

Programme Area 32

Correctional services including non-custodial measures

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Factsheet of the programme

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- **Amount:**
7 million euro grant
- **What are we financing?**
 - ✓ Improvement of material conditions of detention in the Bulgarian penitentiary institutions;
 - ✓ Expanding the scope of alternative measures by introducing electronic monitoring;
 - ✓ Increased prison staff competence, practical skills and knowledge
 - ✓ More effective reintegration of sentenced persons;
 - ✓ Activities targeting vulnerable groups` specific needs aimed at reintegration through building skills and improving capacity.
- **Who can apply ?**

Under a small grant scheme the eligible beneficiaries will be NGOs, training institutes, leading experts.

All projects financed by the Program will be implemented in partnership with the Council of Europe, using the expertise of Bulgarian and international NGOs, international organizations, academics and leading experts.
- **Our ambitions**

To improve the penitentiary system in Bulgaria in compliance with the relevant international human rights instruments.

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- **Why does it matter to you?**
 - ✓ Increased public confidence in the institution and ensured rule of law and respect for human rights in terms of imprisonment.
 - ✓ Better work environment and increased capacity of prison staff.
 - ✓ Effective cooperation with the magistrates and improved communication.
 - ✓ An example of international partnership combining European value with national and organizational priorities.

Aims and next steps

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- **What are our goals and how are we going to achieve them?**
 - ✓ Meticulous planned infrastructure activities;
 - ✓ Providing the necessary changes in legislation;
 - ✓ Studying and introducing modern EU practices and models;
 - ✓ Well targeted training.
- **When will it be possible? /Deadlines, schedule/**

Immediate start of the work after official approval of the Programme
- **What's next or how do we proceed from here on?**
 - ✓ Contracting the predefined Project Promoters;
 - ✓ Induction of the predefined Project Promoters teams;
 - ✓ Providing guidance for the Project Management.

Bilateral relations and specific concerns



- **The bilateral dimension**

Program shall encourage and facilitate networking and transfer of knowledge, experience and good practices between public entities in Norway and Bulgaria. The predefined project promoters' intention is to seek support from Norwegian partners mainly in respect of training, study visits and expertise.

- **Our partners**

The Council of Europe, CoE – member states, relevant institutions in Norway

- **Securing the specific concerns**

Small grant scheme focused on development of specialized rehabilitation programs for adequate treatment of specific target groups (vulnerable) in line with the established European practices.

Last but not least



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