



EDUCATION FOR SENTENCED MINORS AND  
YOUTH (ESM – YA)  
FIRST TRANSNATIONAL MEETING &  
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**CYPRUS PRISON DEPARTMENT**

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Cyprus( Kypros, Cipros ) known officially as the Republic of Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, after the Italian islands of Sicily and Sardinia



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# Facts and Figures



- **Official Name** : Republic of Cyprus
- **Capital** : Nicosia
- **Population** : 862,000 (2011) at the free territory of the republic
- **Languages** : Greek
- **Religion** : Christian Orthodox : 99 percent, Other : 1 percent
- **Government** : Presidential Republic
  
- **President**: Mr. Nicos Anastasiades
- **Voting** : Universal at age 18
- **Largest Cities**:
- **Nicosia** (336,000)
- **Limassol** (241,000)
- **Larnaca** (146,000)



# About our Prison....



- The Nicosia central prison was built by the British in 1894.
- At first it was a place of detention for those sentenced by the court to imprisonment and also as a place of temporary detention for persons under trial.
- It is known for the “Imprisoned Graves” where 13 EOKA freedom fighters were imprisoned and executed.
- In 1960 Cyprus became an independent state.

# What we Represent?



- There is only one Prison in Cyprus.
- It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order.
- For both unconvicted and sentenced offenders, men & women from the age of 16 and older
- The capacity of the prison is 469 inmates although the last few years it has been overcrowded. Presently we have 556 inmates.
- It is divided in 3 sections:
  - i. The Closed Prison (the area within the walls), where detainees live, work and move under high security measures
  - ii. The Open Prison (the area outside the walls but within the prison area) where detainees live, work and move under lower security measures
  - iii. The Centre of Guidance and Out-of-Prison Employment which includes housing for prisoners that work in the free market but return to the prison after work. Semi freedom conditions prevail in these areas.

# Our Mission...



- The secure detention of individuals sent to prison from the courts.
- Respect of human dignity
- Equal treatment of detainees without any unfavourable discrimination of race, colour, sex, language, nation, social origin or convictions
- Providing education, creative entertainment, health and mental health services for the encouragement of self-esteem, being responsible for their actions, their linear reintegration to the society and change of delinquent behaviour
- Social reintegration

# Prison Services



- Medical Services
- Mental Health Services (Psychiatrist, psychologists, occupational therapists, mental health nurses)
- Social Welfare Services
- School
- Workshops



# Block for Young Inmates

- It is the place that young inmates are being kept
- The real capacity is 16 spaces/persons
- Today, 21 young detainees are hosted, between the ages of 16 – 21.
- At the youth unit, 10 inmates are hosted and the others are located at the open prison, mental health unit and protection unit.



# Statistical Data

- Admissions of convicted persons in 2012 (5 males between 16 – 18 years old, 42 males between 18 - 21 years old and 3 females as well as 124 males between 21 – 25 years old and 10 females).
- Admissions of convicted persons in 2013 (10 males between 16 – 18 years old , 55 males between 18 - 21 years old and 7 females as well as 130 males between 21 – 25 years old and 12 females).
- Admissions of convicted persons in 2014 (9 males between 16 – 18 years old , 53 males between 18 - 21 years old and 10 females as well as 136 males between 21 – 25 years old and 15 females).

# Offences Condemning Young Inmates



- Robbery
- Drugs
- Illegal stay
- Liability debit finance

# Our Expectations from the Project (Positive)



- Through this project we expect to learn and teach our fellow colleagues on new and helpful materials and tools
- What systems and methods they use for young offenders
- Their training methods for the excluded groups
- New methods in formal and Informal education
- Gain confidence through the development of social skills

# Our Expectations from the Project (Negative)



- ❑ The co-operation of the offenders in achieving certain goals
- ❑ The reluctance of external partners to engage in the project
- ❑ Multiculturalism at the prison is a fact that may complicate the project
- ❑ Lack of cooperation between partners
- ❑ Lack of communications between partners

# Our Contribution about the Project



- Achievement the goals of the project
- Smooth Cooperation and communication between partners
- Proper preparation and organization of the partners
- Discussion and exchange of methods and practices used by cooling in relation to the program objectives
- Creation of new programs

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for your attention**

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