Association "Polis" introduced the participants of the prisoners-to-society training program using prison newspapers. An important part of the training was also workshops conducted by representatives of Amaka ngo, Dafni Kalafati, Kelly Litsa and Niovi Stavropoulou as well as presentations of all organizations involved in the project implementation.

Following issues were discussed:

- Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes
- Challenges and Perspectives for the Prevention of Racism, Hate Crime and Xenophobia
- The role of Awareness - Raising Initiatives and Public Discourse
- Promoting tolerance, respect for diversity and non-discrimination through education and media, particularly among the younger generation

Creative workshop:

- Monitoring our levels of Racism, Stereotyping and Xenophobia through Visual Image
- Imagining a New Model of Prison
- Fighting Discrimination through group games using different drama techniques/ Theatre of the Oppressed
- Matching Skills to labour Market Skills - video and photo therapy techniques that improve job skills and self-esteem

### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 42 citizens, including 33 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary), 7 participants from the city of Warszawa (Poland) and 2 participants from the city of Athens, Lafkada (Greece).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Budapest (Hungary), from 07/05/2016 to 10/05/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

The training course was provided for volunteers, students and activists interested in working with marginalized youth or prisoners. The subject of the training covered knowledge of the European Union, issues of exclusion, discrimination, racism, xenophobia. Anna Tatar from the 'Never Again' Association has conducted anti-racist presentations and workshops on anti-discrimination. Maria Thun-Janowska talked about the experience of working with prisoners in New Zealand. Maciej Sopylo and Zuzanna Piechowicz from the "Polis" Young Journalists' Association, introduced participants of the prisoners and society training method using prison newspapers. An important part of the training was also workshops conducted by representatives and representatives of Valto-sav Alapitvany as well as presentations of all organizations involved in project implementation.

Following issues were discussed:

- Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes
- Challenges and Perspectives for the Prevention of Racism, Hate Crime and Xenophobia
- Discrimination. Hate speech.
- Promoting tolerance, respect for diversity and non-discrimination through education and media, particularly among the younger generation

Creative workshops:

- EU symbols and member countries
- Racism
- New skills challenge as key to better jobs

### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The events involved 54 participants, including 18 participants from the city of Budapest, (Hungary), 18 participants from the city of Warsaw, Siedlce, Kalisz, Katowice (Poland) and 18 participants from the city of Athens, Ioannina (Greece). In addition all Partners representatives and trainers (7 person) attend to each event.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Athens (Greece), Budapest (Hungary), Warsaw (Poland) from 03/06/2016 to 05/07/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the events was as follows.

The training course was provided for NGO's representatives. Within the framework of the EUROPE project Collegium Civitas, together with the AMAKA ngo, the 'Never Again' Association, the Young Journalist Association 'Polis' and the Valto-sav Alapitvany from Hungary and the Slawek Foundation from Poland, organized trainings for representatives of NGO's working with prisoners and activists interested in working with prisoners. During trainings, we raised issues such as work with prisoners - expectations and concerns, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia in Poland, Hungary, Greece and Europe.

Following issues were discussed:

- Monitoring of racism, antisemitism and xenophobia – the experience of “NEVER AGAIN” Association
- Stereotype, prejudice and discrimination in the prison context
- Examples of successful NGO programs in prisons
- How to work with prisoners, exchange of best practices

- What do I/what does my organization have to offer?

**Creative Workshop:**

- Imagining a new model of prison through artistic expression - targeting problems and solutions
- How to react to racism and xenophobia? What can you do?
- Monitoring our levels of racism, stereotyping and xenophobia through visual image
- Prison service meets N.G.O 's through group games using different drama techniques/Theatre of the real life

**Event 5**

**Participation:** The events involved 54 participants, including 18 participants from the city of Budapest, (Hungary), 18 participants from the city of Warsaw, Siedlce, Radom, Żytkowice, Katowice (Poland) and 18 participants from the city of Athens, Ioanina (Greece). In addition all Partners representatives and trainers (7 person) attempt to each event.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Athens (Greece), Budapest (Hungary), Warsaw (Poland) from 05/06/2016 to 07/07/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the events was as follows.

The training course was provided for Prison Service representatives. During the trainings, practical issues related to how to cooperate with NGO's and volunteers in common work with prisoners, what Our organizations can offer for prisoners, enriched by examples of successful NGO programs in prisons in Europe, and good examples of cooperation between NGO's and the Prison Service. Representatives Collegium Civitas, Slawek Fundation, 'Never Again' Association, "Polis" Youth Journalists Association visited Prison in Budapest. Foreign guests were accompanied by: Lidia Linder, David Csizovszki, Anna Gal from Valto-sav Alapitvany. The guests were introduced to the principles of functioning of the Hungarian, Greece and Polish penitentiary system, the structure and the specificity of the local organizational units during the visits in Prisons. During the visit guests were introduced to the forms of penitentiary work and programs implemented by the prison staff. The visit was an opportunity to exchange experiences and to present good practices in the field of prisoner rehabilitation and penitentiary unit management. The meeting was an opportunity to exchange experiences between Hungarian, Greek and Polish penitentiary systems and compare it to European solutions.

