

Name of the practice	<i>Techniques to develop critical thinking</i>
<p>Description</p>	<p>The aim of the training is to provide penitentiary staff with the tools to promote critical thinking among inmates, by carrying out individual and group activities.</p> <p>General information on the process of radicalisation (i.e. the role played by propaganda and manipulation) is also included.</p> <p>Training is delivered by external experts in the subject.</p> <p>Duration: 20 hours.</p> <p>Resources: a classroom with commonly used school equipment (PC, projector, etc.) and funding for the trainers.</p>
<p>Approach</p>	<p>Training for first line practitioners</p> <p>Prison and Probation</p> <p>The training employs cognitive psychology, education principles and logic principles.</p> <p>Lessons include case studies, group discussions and simulations.</p>
<p>Target audience</p>	<p>First responders or practitioners</p> <p>Health practitioners</p> <p>Rehabilitation staff (social educators, psychologists, social workers, instructors).</p>
<p>Deliverables</p>	<p>This is a face-to-face training course. The concrete outputs are to prepare prison staff for the task of promoting critical thinking among inmates.</p>
<p>Evidence and evaluation</p>	<p>The first sessions yielded very good results, but participation needs to be improved.</p> <p>Ongoing evaluation is carried out with each training session, via a questionnaire handed out to attendants and trainers following the activity.</p>
<p>Sustainability and transferability</p>	<p>The activity is easily sustained, and can be transferred to any country.</p>
<p>Geographical scope</p>	<p>Catalan Penitentiary System</p>
<p>Start of the practice</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</p>	<p>This practice was collected in collaboration with the European Penitentiary Training Academies (EPTA) and EuroPris.</p>

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