

<p>Name of the practice</p>	<p><i>Training courses on violent radicalisation and proselytism in prison</i></p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>The key objectives of the training are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) provide an overview of Islamic culture through lectures by both university professors / experts and cultural mediators; 2) increase awareness of violent extremism and the proselytism signals that can be detected early within prisons using specific indicators / tools; 3) further the use of cultural mediators inside prisons; 4) encourage information-sharing among different professionals (penitentiary police, educators, social workers, etc.) working in different prisons on how to deal with radicalisation so as to identify the best approaches and practices; this is done using case studies during working group activities. <p>The speakers were selected on account of their knowledge and specific experience. An agreement between the Penitentiary Administration and the Board of Italian Universities on tackling radicalisation has also been signed recently, promoting common actions to tackle the phenomenon.</p> <p>The training is focused mainly on the early detection of radicalisation and proselytism dynamics inside prisons. It covers how to recognise relevant signs and improve the information sharing network, also involving cultural mediators.</p> <p>The present training has been planned in line with the Guidelines of the Council of Europe on radicalisation and violent extremism; it follows two similar courses, the first held in 2010 and the second in 2012-13. Both focused on international terrorism and drug trafficking.</p>
<p>Approach</p>	<p>Prison and Probation</p> <p>Training for first line practitioners</p>
<p>Target audience</p>	<p>Prison/probation/judicial practitioners</p> <p>Educators / academics</p> <p>Health practitioners</p>
<p>Deliverables</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frontal lessons 2. Vision of topic related videos and following discussion 3. Case study (working group)
<p>Evidence and evaluation</p>	<p>During the working group activities, the participants showed commitment to cooperation; they shared good practices they had experienced and drafted common operational models.</p> <p>In some cases, classes were not well balanced, as the number of penitentiary police staff was too high compared with the number of other professionals. For future editions it will be ensured in advance that at least 30 % of those present are non-police staff.</p>

	<p>Each trainee received two questionnaires (one at the beginning of the course and one at the end) to evaluate the course itself, in accordance with expectations and real staff needs. The head of each training course also filed a report evaluating the whole activity.</p> <p>Since the training is still running, it is not yet possible to assess its impact on the day-to-day work of prison staff.</p>
Sustainability and transferability	<p>This training is tailored to needs specific to prison and probation, so would need to be adapted for other contexts.</p> <p>This training is funded by the Ministry of Justice and has been scheduled for the whole year; there is also an EU-funded project on the same topic (RASMORAD - funded under the Justice Programme), with dedicated training for P&P staff.</p>
Geographical scope	<p>This training has been delivered in the seven Prison Training Academies of the Italian Penitentiary Administration. These are responsible for training prison staff located around the country. So far, about 2 700 prison staff of different profiles have received the training.</p>
Start of the practice	<p>This training started in September 2015 and is ongoing</p>
Presented and discussed in RAN meeting	<p>This practice was collected in collaboration with EPTA and EuroPris.</p>
Relation to other EC initiatives	
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