



# **EPTA Annual Conference “Lessons Learned” Estonia, Tallinn**



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# Future of EPTA

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# **Future of EPTA**

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## **A sustainable EPTA network**

**26-27 September 2023, Tallinn, Estonia**  
EPTA Steering Committee

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# EPTA History

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- Meetings of **Heads of European Penitentiary Staff Training Academies**
- **2008** in France: Decision about **European network of Penitentiary Training Academies**
- **2009** in Italy: Draft of **joint declaration and accession protocol**
- **2010** in Spain: **Signed declaration and protocol of engagement** by 11 members (*Andorra, Belgium, Catalonia, Croatia, France, Italy, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland*) to provide a structure that supports the sharing of effective training methodologies and contents across Europe
- **2016: EuroPris** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to support the network

# EPTA History

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- **2018: EPTA, Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC) and EuroPris**, devised a project idea with the intention of creating a sustainable, professional and active EPTA network by stimulating participation & exchanges within the wider network → **Funded by the EU**
- **2018-2021: EPTA I Project** “Tackling Gaps in Cross-Border Cooperation for Penitentiary Training Academies”
- **2021-2023: EPTA II Project** “Innovating Together: Connecting European Penitentiary Training Academies”
- These projects have provided substantial funds to enable the growth of the Network, e.g. Development of the EPTA website, fully funded Annual Conferences, fully funded cross-border training events, publication of training manuals.

# What Next for EPTA?

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- Current membership stands at 36 members
- No further project
- No funding source to continue coordinated activities
- How do we continue to grow in terms of co-operation among members and of result?
- What are the options?

# Option I - Return to Pre-Project Status

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- Current structure remains, i.e. Steering Committee, Presidency etc.
- EPTA stays as an independent organisation
- EuroPris stays as the secretariat of EPTA in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding from 2016
- Same status as before the projects, no funding
- EuroPris keeps one seat on the EPTA steering committee

# Option I - Not an Option

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- Current structure remains, i.e. Steering Committee, Presidency etc. – **current membership has outgrown the current structure – not fit for purpose**
- EPTA stays as an independent organisation – **No legal status**
- EuroPris stays as the secretariat of EPTA in accordance with memorandum – **EuroPris discontinues support, EPTA stagnates**
- Same status as before the projects – **no funding means no activities. Progress achieved through previous projects would be lost**
- EuroPris keeps one seat on the EPTA steering committee – **Why?**

# No legal status – what does it mean?

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- No legal person (no registration)
- No bank account to collect membership or registration fees
- No point of contact
- No employer status
- No staff resources dedicated to EPTA

# EuroPris discontinues support – what does it mean?

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- No secretariat - lack of communication amongst members
- No contact point
- No website
- No support for the EPTA President

# EPTA Survey

11. In the Articles of Association, it is stated that "*Without external funding, the host institution may request a participation fee to be paid prior to the conference through a procedure defined by the host institution. The participants would need to cover their own expenses for travel and overnight accommodation. The host country registration fee would be based on expenses for meeting rooms, catering and printing materials.*" Which of the following options regarding the financial sustainability of the network would you feel most appropriate?

## More Details

- Paying a registration fee for eac... 7
- Paying an annual membership f... 6
- Paying an annual membership f... 4
- EPTA coordinated by another or... 14
- Other 3





# Option II

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Clear preference of those who responded is for the option that EPTA to be co-ordinated by another organisation.

# EPTA Steering Committee Recommendation

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- Steering Committee advance the option of co-ordination by another organisation
- Preferred partner is EuroPris

# EPTA Steering Committee Recommendation

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- Fusion with EuroPris as a prison staff training network
- EPTA part of EuroPris budget and long-term funding schemes
- EPTA promoted internationally on the European arena
- EPTA included in EuroPris' wider network, activities and communications
- EuroPris includes EPTA in its cooperation with the European commission and Council of Europe

# What is EuroPris?

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- Founded in 2011
- Member organisation
- 35 member jurisdictions
- 300 000 practitioners
- Promoting professional prison practice
- [www.europris.org](http://www.europris.org)



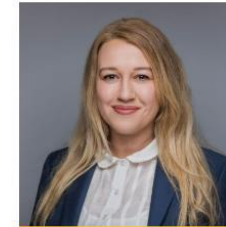
# What is EuroPris?

- Secretariat
- Office in The Hague, Netherlands
- Membership fees
- Operating grant



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# What is EuroPris?

- Board of Directors
- Management Board
- Ireland, Norway, Romania, England/Wales, France, Germany and Estonia



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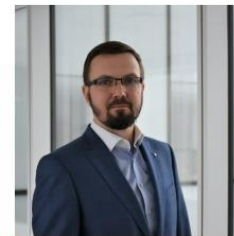


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# Fusion with EuroPris

## What does it mean?

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- What will be the vision of the new EPTA? – shared vision
- Will there be any EPTA statutes? – no
- Will there be a steering committee? – yes, in the form of an expert group
- “EPTA”? – name and logo will be kept intact
- What happens to the website? – it will be integrated in the EuroPris website
- Will there be a fee for membership – no, EuroPris budget and grants
- What happens to the Annual Conference? – it continues, broad activity program
- Do we have to become member of EuroPris? – no



# THANK YOU!

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**EPTA Steering Committee**

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**Coffee break 11:15-11:30**

**Workshops 11:30-13:00**

**Group1** – Inservice Training

**Group2** – Future Skills

**Lunch break 13:00-14:00**

**Workshops 14:00-15:30**

**Group1** - Learning and Teaching Tools

**Group2** - Educational Environment

**Coffe break 15:30-15:45**

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# Final plenary from the workshops

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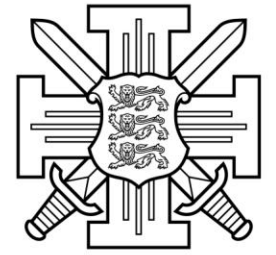




# Closing ceremony

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Thank you!

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