

# SIG1: Leadership & Management Training

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## **Defining the Target Audience**

#### Who are prison leaders

"The cohort of **senior prison managers** who are responsible for the strategic administration and operation of the prison.

In particular, the project is aimed at prison governors/directors and their deputies in the senior management team.

However it is also hoped that this training could be delivered to staff who have been identified as **potential future leaders** of their organisation."



## **Outputs and current status**

#### Output 1 Comparison and good practices on leadership & management training

Drafted and approval is expected by the SC

#### Output 2 Minimum standards in EU on leadership & management training

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#### Output 3 Handbook for development of leadership & management training

Work in progress



#### Methodology

- 1. Study of documents
- 2. Presentation of our leadership trainings
- 3. Output of the EPTA Conference 2017 in Switzerland about Leadership and management training (insights of the existing trainings in Europe as basis for this project)
- 4. Request for updating the data sent to all EPTA members
- 5. Discussions,
- 6. Division of work for the writing of the minimum standards and the handbook



Comparison of Leadership & Management training in 9 European countries:

- Croatia
- Finland
- France
- Ireland
- The Netherlands

- Norway
- Slovakia
- Sweden
- Switzerland



Structure employed for the presentation of the available data:

- Target group
- Contents
- Methodology
- Duration
- Frequency
- Accreditation
- Innovation



#### Findings and learnings from Comparison and Good practices

- Design and implementation of training system
- Accredited training and collaboration with Academy
- Selection of target group
- Integrated programs including both management and leadership training
- Selection of methodology and content
- Implementation by a pilot program
- Potential program



## Minimum standards



#### **Organizational**

- Core induction
- Needs analyses
- Structure and planning
- Competency based training
- Quality of trainers
- Training evaluation
- Interagency training

#### Minimum standards

#### **Training content**

- Understanding Leadership
- Human Rights focus
- Understanding the (political) context and role of the public servant
- Professional Ethics and Values
- Strategic Staffing
- Staff Development
- Equality & Diversity (Staff & Prisoners)





## Minimum standards

## There is no Gold standard



### Handbook

#### Work in progress...

- Managing the project
- Accreditation and structure
- Conducting a Needs Analysis
- Programme content
- Considering methodologies
- Program design
- Quality assurance and evaluation







# THANK YOU!

**Questions?** 

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