



European Prison Education Association

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## December Newsletter



***Dear Friends,***

And yet again, another year goes by ..... 2018 is on our doorstep...

It is amazing how I, only weeks ago, thought about everything that still needed to be done in preparation for our Vienna Training Conference, and now, this seems already so far in the past...

More conference meetings in this last 2017 month and our every day jobs waiting, could very easily draw back in the mainstream without taking a moment to reflect on all that passed during these exciting few days.

With pride and satisfaction we look back on a fantastic meeting in Vienna. It was a pleasure to see all of you involved in so many projects, workshops in which people actively got more understanding about the core elements of your experiences. The round table discussions produced good interaction between participants with exchange of practices and policies. We discussed amongst others, some of the Council of Europe Recommendations and their implementation in the different member states. We still need to draw the most important observations, but from the responses we got, we think the discussion was much appreciated.

Although we were very content about the more than 150 participants, it is always saddening to know that so many more people would have wanted to come, but did not find the support or cooperation within their organisations or could not get any funding. We especially hope to provide them with more information soon after our Steering Committee Conference evaluation.

You will have found our participants survey by now and we are of course looking forward to analysing all your ideas and suggestions. So please take a moment to let us know your thoughts if you haven't yet done so.

A conference special magazine is in the making and we are, as always happy to include your contributions. Do not hesitate to contact us for any feedback that we might include.

But for the moment you are looking at the last 2017 EPEA monthly newsletter! At the start of this year I announced the SC's intention to

provide a monthly issue and I am so proud that all of you made this possible by sending us material and I would like to thank my SC colleagues for their endless efforts and dedication.

At our conference we have thanked our secretary Cecile Hoiseater and welcomed our new colleague José Pinto from Portugal, who will take over the secretary's duties for the remainder of Cecilie's period.

2018 - a year of:

- Elections,
- Our 25th anniversary!!!!
- Formation of our 1st Special Interest Groups
- Spotlights on our branches

The Steering Committee is looking forward to this inspiring year to come!! And we hope you are too!

We wish you a happy 2019 and lots of opportunities for good quality prison education!

Annet Bakker

*Chair EPEA*



## From Our Website



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### Australia, USA, Europe and their shared footprint in prison education

ACEA, AEC and EPEA meet in Australia. The EPEA was generously invited to attend the 13th ACEA Conference on Prison Education that was held in Canberra Australia in the beginning...

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### European Literacy and Citizenship Education

The development of nationalistic viewpoints and the overall decline in interest for the original European project show a need for an input in European literacy and intercultural, inclusive, approaches.  
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### Klasbak Kick-off - Mechelen Belgium - 8 December 2017

EPEA was invited to give a presentation during this month's Kick off meeting of our Belgian Branch "Klasbak". Klasbak is Flanders Adult Education

providers consortium focussed on and providing education...

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## International Network of Penitentiary Education in the Eastern Partnership

International network of penitentiary education in the countries of Eastern Partnership and Central Asia has been created On July 18, 2017, the International Network of Penitentiary Education in the...

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## Doctorate by Dorien Brosens

Dorien Brosens has recently completed her doctorate on: "Participation in Prison Programmes - Profile of (non)-participants, encouraging and discouraging factors" To view the contents of this research click [here](#). Please...

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