

Finding Education for Female Inmates / 538856-LLP-1-2013-1-DE-GRUNDTVIG-GMP

Second FEFI-work seminar Izmir Women Prison, Turkey 29-30 January 2015

Minutes

Thursday, 29.01.2015

- Welcome by Iris Thimm (FEFI- coordinator) , Berfu Altay (FEFI-partner Turkey)
- Start: Picture Circle "What means Fefi for me"



- List of 8 European Countries with 10 Partners and 17 associated partners (ppt. Pages 4-8)
- Participant list
- Agenda of the meeting (Overview)
- Organisational inputs for the seminar

I. Statements to

WP2: Creating procedures for new practices Presentation WP 2 Creating procedures for new practices (Sandra Scicluna, FEFI-partner Malta)

II. WP3: Experimentation of new procedures

Sub timeline, procedure, reporting, experimentation-feedback (Sandra Scicluna)

Short presentations of each country about results and procedures:

- **Cyprus:** Tasso is preparing measures, he isn't attendant and can't give more information now, because it isn't approved by his new chef.

- **Turkey:** “ Handmade Toys” as a new procedure (Berfu Altay)
 - Why: self- esteem; profession; work; family; children in prison needs toys
 - Goals: increase of relationship with children; self-dependence and possibility for freelance work after release
 - Group : 12-15 inmates, age between 21-59; volunteered, sentenced prisoner
 - Procedure: materials; education area, inmates, trainer, budget, distribution (no sales)
 - Advantages : 30 children in prison; low material costs; certification for inmates

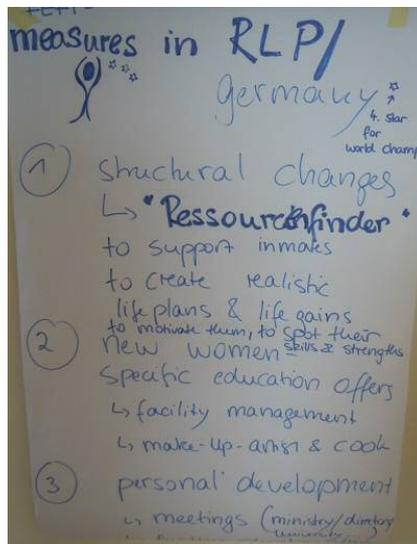
Feedback from FEFI group: Certification should be adjusted; sustainability; FEFI Logo; 1 product should be send to Brussels



- **Germany:** JVA Zweibrücken: „Resourcenfinder“; (Anja Rohr)
 - Starting situation: lot of existing measures, but no feedback from the inmates; focus: rehabilitation; inhomogeneous group
 - Measures and goals:
 - Structure changes; staff development - mission; enlargement of educational and rehabilitation offers
 - Pedagogical day for teachers, working groups: Focus: Starting at the beginning of detention, needs; new mission “ Resource finder”: support for the inmates from beginning to the end, coaching in their situations.

- Find and train the staff.
- Women specific educational programs: facility manager, cook, make up-artist
- New: education centre is part of the beginning of detention
- New offers: body awareness, interact;

Feedback: concretion of the measurements: “Ressourcenfinder “; new offers for women; information day; Experiences from France: imperative necessity of **having the same persons for coaching inside-outside (bond of trust)!**

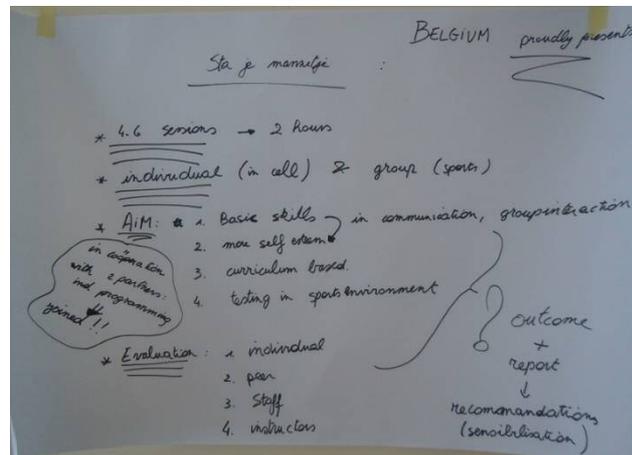


➤ **Belgium:**

- Short program, tailored made in 2 prisons (Brugge, Hasselt)
 - Enhancing basics skills (“Living together” – communications -action)
 - (inside and outside) (read, write, understand,)
 - Combine” Education and sport+ civic orientation” (individual+ groups)
 - Instructions (theoretic models, curricula, group, self-reflection) Testing – realistic situation, Evaluation (peers, instructions-staff), Conclusion
 - Gender specific needs
 - Short practical sessions,
 - New: partners not used to work together

