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AN ERASMUS+ PROJECT

BUILDING SOCIAL CAPITAL THROUGH CREATIVITY IN THE CONNECTED ECONOMY TO REDUCE REOFFENDING

LEIRIA PRISON – PROJECT VISIT

The Erasmus+ project Creativity, The Connected Economy and Offenders (CCEO) had their penultimate transnational project meeting in Portugal 23rd to 25th May 2017.

As part of the transnational project meeting, a visit was made to Leiria prison which had participated in one of the prison pilots for the testing of the project training modules.



Leiria Prison, was built in 1946 in the grounds of an old vineyard. Today it has a permanent population of young prisoners and is very focused on educational programmes for inmates.

CCEO project partner Associação Humanidades based in Lisbon, provides a range of innovative training in the prison to engage and inspire the young prisoners

The prison has active commercial activities to support its work with the young prisoners. A large percentage of its income is generated through prisoner produced wine production. Unofficially named as Leiria Educational Farm, the prison produces about 30,000 litres of wine each year. Most of its production is of red wine, which is sold locally and is of a high standard.

The transnational group of partners also had the opportunity to meet some of the young prisoners who had participated in the prison based pilot of the CCEO training programme.

The young prisoners were very enthusiastic about the programme and felt that the training had helped build their confidence and help them to see connections, which upon release could be of help to them.



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Lisbon Create 4 Life Conference

Associação Humanidades organised a conference on the 25th May at INFARMED in Lisbon, to present the work of the Erasmus+ project Creativity, The Connected Economy and Offenders (CCEO). The conference, opened by Dra Rosa Lourenco (Social Action Representative from the Council of Alvalde, Lisbon, focused on Creativity and Communication for Global Inclusion.

Attracting 34 delegates with an interest in social inclusion and the criminal justice sector, CCEO project partners explored the importance of creativity as a key tool for promoting social inclusion/reintegration.

The partnership explained the importance of understanding the 21st century Connected Economy and present the project tools developed and tested, to help engage and empower in this new economy, offenders, ex-offenders and those disadvantaged in society.

The conference provided a good platform for networking and debate.



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