

<p><b>Name of the practice</b></p>	<p><b><i>The manifestation of extremism and radicalisation inside Czech prisons</i></b></p>
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>The manifestations of extremism and radicalisation inside Czech prisons is an educational course about extremism and radicalisation. The course is divided into three sections, over three days.</p> <p>The first day focuses on the manifestation of right-wing extremism, not only in society, but mainly in prison. Left-wing extremism is also addressed.</p> <p>The second day focuses on the practising of faith inside Czech prison facilities, and cooperation in relation to violent extremism and radicalisation with other European countries.</p> <p>The third day is focuses on the radicalisation process inside Czech prisons, identifying a radicalisation process inside prison, factors that help explain the radicalisation process, and recognising signs of radicalisation.</p> <p>The course includes case studies and practical examples (white power music, videos, photos of extremist tattoos etc.). A certificate of attendance is provided to participants.</p> <p>The course targets the prison staff, but it is expected to be rolled out to the probation and mediation service, as well as the police.</p> <p>The course is delivered by lecturers from the prison service, the police, the national centre against organised crime and the police academy. Elements of sociology, law and penology are used.</p> <p>This course is the first specific educational programme for prison staff in this area.</p> <p>Lecturers are uniformed staff, civil employees – educators, pedagogues, psychologists, middle management, high management – directors of prisons, employees from the general directorate of prison service.</p>
<p><b>Approach</b></p>	<p>Prison and Probation</p> <p>Training for first line practitioners</p>
<p><b>Target audience</b></p>	<p>Prison/probation/judicial practitioners</p> <p>First responders or practitioners</p> <p>Authorities</p>
<p><b>Deliverables</b></p>	<p>The training is face-to-face. The main task is to increase knowledge of extremism, and to prepare participants for using the analysis tool for monitoring extremism and radicalisation processes in Czech prisons. A staff handbook about extremism and its symbols is currently under development.</p>

<b>Evidence and evaluation</b>	<p>Attendees are more able to identify incidences of violent extremism in prisons, they are more sensitive to the first signs of a radicalisation process, and they now know who the contact persons are if they have concerns about inmates etc.</p> <p>A challenge has been attention spans as the educational blocks are relatively long. Certain topics have to be explained in depth as many participants have no prior knowledge.</p> <p>The course has an evaluation component that includes a questionnaire. The questionnaire is focused not only on the evaluation of the course itself, but also the lecturers and the course material. The course is evaluated internally after each session (as of June 2017 it had been evaluated seven times).</p> <p>The most important findings are the demand for further increasing knowledge about extremism and radicalisation, and the importance of highlighting experiences from other countries. The need for a handbook as an analytical tool for use inside prisons has also become clear.</p>
<b>Sustainability and transferability</b>	<p>Only limited financial resources are required to run the course. The main costs are accommodation for participants, subsistence and travel between Prague and the various prisons. The course requires a projector, microphone, speakers, a PC, and course material.</p> <p>A contract has been signed with lecturers for delivering the courses.</p> <p>The course could potentially be transferred and adapted to other contexts.</p>
<b>Geographical scope</b>	<p>Czech Republic</p>
<b>Start of the practice</b>	<p>The course could potentially be transferred and adapted to other contexts.</p>
<b>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</b>	<p>This practice was collected in collaboration with EPTA and EuroPris.</p>
<b>Relation to other EC initiatives</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<p>The Police academy of the Czech Republic in Prague in cooperation with Prison Service of the Czech Republic.</p>
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