- Studies towards education and sports (Rationale1-3)

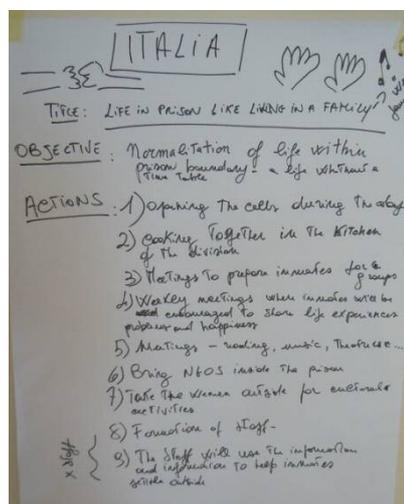
Feedback: the activities have to be narrowed



➤ **Italy:**

- Datas: work; cultural activities, supporting family relationships, sports
- Situations (28 person in a wing)
- “normalise the internal life in prison”; replicate the outside system: “use of the existing kitchen” – preparing the inmates, support groups;
- Measurements: Voluntary groups; afternoon sections;

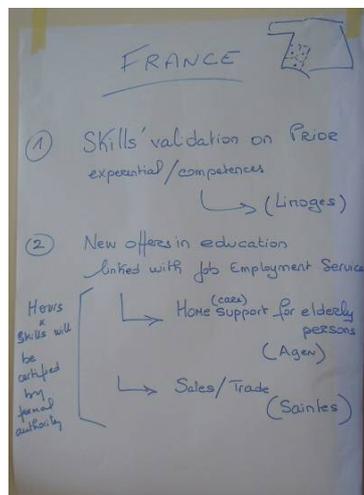
Feedback: Cameras can't be bought; actions must be clearer; (compare inside –outside)



➤ **France:**

- Situation: 7 prison with female inmate; 58 % have educational activities
- Needs: vocational training with certification; Employment Agency: 2 Main jobs: help elder people; Sales;
 - Course: (6 inmates are interested in" help elder people"; 5 Sales – Starting; Problems: short time in prison, Teacher for this experimentation, (duration: 2,5 weeks)
 - Skill validation for female inmates (2 prison,): start next week

Feedback: good and concrete example as measurement



III. **Visit of Izmir Women Closed Prison and Welcome of prison director (Berfu Altay)**
(see paper from there)

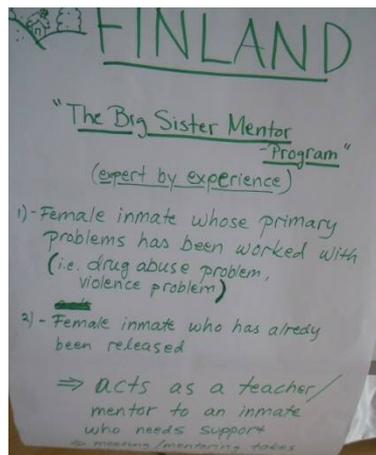
IV. **Continuation of the presentation of each country about results and procedures**

➤ **Finland**

- Situation: A future plan of Hämeenlinna Prison: Men inmates will be transferred to other prisons and only female inmates remain in Hämeenlinna prison, but not in old prison building, but in a new modern women's closed prison that will be built as an addition to existing Prison Hospital in prison grounds. The new prison is planned to be ready in 1917. At the very moment, because of the difficult financial times in Finland, no new investments or additional recourses are planned to Hämeenlinna Prison. We are waiting for the new parliament to confirm the future plans mentioned above.

