



REVISION OF THE STATUTES

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Steering Committee / C. Le Bossé

The network

- Initiated in **2008**
- formally founded in **2010** (protocol signed in Toledo, Spain) with 10 founding members
- 32 member institutions in 2020
- **10 themed annual conferences** (leadership, reoffending, radicalisation, violence, disabled & aging inmates, female inmates, security, e-learning, management, dynamic security, motivation...)
- **2018** : 1st European project
- **2021** : 2nd European project



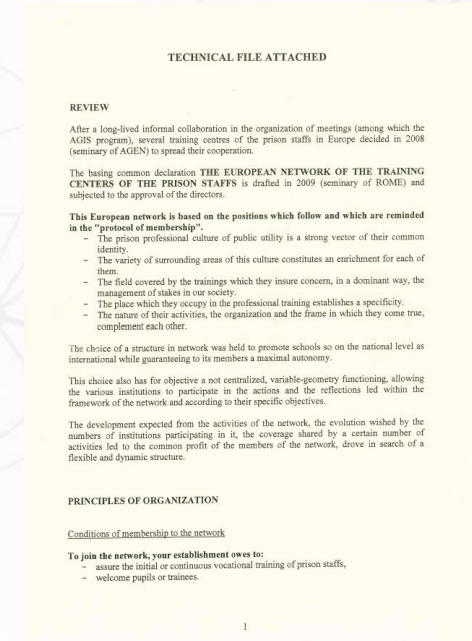
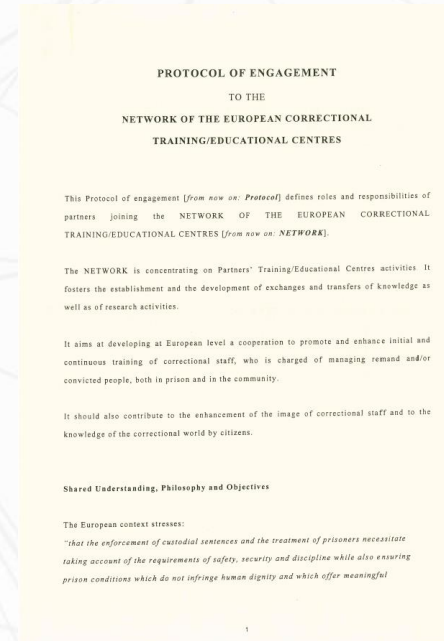
What are the existing statutes ?

The “protocol of engagement”

- Target audience, objectives & philosophy of the network
- Fields and methodology of cooperation
- Expectations and commitments for the members

And its “technical file”

- conditions of membership and responsibilities
- Organisation and bodies of the network



Why do we need new ones ?

- Ensuring the **sustainability** of the network without external funding
- Clarifying its **organisation** in accordance with the internal debates and commitments taken
- Reaffirming the **values** of the network



How did the steering committee work on the revisions ?

- Opportunity given by the project
- Mandate of the Steering Committee comprising the partners of the current European project
 - the Netherlands Helsinki Committee (**NHC**),
 - European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (**EuroPris**),
 - General Directorate of the Corps of Prison and Court Guard (**Slovakia**)
 - the **Irish** Prison Service College,
 - the National Correctional Officers' Training School (**Romania**),
 - The Prison and Probation Service Training and Education (**Sweden**),
 - The National Correctional Administration Academy (**France**)
- Numerous online video meetings each month since March
- Work from
 - the feedback from previous debates during the past annual conferences
 - The major obstacles for the network to thrive



COMPARE



SHAPE



DEVELOP



What are the main changes ?

- Reaffirms its commitment to the Conventions and Recommendations of the Council of Europe
- Encourages cooperation activities beyond the annual conference
- Clarifies the duties of the rotating president
- Commits to the 2016 agreement with EuroPris acting as permanent secretariat
- Sets the Steering Committee's organisation (past the projects)
- Facilitates the nomination of a president through a funding option for the conference
- Easy contact : one website, one email address
- A process for application and certification



The new documents submitted to your vote

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION



**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
EUROPEAN PENITENTIARY TRAINING ACADEMIES NETWORK**
(Replacing the 2010 'Protocol of Engagement')

CHAPTER I - Mission

EPTA is a public professional organization of European interest, with no legal personality that was established in 2010.

The mission of the network is to enable cooperation between the European penitentiary staff training institutions with the purpose of raising the quality of penitentiary staff training of the member countries to a level that provides for a high level of professionalism of penitentiary staff.

The EPTA network commits to, supports and promotes the Council of Europe guidelines regarding recruitment, selection, education, training and professional development of prison and probation staff, adopted on April 25th 2019, the European Prison Rules and its other Conventions and Recommendations related to prisons and community sanctions and measures.

The EPTA network's mission is 'Excellence by cooperation'.

CHAPTER II - Objectives

- To promote exchanges of knowledge, training contents, programmes and good practices;
- To facilitate communication between members and among different network partners;
- To develop common strategies regarding penitentiary staff training curricula and methodologies;
- To issue recommendations for improving the quality of penitentiary staff training;
- To promote and improve the image of the penitentiary staff;
- To promote the principles governing the protection of human rights, focusing particularly on eliminating any kind of discrimination in penitentiaries;
- To promote cross-border mobilization of penitentiary staff;
- To encourage inter-disciplinary approaches and develop research cooperation.

CHAPTER III - Organization

The EPTA network comprises of its members and is headed by an annually rotating presidency and a steering committee. EuroPris functions as the permanent secretariat.

The fields of cooperation within EPTA are:

- Ethics and rules of conduct;
- Training curricula development;
- Selection and training of trainers/trainers/teachers;
- Training assessment;
- Scientific models of reference.

In order to meet the objectives established in these Articles, the EPTA network will engage in the following:

- Hold an Annual conference of the network, organized by the President;

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Annex 1

No. _____ / DD.MM.YYYY

APPROVED,
with the consent of the majority of the EPTA members,
in accordance with the provisions of Art. 16 and Art.18 of the
Cooperation framework agreement

(Rank, Name and SURNAME of the EPTA President)

(year) EPTA President

(signature)

stamp

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
to join
EUROPEAN PENITENTIARY TRAINING ACADEMIES NETWORK**

(name of the training academy that requests to join EPTA network)

under the administration of _____
(name of the national administration)

from _____
(name of the country)

Located at _____
(full address of the institution)

Represented by _____
(Rank, Name and SURNAME of the director) *(position)*

Kindly request that our institution is granted the possibility to join the European Penitentiary Training Academies Network (EPTA), starting the year _____.

After the approval of the membership request form, we agree to sign the Membership agreement as stipulated in the EPTA Regulations and to observe its provisions.

(rank, name and SURNAME of the director)

(position)

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CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP



"EXCELLENCE BY COOPERATION"

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that

Institution Name

From

Country

Is since

Year

Date:
20.01.2020

President's Name
Name of Institution
Country



LET'S VOTE!

One vote per confirmed member