



Lifelong  
Learning  
Programme

# Finding Education for Female Inmates

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WP3: Experimentation of new procedures

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**Measures, evaluation of their  
measure, feedback**



## General changes referring to all detainees

- Increased the number of visits from six to ten per month.
- Change of persons who were allowed to visit an inmate, increased from 15 to 20.
- Released telephone calls (09:00 - 18:00 and at weekends from 09:00 – 15:00).
- Communication via Skype.
- Board games.

# Short term plans

- Group activities (male and female) theater and cooking.
- Celebrate the Mother's Day.
- Cooperation with Cyprus University who offer to female inmates the following programs (illiteracy, preparation of a CV and job interview conduct).
- Meeting and discussion about the results of the questionnaires.





## Group activities (male and female) theater and cooking.

- We have created 2 different mix groups for male and female inmates
- Cooking group meets every month from March until June 2015. This team prepared traditional sweets for all detainees under the guidance of prison guard. They managed to create traditional sweets for 550 detainees. At this group, five female inmates are participating.
- Four female inmates cooperate in the theatre group for the first time. The group is under the guidance of professional actor who is responsible for all the procedures. The group meets twice a week. The theatre group will take part in the amateur theatre festival which will be held in October in Cyprus.



# Education activities and other Event

- We have meeting twice with the female inmates and we discuss the result for the questionnaires and the procedures that the administration has done.
- We created the lesson “social debates and interaction” and “illiteracy” , every week; professors from Universities visit the female unit and have coordination discussions is various subjects (cultural, social ect). This experimentation started in April and will be finished in June.
- For the first time in prison we celebrate the mother’s day, female inmates who have children under the age of 18 years old were allowed to have a visit from them. The visits took place in the theatre of the prison and with their children, the inmates spent the whole day. During that day we offered them sweets and snacks.





# Long Term Plan – Female Inmates

- Design a sentence plan for female inmates whose prison sentence is more than 2 years.
- Distance learning studies.
- Cyprus Sports Organization- we created a questionnaire on sport interest of female inmates.
- Increase of the Social Workers' and Psychologists' interventions.



# Long Term Plan – Female Inmates

- The administration started to design a sentence plan for female inmates who have prison sentence for more than 2 years. At the beginning the inmates have interview and after one month the administration meet the inmate and have discussion with her about what she wants to do during her sentence (work, education ect).
- One female inmate start distance learning with the cooperation of University of Cyprus.
- We increased the social works and psychologist with the cooperation of Human Resource Development Authority we employed 2 social workers and 2 psychologists for a period of six months. These professionals will help us to implement more programs for female inmates.
- With the cooperation of Cyprus Sports Organization we created a questionnaire on sport interests of female inmates. The Organization collected the questioners and will offer special sports programs to the inmates.





# Short Term Plan – Staff Members

- Attended workshop and seminars on how to motivate the inmates
- Education and training of staff abroad
- We have cooperation with Universities and other organizations; staff members have the opportunity for distance learning, follow workshops and seminars on how to motivate the inmates.
- Also we have Cooperation with various organizations for the social interaction of the female inmates.





# Problems that we face

- Changes of the procedures (new forms, new orders, etc.).
- Changes in the number of female detainees.
- Some female inmates started the experimentation and after stopped to follow the procedures.
- To organize in female unit vocational work for employment with qualifications.
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security.



## Other actions

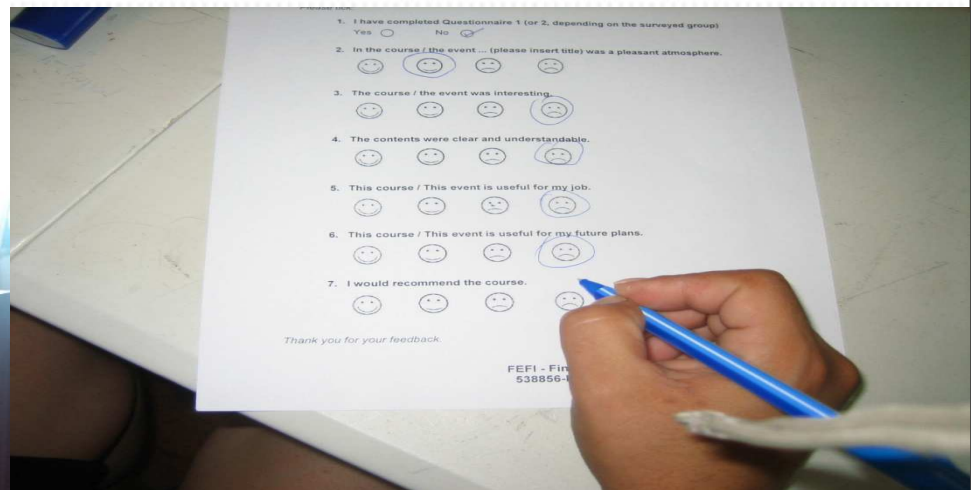
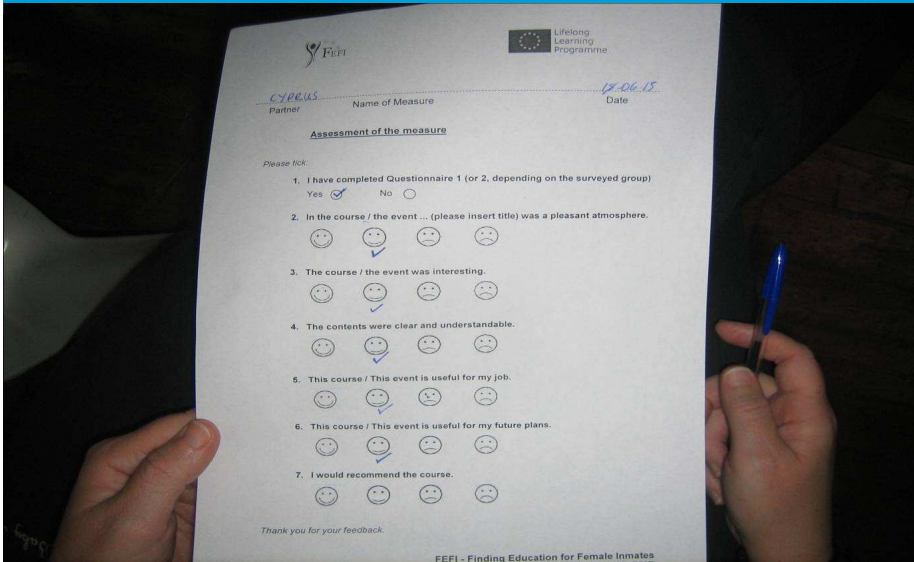
- Summer school.
- Opportunity to attend examinations during their sentence (E.C.D.L., IGCSE).
- Music concert.
- Workshop with prison guards.















# Thank you for your attention

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