Following issues were discussed:

- NGO's in prison
- How to strengthen cooperation between NGO's, Volunteers, Prison Service, prisoners and society to break prejudices and stereotypes about prison – European examples
- Civil opportunities of US prison; „best practices”
- Stereotype, prejudice and discrimination in the prison context
- Strenghtening Family Relationships – best world practices.

**Workshops:**

„Best practices” in Hungary (moderator: Váltó-sáv Alapítvány, Hungary)

- Board game for preparation for release (Dávid Csizovszki, András Giba, Anna Gál, Váltó-sáv Alapítvány, Hungary)
- Prison and addiction (Andrea Márton, Kálóczi Andrea, Farnas István Géza, Caritas Hungarica, Hungary)
- Zakeus Program (Csilla Katona, Hungarian Crime Prevention Prison Mission Foundation, Hungary)
- Cooperation with NGO's for reintegration of prisoners
- Examples of successful programs in prisoners
- Imagining a new model of prison through artistic expression - targeting problems and solutions (Niovi Stavropoulou, MA Art Therapist, Daphne Kalafati MA Art Therapist)
- Prison service meets N.G.O 's through group games using different drama techniques/Theatre of the real life (Ioanina Valsamidou, PhD candidate in Europe, Viadrina Univercity (Germany) on biographical theatrical researche.
- Work with long term sentenced prisoners (PhD Maria Niełacznna Warsaw Institute of Psychology and Social Rehabilitation – Warsaw Univercity)

- Other Faces of Europe – The Excluded and Regimes of exclusions (Professor Pawel Dobrowolski – Collegium Civitas)
- Working with “Testimony “ program (Marek Łagodziński – Slawek Foundation)
- Education against Hate speech in the prison (Jan Dąbkowski – Campaign “No Hate”)
- Cooperation with media – how to attract media – activities with prisoner (Zuzanna Piechowicz, Maciej Sopyło – Young Journalist’s Association “POLIS”)

During training the methodology of working with specific groups of prisoners, including women, juveniles, foreigners, persons with a disability or handicap, drug addicts, as well as persons belonging to other religions, churches or other religious associations, was also involved. An important training block for all participants was practical issues on how to work with prisoners - exchange of good practice, what my organization can offer prisoners how to work with the Prison Service, enriched by examples of successful NGO programs in prisons in Europe and good examples of cooperation between non-governmental organizations and Prison Service.

## **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 374 prisoners, including 116 participants from the cities of Poland, 138 participants from the cities of Hungary, 120 participants from the cities of Greece.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in the prisons and correctional institutions in Poland (Warszawa, Siedlce, Grojec, Stawiszyn), Hungary (Tokol, Marianosztra, Kalocsa, Gyula, Budapeszt, Allampuszta) and Greece (Athens, Amfissa, Ioaninna, Korydallos, Pireus)  
from 18/07/2016 to 20/02/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

As part of the E.U.R.O.P.E project, we conducted workshops for prisoners in Poland, Greece and Hungary. The key element of the project was cooperation with prisoners and all those endangered with exclusion. The workshops were held in all three countries and included 374 prisoners. Classes were conducted by 28 people, volunteers and activists. During classes, the educators used active methods, engaging participants and allowing them to use their skills, knowledge, and experience. Classes tackled all three thematic areas of the project: the problem of exclusion and discrimination, human rights and knowledge on the European Union, and occupational qualifications on the labor market.

The topics of the meetings were very diverse. We talked about stereotypes, prejudices, hate speech and marginalization. We provided basic knowledge about the European Union. We have become deeply involved in the issue of human rights. We used the time to create and develop interpersonal and communication skills. We took the workshop participants on a trip down to each other. We showed them how to sort through their simple thoughts with a simple drawing. We have tried to use new technologies and art to enrich and make these meetings more interesting. In order to conduct these activities, a group of volunteers created their own scripts. To maintain the same standard they used one outline to diversify and adapt to the participants. It should be emphasized that each group was different. It is impossible to compare these experiences. All workshops technics are included in final publication “You too can work with prisoners” available on project web page: [www.europe-project.eu](http://www.europe-project.eu) Publication includes following topics:

- Working with prisoners
  - o How to start?
  - o How to work?
  - o How to prepare good scenario?
- Class scenario building
- Kolb’s cycle
- Exemplary scenarios of working with prisoners in EUROPE project.
  - o Worm up exercises for participants to get to know each other
  - o Common goals and work rules
  - o Substantive exercises
  - o Summary and evaluation
- Inspirations
- Prison newspaper as a form of education
- The danger of words – definitions of most used concepts in anti-racist work

