

PRISON EDUCATION IN *ERASMUS+* (*ADULT EDUCATION*)

– STATISTICAL OVERVIEW 2014-2018 –

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**TABLE 1: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION MOBILITY PROJECTS
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2018)**

	COORDINATING COUNTRY	MOBILITY PROJECTS (ERASMUS+ KA104)															
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		TOTAL 2014-18	
		AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE
1a	Belgium (DE)	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0					10	0
1b	Belgium (FR)	6	0	3	0	4	0	6	0	3	0					22	0
1c	Belgium (NL)	15	1	19	0	13	1	12	1	16	0					75	3
1	Belgium	24	1	24	0	19	1	19	1	21	0					107	3
2	Bulgaria	2	0	4	0	4	0	8	0	11	0					29	0
3	Cyprus	6	0	6	0	8	0	6	1	9	0					35	1
4	Czech Republic	8	0	11	0	11	0	9	0	22	0					61	0
5	Denmark	13	0	6	0	8	0	4	0	7	0					38	0
6	Germany	41	0	25	0	27	1	37	0	35	0					165	1
7	Estonia	11	0	13	1	8	0	12	0	7	0					51	1
8	Greece	10	0	17	0	20	1	16	0	18	0					81	1
9	Spain	25	1	53	1	60	0	55	2	76	2					269	6
10	France	14	2	11	0	9	0	21	1	20	1					75	4
11	Croatia	10	0	9	0	8	0	9	0	11	0					47	0
12	Ireland	7	0	2	0	7	1	6	1	8	1					30	3
13	Italy	24	0	19	0	16	0	25	3	27	0					111	3
14	Latvia	15	0	13	0	16	0	16	0	14	1					74	1
15	Lithuania	7	0	8	0	11	1	10	1	14	1					50	3
16	Luxemburg	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	0					9	0
17	Hungary	15	0	13	0	10	0	16	0	15	0					69	0
18	Malta	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0					12	2
19	Netherlands	12	0	5	1	9	0	9	1	8	0					43	2
20	Austria	20	0	22	0	17	0	19	0	19	0					97	0
21	Poland	43	0	17	0	24	0	33	1	25	0					142	1
22	Portugal	6	0	10	0	9	0	17	1	15	0					57	1
23	Rumania	15	0	10	1	12	0	16	0	22	0					75	1
24	Finland	20	0	19	0	14	0	17	0	25	0					95	0
25	Sweden	9	0	9	0	4	0	11	0	14	0					47	0
26	Slovakia	6	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	14	0					44	0
27	Slovenia	16	0	10	0	4	0	12	0	15	0					57	0
28	UK	10	0	17	0	16	0	23	0	25	2					91	2
29	North Macedonia	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0					10	0
30	Iceland	6	0	5	0	6	0	6	0	5	0					28	0
31	Liechtenstein	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0					6	0
32	Norway	6	1	6	0	6	0	8	1	7	2					33	4
33	Turkey	15	1	10	3	28	0	40	1	19	2					112	7
34	Serbia							8	0	7	1					15	1
	TOTAL	424	6	386	7	406	5	505	17	544	13					2265	48

"AE" = Adult Education, "PE" = Prison Education (within Adult Education).