- Basic needs that were found from the FEFI-survey are: 1) female inmates need more individualized support in releasing process, 2) there is lack of resources (staff and financial) in Hämeenlinna Prison to offer the support.
- Looking for innovating ideas to better support the releasing process of female inmates. An innovative idea Hämeenlinna Prison is going to test is to use Ex-inmates as teacher/coacher/mentor for a self-motivated female inmate who can benefit from this type of support. At this point we can call it “BIG SISTER MENTOR PROGRAM”.
- The Mentor is a woman, who has been released some years ago, and has already integrated into the society, has already dealt with her personal issues (ie. drug/alcohol addiction, violence problem or other behavioural problem) and is either employed or studying, or in some other way in sync with the normal life in society.
- These two will meet in “Monikko” which is an activity centre for Hämeenlinna prisoners. Monikko is in a short walking distance from the prison, there is no security staff, nor the walls around it. There are other activities and programs running at the same time and the BIG SISTER MENTOR PROGRAM will be one of the many.
- We are looking into the possibility to get the Mentor’s salary from the 3rd sector or Employment-Agency.

Feedback: Good ideas



VIII. WP 3: Summery

Malta offers to summarize the national data's in comparison to the actual research National Dates towards the actual situation and the provided measurements and first results must be described by the partners. Help will be given; if there will be problems "Give voice to female inmates".

IX. WP3: Co design Evaluation questionnaire (Dominique Antony, FEFI-Partner France) Evaluation - Questions for feedback from inmates after experimentations: "Give voice to the inmates"

After a short discussion if there should be a 2nd Feedback questionnaire after the actions for esp. Inmates/Staffs/ Decider; only a feedback questionnaire for inmate should be designed:

- Have you taken part in the Q1 (Q2)?
- Do they see any change? (for those who took part in the measurements)
- What is the effect on you?" – till 3 groups
- General question to the general situation (??)
- Questions to the different national measurements
- **Gisela Zwigart will propose 3-5 questions till 15. February**
- Answering by 4 smiley,

Because of the short time of measurements and the small groups, evaluations towards staff/ decider are not reasonable.

X. WP6: Publication and Dissemination (Dominique Antony and Sandra Scicluna)

Working platform, homepage, glossary, digital leaflet

- **Working platform:** > 50% have no access to Dropbox or moodle -due to the Prisons , The partners tried further facilities, which don`t work either; So Homepage; Dropbox and Emails have to be the instruments for Communication. Iris Thimm will send a **monthly report**, "Status and what is to do till when"; as well as all documents, links and Plans of Dissemination etc.
- **Glossary:** No Feedback till now (T1/ 15-08-14) New date: **End of February** (T2)
- **Feedback from data collections** (was to late); it wasn`t clear for the partners, what was to do.

- **Mailing list**; missing by Germany (because of law problems) and Belgium;
- **Critical friends** ; Germany 1-2 – **as soon as possible**
- Women`s Right Ombudsman on Prison ; Germany “ Bürgerbeauftragte, Anstaltsbeirat; from (JVA Zweibrücken) (Anja Rohr)

XI. WP5: Quality assurance (Dominique Antony) - Update FEFI overview on project goals

- Press article/ book have be increased and sent to Dominique and Sandra
- Cross data: Finland no, sometimes to small datas; Belgium will reflect.
- Post seminar from Finland will come
- PSG : All Partners will get a questionnaire – quick answer;
- Report from Iris (attached to the report to Brussels)
- 2nd Term of Payment
- Turkey: Dominique is adjusting the working plan
 - No pre-experimentation - explaining in the report, what did you: Meeting with several groups (staff, political,) **Iris** is sending the reports forms.
 - Post evaluation form 15. February, Gisela will send questions to the 2nd Questionnaire
 - Pre organisation of the Conference
 - Panel of tools concerning public relation
 - Post seminar – Report – **15. March**
- Minutes Izmir – **28. February (Astrid)**
- National Translator fixed in every country by **February**
- Evaluation from guests of the working seminar end to the 2 person, by **Dominique) – as soon as possible.**
- Evaluation **critical friends** – next week about the platform - 2-3 time during the Project. (less than 10 minutes)
- All Problems to **Malta;**
- For Evaluation- questionnaire towards finance and administration: Email – Addresses should be send to Dominique



- See: Document

End of second FEFI- work seminar at about 16.30