## **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 98 youths (young offenders), including 43 participants from the cities of Poland, 28 participants from the cities of Hungary, 27 participants from the cities of Greece.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in correctional institutions in Poland (Warsaw, Mienia), Hungary (Tokol, Szirmabesenyő, Kecskemét) and Greece (Athens, Pireus) from 18/07/2016 to 20/02/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

As part of the E.U.R.O.P.E project, we conducted workshops for youngsters in Poland, Greece and Hungary. The key element of the project was cooperation with young people endangered with exclusion. The workshops were held in all three countries and included 98 young people. Classes were conducted by 28 people, volunteers and activists. During classes, the educators used active methods, engaging participants and allowing them to use their skills, knowledge, and experience. Classes tackled all three thematic areas of the project: the problem of exclusion and discrimination, human rights and knowledge on the European Union, and occupational qualifications on the labour market.

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See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2A4Kku4AHo>

## **Event 8**

**Participation:** The event involved 172 citizens, including 163 participants from the cities of Warszawa, Olsztyn, Kalisz, Radom, Zytkowice, Hajnowka (Poland) 3 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary), 5 participants from the city of Athens, Ioaninna (Greece), 1 participant from the city of Berlin (Germany).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Warsaw (Poland), from 13/03/2016 to 14/03/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was as follows.

International conference "Shaping the Future of Social Rehabilitation - the role of the Prison Service, NGO's and the world of science" . The conference was attended by representatives of the Polish and Greek Prison Service, representatives of the scientific community, presidents of foundations and associations, artists cooperating with the prison and delegation of the Partners from Poland, Greece and Hungary.

Following issues were discussed:

- Cooperation between the Prison Service, NGO's and the world of science
- Challenges of the Prison Service in Poland, Greece and Hungary
- Presentation of the partners, relevant info about their activities and contribution to the project
- Education programs, social campaigns, films as a part of effective social rehabilitation.

During the first day of the conference workshops were also carried out showing the methods implemented in the project:

- "Art-therapy in work with the sentenced" - AMAKA ngo
- "Board games in preparation for release" - Valto-sav Alapitvany
- "Working with prisoners and society by newspaper" - Young Journalists Association "POLIS"
- "Racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia. How to react?" - 'Never Again' Association.

Representatives of the Greek prison: Elena Agapitou - Director Ioannina Prison and Alexandros Lampropoulos - Head of security department Ioannina Prison, visited Prison in Warsaw and Siedlce. The visit was a summary of the conference, but also an opportunity to exchange experiences and to present good practices in the field of prisoner rehabilitation and penitentiary unit management. The meeting was an opportunity to exchange experiences and compare the Greek and Polish penitentiary systems.

See video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=P-XiZDynYL4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=P-XiZDynYL4)

Second day of conference "Resocialization through the Art in discussions and practice" took place in the premises of the historic Jabłkowski Brothers Department House, where participants were greeted by Maciej Sopyło from the Young Journalists Association "POLIS". Rescheduled presentations of artists and programs executed with convicts included:

The "Girl from the Castle" by Eliza Proszczuk, a painter, art book artist and works in public space is a moving story about three young women convicted of serious crimes and imprisoned in a closed prison ("castle") in Warsaw's Grochów district. In the depths of his soul he can be like princesses from a fabulous castle, waiting for his prince.

"Waiting Room" by Eliza Proszczuk, Kamila Szejnoch in cooperation with Paulina Tumiel is about a room where families of condemned women wait to see. The interior was cramped and depressing, so the idea came to change. The participants were embedded, which had the dimension of their gesture towards visitors to relatives and loved ones. Women showed initiative and their abilities. The pictures showed how the waiting room before and after the metamorphosis. The first one by Marcin Góralski is based on convict postcards for children, often sick and disabled. The second one by Monika Skierś is to work on self-esteem through Make professional photo shoots for women.

In the next part of the conference the theatre group "Fallen Angels Raised" from the Prison in Strzelce Opolskie with the performance "History Found in the Cell" appeared. Also presentations of artists, installation and video programs in Greece, the concert of the music group "Saint and Friends" were also met with great interest.

At the end of the meeting the participants watched the presentation of the Dreams of Dreams of the Forum Theater, which addressed the issue of prevention of domestic violence. The Forum Theater differs from the traditional one, giving spectators the opportunity to "add" the continuation of the action or change it through interventions during the performance. See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QANLjJKyyHU>

More info on:

[www.europe-project.eu](http://www.europe-project.eu)

Partners web sites:

Collegium Civitas (Poland): [www.civitas.edu.pl](http://www.civitas.edu.pl)

Slawek Foundation (Poland): [www.fundacjaslawek.org](http://www.fundacjaslawek.org)

Amaka (Greece): [www.amaka.gr](http://www.amaka.gr)

Valto-Sav Alapitvany (Hungary): [www.valtosav.hu](http://www.valtosav.hu)

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