**TABLE 2: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2018)**

	COORDINATING COUNTRY	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (ERASMUS+ KA204)															
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		TOTAL 2014-18	
		AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE
1a	Belgium (DE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0
1b	Belgium (FR)	1	0	5	1	3	0	3	0	3	0					15	1
1c	Belgium (NL)	4	0	2	0	4	0	6	1	3	0					19	1
1	Belgium	5	0	7	1	7	0	9	1	6	0					34	2
2	Bulgaria	3	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	9	0					25	0
3	Cyprus	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0					10	0
4	Czech Republic	4	0	5	0	9	0	12	0	13	0					43	0
5	Denmark	1	0	3	0	4	0	5	0	5	0					18	0
6	Germany	16	0	21	0	35	0	44	0	53	2					169	2
7	Estonia	4	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	5	0					15	0
8	Greece	1	0	6	0	8	0	12	1	10	2					37	3
9	Spain	19	0	27	0	31	1	41	0	33	1					151	2
10	France	13	0	15	0	20	2	30	1	44	2					122	5
11	Croatia	1	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	6	0					17	0
12	Ireland	6	0	4	0	3	0	5	0	6	0					24	0
13	Italy	10	1	15	1	28	3	32	0	32	5					117	10
14	Latvia	2	0	2	0	5	0	8	0	5	0					22	0
15	Lithuania	5	0	5	0	5	1	9	1	10	1					34	3
16	Luxemburg	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	0					10	0
17	Hungary	2	0	4	1	10	1	5	0	10	0					31	2
18	Malta	1	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	2	0					11	0
19	Netherlands	4	0	5	1	6	0	5	0	8	0					28	1
20	Austria	6	0	6	0	14	0	9	0	11	0					46	0
21	Poland	15	0	20	0	39	0	39	0	46	1					159	1
22	Portugal	3	1	4	1	7	0	8	0	14	0					36	2
23	Rumania	7	1	10	0	11	2	14	1	18	1					60	5
24	Finland	3	0	4	0	4	0	7	0	7	0					25	0
25	Sweden	3	0	2	0	7	0	8	0	10	0					30	0
26	Slovakia	3	0	3	1	5	0	7	0	10	0					28	1
27	Slovenia	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	3	0					14	0
28	UK	9	0	13	2	20	0	27	1	33	0					102	3
29	North Macedonia	1	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	5	0					18	0
30	Iceland	3	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	2	0					15	0
31	Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0					3	0
32	Norway	0	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	6	0					15	0
33	Turkey	10	0	15	1	20	0	31	1	18	0					94	2
34	Serbia									3	1					3	1
	TOTAL	164	3	221	9	329	10	401	7	451	16					1566	45

"AE" = Adult Education, "PE" = Prison Education (within Adult Education).

**TABLE 3: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROJECTS
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2018): COUNTRY PARTICIPATION**

	COUNTRY	MOBILITY PROJ. (KA104)		STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (KA204)				OVERALL		
		Coordinator		Coordinator		Partner ¹	Total	Coord. KA104+KA204		TOTAL ²
			% ³		% ⁴				% ⁵	
1a	<i>Belgium (DE)</i>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	
1b	<i>Belgium (FR)</i>	0	0.0%	1	6.7%			1	2.7%	
1c	<i>Belgium (NL)</i>	3	4.0%	1	5.3%			4	4.3%	
1	Belgium	3	2.8%	2	5.9%	10	12	5	3.5%	15
2	Bulgaria	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	3	0	0.0%	3
3	Cyprus	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	5	5	1	2.2%	6
4	Czech Republic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	3	0	0.0%	3
5	Denmark	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1	0	0.0%	1
6	Germany	1	0.6%	2	1.2%	8	10	3	0.9%	11
7	Estonia	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	1	1.5%	1
8	Greece	1	1.2%	3	8.1%	7	10	4	3.4%	11
9	Spain	6	2.2%	2	1.3%	15	17	8	1.9%	23
10	France	4	5.3%	5	4.1%	7	12	9	4.6%	16
11	Croatia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%	2
12	Ireland	3	10.0%	0	0.0%	1	1	3	5.6%	4
13	Italy	3	2.7%	10	8.5%	16	26	13	5.7%	29
14	Latvia	1	1.4%	0	0.0%	4	4	1	1.0%	5
15	Lithuania	3	6.0%	3	8.8%	4	7	6	7.1%	10
16	Luxemburg	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1	0	0.0%	1
17	Hungary	0	0.0%	2	6.5%	2	4	2	2.0%	4
18	Malta	2	16.7%	0	0.0%	1	1	2	8.7%	3
19	Netherlands	2	4.7%	1	3.6%	11	12	3	4.2%	14
20	Austria	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%	2
21	Poland	1	0.7%	1	0.6%	7	8	2	0.7%	9
22	Portugal	1	1.8%	2	5.6%	17	19	3	3.2%	20
23	Rumania	1	1.3%	5	8.3%	12	17	6	4.4%	18
24	Finland	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%	2
25	Sweden	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0
26	Slovakia	0	0.0%	1	3.6%	1	2	1	1.4%	2
27	Slovenia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%	2
28	UK	2	2.2%	3	2.9%	6	9	5	2.6%	11
29	North Macedonia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0
30	Iceland	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0
31	Liechtenstein	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0
32	Norway	4	12.1%	0	0.0%	4	4	4	8.3%	8
33	Turkey	7	6.3%	2	2.1%	9	11	9	4.4%	18
34	Serbia	1	6.7%	1	33.3%	0	1	2	11.1%	2
	TOTAL	48	2.1%	45	2.9%	163	208	93	2.4%	

