

Membership

Penitentiary staff Training Academies in the Council of Europe region can become a member of EPTA. Membership of EPTA is free of charge. Training Academies that are interested to join EPTA can participate at the annual conference as observer. In order to become a member, a membership application form needs to be signed in which the member commits to participating in an open sharing of knowledge.

EPTA Members

Andorra	France	Norway
Armenia	Georgia	Poland
Austria	Germany (Bavaria)	Portugal
Belgium	Ireland	Romania
Catalonia	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Spain
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Sweden
Denmark	Moldova	Switzerland
Estonia	Netherlands	Turkey
Finland	Northern Ireland	Ukraine (SPS)
		Ukraine (Bila Tserkva)

The European Penitentiary Training Academies Network – your network partner for correctional staff training and development.



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EPTA network's new website was launched in 2020. The website is created for training academies to share training methodologies, compare training academies and exchange information using the Knowledge Management System tool (KMS). Training academies are welcome to contribute and upload training materials to develop a shared collection of resources.

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About

The European Penitentiary Training Academies Network (EPTA) was founded in 2010 by heads of European Penitentiary Staff Training Academies to provide for a structure that supports sharing of training methodologies and contents across Europe.

EPTA aims at developing a cooperation that enhances initial and continuous training of correctional staff and at contributing to boost awareness of the correctional staff's work in prison and probation settings. From the 11 founding members in 2010, the network extended to 31 members from all regions of Europe today.

EPTA meets once a year in one of the partner countries for two days to discuss the latest developments in the sector. In the periods between the meetings the members enter into bilateral sharing of information and mutual visits to facilitate direct exchanges.

EPTA Objectives



Promoting the exchange of knowledge, contents, programs and good practices



Facilitating a European exchange of staff training professionals



Building a sustainable network of Penitentiary Training Academies

Areas of Cooperation

Identification of common competences and knowledge

Sharing and development of staff training contents according to standards set by Council of Europe recommendations

Sharing knowledge in relation to trainer profiles and training of trainers

Sharing and development of innovative training methodologies

Sharing methodologies for training evaluation and measuring impact

EPTA President

The EPTA network is headed by a President. The Presidency is rotating annually and lasts for one calendar year. Every EPTA member can apply for Presidency of the annual conference.

EPTA Secretariat

For providing stability and continuity the Secretariat of EPTA is managed by the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris).



EPTA Project

On behalf of EPTA, the Netherlands Helsinki Committee applied in conjunction with National Training Academies from Sweden, France, Ireland, Poland and Romania, for an EU funded project. The intention of the project is to create a sustainable, professional and active EPTA network, which is able to tackle gaps in cross-border cooperation by stimulating participation and exchanges within the wider network. This, in turn, will allow existing and future European members to collectively benefit from the results. The project started in 2018 and will be finalized in 2021.

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Annual Conference

The EPTA President is responsible for the organisation of the two-day Annual conference in their jurisdiction. The contents of the conference are defined by the President in consideration with the EPTA Steering Committee and the EPTA members.