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RE-CREATE

Restorative Encounters:
Co-creating
Rehabilitation, Empathy,
and Accountability to
Transform Environments

2026 - 2028



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OBJECTIVES



Conduct mapping of existing restorative programmes focused on offender prevention, and co-creation methodologies (within and beyond the criminal justice context) **to identify transferable practices.**



Design co-creation sessions that **bring together survivors of sexual violence and gender-based violence and people who are incarcerated in a safe, trauma-informed setting**, with the aim of collaboratively piloting restorative initiatives.



Implement and evaluate sexual violence and gender-based violence prevention pilot initiatives within correctional settings and generate evidence for scalable interventions that can **inform future policy development and programme replication across EU.**



Disseminate tools and lessons learned across and beyond partner countries through knowledge exchange activities **to support EU-wide adoption of co-creation approaches in sexual violence and gender-based violence prevention.**

RESTORATIVE & CO-CREATION APPROACH





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IMPLEMENTING COUNTRIES



Kosovo

Center for Counseling Social Services
and Research (SIT)

*Sub-focus: Adults in prison, sexual
violence*



North Macedonia

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
(MHC)

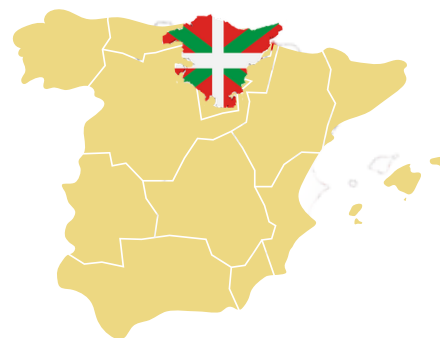
*Sub-focus: Youth in closed facilities,
sexual violence*



Netherlands

Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC),
and Avans Hogeschool (Avans)

*Sub-focus: Adults in prison, sexual
violence*



Basque Country (Spain)

University of Basque Country
(UPV/EHU)

*Sub-focus: Adults in prison, gender-
based violence*



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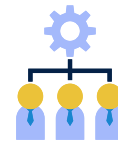
PROJECT PHASES

Mapping

Within each country, conduct an in-depth review of existing restorative approaches in prison settings that encourage responsibility-taking and harm acknowledgement, examining their impact on re-offending and remaining gaps. Map initiatives involving meaningful participation of survivors and people who are incarcerated- through desk research and interviews - with a focus on those addressing toxic masculinities.



An international exchange workshop to prepare the four implementing partners on how to facilitate co-creation between survivors of sexual violence and GBV and people who have caused harm and are currently in prison. Then, partners return to their countries to each facilitate four co-creation sessions, developing pilot initiatives (with survivors and people who are incarcerated) for testing in the next phase.



Co-creation



Pilots

Implement two pilot initiatives per country, including preparation and evaluation. Pilots may include: New or strengthened victim-centred restorative initiatives; Training modules; Group sessions or theatre (or other art-based formats) on accountability; Narratives on harm and justice for prison awareness sessions; Co-created exhibitions on victim harm; Community reparation projects with survivor input.



Carry out knowledge sharing activities among countries so systems can learn from one another based on good practices, challenges, and lessons learned from the pilot initiative. This includes a knowledge dissemination event with project countries as well as external countries throughout wider Europe.



Dissemination