

## BELGIUM

1.

- Digital exclusion: There is no internet access in Belgian prisons.
- Formal education is provided in Flemish prisons, however, the content is delivered in Dutch, limiting access to formal education to Dutch speakers.
- Educational institutions have to manage significant financial limitations which can have an impact on delivery.
- There is limited infrastructure in prisons, which has practical implications for educational delivery.
- Prison educational services are always in competition with other activities and service-providers within the prison, for example work parties, visits, medical visits etc.

2.

- Many efforts are being made within Belgium to address digital exclusion and improve digital access in order to support educational delivery.
- The FORINER project was initiated to provide EU foreign national inmates in EU prisons with access to qualitative, low threshold, certified learning opportunities provided by home institutions but received by the inmate in an EU foreign prison.