



# Criminal Justice Crossover Training

EPTAII Project:  
Innovating Together: Connecting European Penitentiary Training Academies

**Date:** 7-8 March 2024

**Training venue:** Nutshuis, The Hague, The Netherlands

**Accommodation:** Ibis The Hague City Centre

**Working language:** English

## Introduction

There is a growing recognition in Europe that in order for criminal justice systems to effectively foster restoration, rehabilitation and reintegration for its citizens, the different components of the system need to work together. Despite this growing recognition, however, countries across Europe are facing various challenges in effectively facilitating and sustaining this cooperation – both in training their practitioners as well as in day-to-day professional practice.

The Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC), in cooperation with EuroPris, the EPTA Network, the Confederation of European Probation (CEP) and the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ), is organizing a **Criminal Justice Crossover Training** for professionals from the prison probation and restorative justice fields. The aim of the training is to explore how cooperation between these three fields can be facilitated and strengthened already during the training stage of criminal justice professionals' careers.

During the training, participants from all three sectors are invited to exchange knowledge and expertise on the following main questions:

1. *What are current themes and challenges that require (increased) bilateral or trilateral collaboration? And (how) could joint training programmes contribute to this cooperation?*
2. *What are vital skills across sectors? What do the professions have in common and would joint training programmes make sense in strengthening these skills?*
3. *What can we learn from each other in terms of training methodologies?*
4. *How can shared trainings increase the professional mobility between the three sectors, and the interoperability between these sectors?*

Participants in the training will be expected to actively participate in workshops and group discussions. In addition, participants will be invited to think about possible pathways for development for their own organization and broader criminal justice system back home.

## Preliminary agenda

### Wednesday 6 March

Arrival of participants in the Hague

Check-in Ibis Hotel

### Thursday 7 March

09:00 Walk-in & registration

09:30 Opening

- *NHC*

09:45 Presentations by the three networks

- *EuroPris / EPTA*
- *CEP*
- *EFRJ*

10:15 Introduction participants

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 European perspective

- *Country presentations and group discussion*

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Identifying shared challenges

- *Work session*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 *Methodologies workshop*

17:00 Closure

### Friday 8 March

09:30 Welcome and recap first training day

10:00 Transferrable skills workshop

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Continuation workshop

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Synthesizing lessons learned

- *Developing action plans*

14:30 Coffee break

15:00 Evaluation

15:30 Closing statements

16:00 End of the training

### Saturday 9 March

Departure of participants



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