

Exit Emergency.

Identifying models of good practice for the resettlement of ex-offenders in Italy, Greece, UK, Germany, Hungary and Belgium.

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What is Exit Emergency?

Emergency Exit is a Grundtvig learning partnership project involving three European, not-for-profit organizations from Italy, Greece and UK to share good practice in the resettlement of ex-prisoners.

The partnership analyzes and compares the different resettlement activities dealing with re-integration in order to highlight elements of good practice with the intention to produce guidelines and recommendations that can be applied to organizations focused on prisoners across Europe.

Start: August 2010 – Closure: July 2012.

The partners

Fondazione Casa di Carità Arti e Mestieri (Coordinator) – Italy

Based in Piedmont, Italy, and is a national vocational training agency, with over 30 year's experience in the penitentiary sector. Its head office is in Turin and they employ 300 staff and 500 freelances.

Epanodos – Greece

Provides services on release to offenders. The organisation was founded in 2007 to facilitate the reintegration of offenders through vocational training, support finding employment and access to accommodation. Epanodos also offers individual socio-psychological and legal support.

St. Giles Trust – United Kingdom

is a London-based charity that with nearly 50 year's experience of working with socially excluded people. They provide practical support around housing, training and employment. Over the last decade, they have evolved to become a key British organisation working with offenders.

The project aims

The key focus of our work is the successful resettlement of offenders back into their communities and the reduction of re-offending, thereby creating safer societies and supporting more positive and productive life choices for our clients.

AIMS:

- ✓ To compare and analyze experiences, practices and methodologies which support prisoners close to release.
- ✓ To develop guidelines of good practice and propose recommendations for the successful resettlement of prisoners after the release from prison
- ✓ To disseminate at a local level the theme of the reintegration into society of ex-prisoners in relation to what learnt from the activities and communication with the European partners.

The project outcomes

THE REPORT RESEARCH is the product of 2 years collaborative work between partners highlighting the very different, but no less effective ways, in which our 3 organisations work, each has its own unique approach and focus.

It is composed by:

- Analysis and comparison made up of 6 models of resettlement activities (and their legislative framework) from Italy, Greece, UK and three external partnership organisations, Germany, Belgium and Hungarian ;
- Elaboration of common guidelines and recommendations for good resettlement practice.

The report is available on the various partner's website.

The report research

What services are analyzed?

ITALY - CASA DI CARITA':

- 1) Service for offenders near to release in the Prison of Turin
- 2) Transition to work projects, linked to vocational training courses in the prison of Verbania, Saluzzo, Fossano

ST GILES TRUST

- 1) Through the Gates
- 2) Peer Advisor Programme

EPANODOS:

- 1) Services to offenders following release
- 2) The supervising process for staff involved in resettlement programs

The report research

What services are analyzed?

GERMANY:

- 1) TRANSITION MANAGEment, to substain the passage from inside to outside the prison (in particular for young prisoners)

HUNGARY

- 2) the value of restorative justice in the rehabilitation process.

BELGIUM:

- 3) Probation and services to offenders following release

Best practice

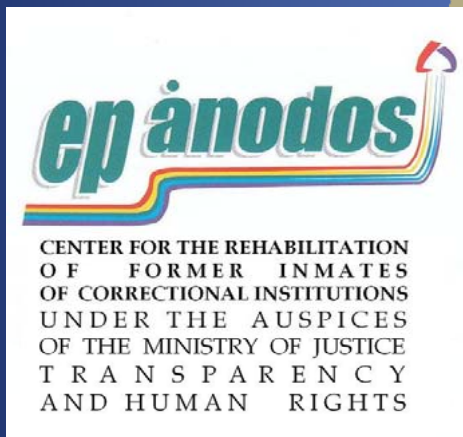
What are the keys to resettlement?

- 1) Involvement of ex-prisoners and prisoners to deliver services for other prisoners.
- 2) importance of intensive support to prisoners on release to bridge the gap between prison and the community
- 3) increase employability and a more successful integration into the community on release through social enterprises working inside prison.
- 4) Value of restorative justice in the rehabilitation process
- 5) Importance of multi-agency work and model to deliver multi-disciplinary case meetings and case management.
- 6) Support the staff involved in the resettlement activities through supervision processes.

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