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AN ERASMUS+ PROJECT

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

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VISIT TO OLAINĒ PRISON

It was the privilege of the Erasmus+ project Creativity, The Connected Economy and Offenders (CCEO), in November 2016 to be able to visit Olaine Prison and its new drug re-socialisation centre.



When opened the new centre will be able to accommodate up to 200 prisoners, in a drug free zone (block) within a sterile area in the prison estate.



Although drugs are banned in prison, the number of drug users in Latvian prisons has increased. According to 2010 statistics, '66.1% of prisoners have tried drugs prior to imprisonment, while 17.8% of prisoners have used drugs in prison'.

To help tackle this problem, a new rehabilitation centre for drug addicts and those with alcohol related problems has been constructed in Olaine Prison with the support of Norway Grants.

The centre's staff is made up of social workers and psychologists, who work directly with the prisoners, providing support and help them prepare to re-integrate in society once released.

CCEO partners were invited to visit a RIA partner organisation residential Rehab centre based in an old farm, providing security and rehabilitation for drug and alcohol abusers.



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CREATE 4 LIFE CONFERENCE RIGA 15TH November 2106



Hosted by Resocializācijas un Integrācijas Asociācija (RIA) the Erasmus+ project Creativity, The Connected Economy and Offenders (CCEO), held its first Multiplier Conference in Riga at the European Union House in Riga is run jointly by European Commission Representation and European Parliament Information Office in Latvia.

The conference attracted a variety of delegates from across the criminal justice sector.

The conference provided a wonderful opportunity to explore the challenges facing the criminal justice sector in Latvia and share experiences from other EU member state transnational project partners.



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Resocializācijas un Integrācijas Asociācija (RIA) is an association to support offenders to prepare for life outside of prison.

RIA's social rehabilitation work focuses of engagement in active education, skills development, health life styles and the use of art therapy, aiming to create successful solutions for individual's with problem lives.

