

Final Report

The Final Conference of FEFI project took place at the Synedriako Center Filoxenia in Nicosia, Cyprus. The specific Center hosted conferences and meetings during the 2012 when Cyprus had the Presidency of EU. The place has all the facilities for this type of conferences. The conference room “Jean Monnet” can host 150 people where the Final Conference of Finding Education for Female Inmates took place.

The Cyprus Prison Department prepared for all participants bags, pens, folders, note bags, fliers and rulers with the FEFI, European Union and Cyprus Prison Department logos. Also we managed on time to prepare the brochure for the program (part 1).

According to the program from 09:00 until 09:30 were the registrations for all the participants (part 2). At the conference around 80 - 85 people participated from different sectors and departments and Universities. Also the Director of Cyprus Prison Department gave the permission to six female inmates to attend.

At the beginning, representative from the Cyprus Prison Department Mrs. Erika Irodou welcomed the guests and participants and also the participants who came from abroad, Dr. Chantal Avellino from Malta and Mrs. Anne Guelle from Belgium. Also she informed the participants about the program of the conference and timetable of it. She gave emphasis that the same time seven final conferences took place in seven different countries. After that she called on the stage the Acting Director of the Cyprus Prison Department, Mrs. Anna Aristotelous for the welcome speech.

The Director welcomed the participants and especially the Minister of Justice and Public Order who accepted the invitation and participated in the conference on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. At the beginning she

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mentioned that these European programs are very useful and beneficial for all those who are given the chance to participate and especially to the inmates who have the opportunity to be part of that. Through such initiatives, inmates and staff have the opportunity to exchange views, ideas, practical knowledge and experience. Through this process we can adopt the most efficient practices and apply them in our setting. Punishment has been replaced by modern ways of helping the prisoner change the previous behavior and helps them reintegrate and be a useful member of their family and the society. Also, she mentioned about the approaches and the work which has been done in the Prison Department over the last year, were various changes and improvements occurred in all levels. Finally she thanked all the participants and promised that she will work hard to change the environment in prison.

The next welcome speech came from the representative of the Ombudsman office Mrs. Kalia Kampanella. At the begging she expressed her apologies to the audience that the Ombudsman couldn't manage to welcome the conference because she was abroad. She referred to the role of the Ombudsman and how can support both inmates and prisons in general and also she gave emphasis to the great cooperation with the Ombudsman Office and the Administration of the Cyprus Prison Department and especially to the Prison Director. At the end she wished that the result of the conference and project to be useful for everybody.

The Director of the Foundation for the Management of EU Lifelong Learning Programs Mrs. Androulla Papanastasiou welcomed also the Final Conference and stated how important these European Programs for the organizations who are involved are. She informed the audience about the F.E.F.I program and also congratulated the Cyprus Prison Department that managed to involve such kind of programs and the benefits that we can get from that. Coming to the end she stated that the Cyprus Prison Department is one of the few government departments who are involved in such programs.

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The Honorable Minister of Justice and Public Order Mr. Ionas Nicolaou welcomed all the participants and referred to the hard work which is done from the new Director in the Cyprus Prison Department. He stated that he will support the new director in her program and with him will change and upgrade the approaches within the Prison system. Moreover, he talked about the benefits that the European programs has to the staff and also to the inmates. The result of this project must be a guidance and we must use it with beneficial way especially for the inmates. Also he said about the methodology that the F.EF.I program followed. At the end he wished to the audience pleasure meeting.

After the welcome speeches, the coordinator of the project, on behalf of the Cyprus Prison Department Mr. Tasos Tratonikolas explained to the audience the procedures of the program during the two previous years. Also, he explained to the seventh Working Package and he referred to the result of the questionnaires about the Cyprus Prison Department. In addition, he referred about the short and long term plans that were organized according to the result of the questioners. Finally he informed the participants what changes and experimentation were implemented according to the project. Furthermore, he presented the problems which occurred during all these changes.

After a ten minute break the participants returned to the conference room and the video conference started. After the general introduction from the project coordinator Mrs. Iris Thimm from Germany, Mr. Alan Smith coordinated the video conference. After a short presentation from the University of Malta and Mrs. Sandra Scicluna about the European Analysis of the data from both questioners the video conference started.

First country who presented on the video conference was the Cyprus Prison Department and from the Minister office Mrs. Athena Demetriou presented the subject “Female Education in Prison”. She was the only speaker who respected the 8 minutes limits that all the expert speakers must follow. At the begging she talked about presentation overview and she

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said why learning is important. Also, she gave emphasis to the recommendation rules about the prison education and she talked about the special Issues about female inmates. In addition, she referred in the new approaches which were implemented in the prison education and at the end she concluded by stating what is needed for the female education in prison to be successful.

After the Cyprus Prison Department presentation the other partner countries followed with their expert. The video conference finished around 13:20 and after that and according to the program a discussion followed about the Conference. The participants were so excited about all this information which received during the day and they asked more details about the project. At the end, the representative from the Cyprus Prison Department thanked all participants and closed the conference.



Πρόγραμμα

Τελικό Συνέδριο του Ευρωπαϊκού Προγράμματος “Finding Education for Female Inmates” - 24 Σεπτεμβρίου 2015

TIME	24/09/2015 – Συνεδριακό Κέντρο Φιλοξενία
09:00	Εγγραφές
09:30	Χαιρετισμός από την Αν. Διευθύντρια του Τμήματος Φυλακών - κα Άννα Αριστοτέλους Χαιρετισμός από Εκπρόσωπο του Γραφείου της Επίτροπου Διοικήσεως και Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων Χαιρετισμός από την Εκπρόσωπο Ιδρύματος Διαχείρισης Ευρωπαϊκών Προγραμμάτων Χαιρετισμός από τον Υπουργό Δικαιοσύνης και Δημοσίας Τάξεως - κ. Ιωνά Νικολάου Παρουσίαση αποτελεσμάτων του προγράμματος FEFI – Τμήμα Φυλακών
11:00-13:00	Διάλειμμα με καφέ και εδέσματα
13:00	Σύνδεση όλων των χωρών μέσω συστήματος τηλεδιάσκεψης και παρουσίαση διάφορων θεμάτων που αφορούν γυναίκες κρατούμενες κα Αθηνά Δημητρίου (Κύπρος), Γρ. Υπουργού Δικαιοσύνης και Δημοσίας Τάξεως
13:30	Δημόσια Συζήτηση
	Λήξη Συνεδρίου

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