¹ Number of projects in which the country has at least one organisation participating.

² Total number of projects in which the country is involved as coordinator or partner.

³ Prison Education projects as a percentage of Adult Education (KA104) projects coordinated in the country concerned.

⁴ Prison Education projects as a percentage of Adult Education (KA204) projects coordinated in the country concerned.

⁵ Prison Education projects as a percentage of all Adult Education (KA104 and KA204) projects coordinated in the country concerned.

Comments on the data

1. The data on Adult Education in the tables was supplied by the European Commission while the specific data on Prison Education was provided by National Agencies (NA) or derived from documents on their websites, complemented where necessary by reference to the *Erasmus+* Project Results Platform. Figures relate only to projects funded within the Adult Education (“KA104” and “KA204”) section of *Erasmus+*.
2. According to the *Erasmus+* “Project Results Platform”, a small number of other projects relevant for Prisons / ex-offenders (though not necessarily for Prison Education as such), particularly under Mobility Projects, are sometimes funded under other parts of *Erasmus+* than Adult Education, notably School Education, Higher Education and Youth but also Vocational Training. Such projects are not taken into account in the tables in this document.
3. With regard to Mobility Projects (KA104), it should be noted that:
 - Some projects not focussing primarily on Prison Education may nonetheless include individual instances where adult education staff go to a training event in the area of Prison education (Iceland reported one such instance for 2014). Prison education may also be included as a minor aspect of projects dealing with multiple issues of social marginalisation generally. Thus the total number of KA104 projects having some reference to Prison education may be slightly larger than the figures suggest.
 - Strict comparison with the situation under “Grundtvig” within the Lifelong Learning Programme (*LLP*) is difficult, due both to the change in structure of this Action with the transition to *Erasmus+* and to the absence of readily available information on the number of individual persons supported under the staff mobility actions under *LLP-Grundtvig* and *Erasmus+* respectively in the specific field of Prison Education.
4. Concerning Strategic Partnerships (KA204):
 - Under *Erasmus+*, the **percentage** of Adult Education Strategic Partnerships addressing Prison Education has decreased by around half compared with the Learning Partnerships and Multilateral Cooperation Projects under the “Grundtvig” section of the *Lifelong Learning Programme*.
 - The **number** of Prison Education projects supported has, however, increased significantly since the dramatic decrease at the start of *Erasmus+*, and annual numbers are now running above those of “Grundtvig” under the *LLP*.
5. On the other hand, an initial appraisal of the content of the Strategic Partnerships and Mobility Projects supported in the Prison Education field under the Adult Education section of *Erasmus+*, suggests that while many key areas of Prison Education are addressed, a substantial number of projects fall outside the scope of ‘Prison Education’ in the usual definition of the term, dealing instead with VET or therapy for prisoners (notably relating to drug abuse), the further training of prison officers or even experimenting with alternatives to prison etc.). A clarification of the scope of ‘Prison Education’ in the context of KA104 and KA204 would therefore be useful in the interest of ensuring similarity of approach – whether comprehensive or restricted – across the participating countries.

A much fuller and more substantive commentary is provided in the separate powerpoint presentation *Erasmus+ and Prison Education: A review of EU support 2014-2018*. The document is available from alansmith@unitybox.de or (pending) on the website of the European Prison Education Association (EPEA)⁹: www.epea.org.