

# REVISION OF THE STATUTES

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# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> European project

• **2021**: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### PROTOCOL OF ENGAGEMENT

#### TO THE

#### NETWORK OF THE EUROPEAN CORRECTIONAL TRAINING/EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

This Protocol of engagement [from now on: Protocol] defines roles and responsibilities or pattners joining the NETWORK OF THE EUROPEAN CORRECTIONAL TRAINING/EDUCATIONAL CENTRES [from now on: NETWORK].

The NETWORK is concentrating on Partners' Training/Educational Centres activities. It fosters the establishment and the development of exchanges and transfers of knowledge as well as of research activities.

It aims at developing at European level a cooperation to promote and enhance initial and continuous training of correctional staff, who is charged of managing remand and/or convicted scools both in prison and in the community.

It should also contribute to the enhancement of the image of correctional staff and to the

#### Shared Understanding, Philosophy and Objectiv

#### The European context stresses:

"that the enforcement of custodial sentences and the treatment of prisoners necessitate taking account of the requirements of safety, security and discipline while also ensuring prison conditions which do not infringe human dignity and which offer meaningful

#### REVIE

After a long-lived informal collaboration in the organization of meetings (among which the AGIS program), several training centres of the prison staffs in Europe decided in 2008 (seminary of AGEN) to spread their cooperation.

TECHNICAL FILE ATTACHED

The basing common declaration THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF THE TRAINING CENTERS OF THE PRISON STAFFS is drafted in 2009 (seminary of ROME) an subjected to the approval of the directors.

#### This European network is based on the positions which follow and which are reminded in the "protocol of membership".

- The prison professional culture of public utility is a strong vector of their common identity.
- The variety of surrounding areas of this culture constitutes an enrichment for eac
- The field covered by the trainings which they insure concern, in a dominant way, management of stakes in our society.
- The place which they occupy in the professional training establishes a specificity.

  The nature of their activities, the organization and the frame in which they come true

The choice of a structure in network was held to promote schools so on the national level as international while guaranteeing to its members a maximal autonomy.

This choice also has for objective a not centralized, variable-geometry functioning, allowing the various institutions to participate in the actions and the reflections led within the framework of the network and according to their specific objectives.

The development expected from the activities of the network, the evolution wished by the numbers of institutions participating in it, the coverage shared by a certain number of activities led to the common profit of the members of the network, drove in search of a flexible and dynamic structure.

#### PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION

#### Conditions of membership to the network

#### To join the network, your establishment owes to:

welcome pupils or trainees.



# 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







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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

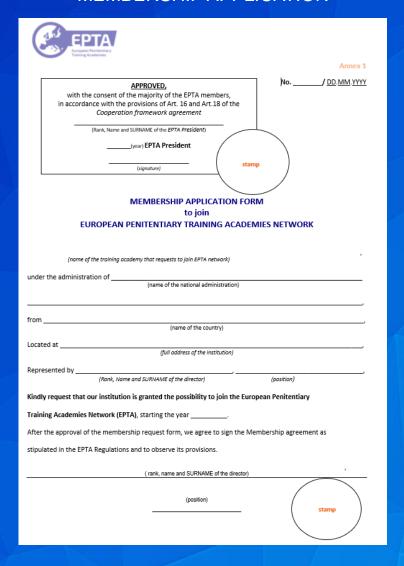
The fields of cooperation within EPTA are:

- · Ethics and rules of conduct;
- Training curricula development;
- Selection and training of trainers/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;

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## **CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP**



