



European Prison Education Association

## June Newsletter





I would like to welcome you to the EPEA June newsletter, focused on the Southern EPEA Region.

As in every school, prison schools are reaching the end of a school year. I am pretty sure, in most cases; it was a difficult school year. It was full of work load, difficulties, disappointments, but also full of rewards, achievements for us and for our students.

The EPEA Southern region probably has more obstacles to overcome. Refugee flows, financial crises have brought more problems, but also new challenges for prison education. This issue was a great excuse for me to try to contact members, connect with colleagues and so share with them my dreams. I am very glad that the newsletter is hosting articles from many countries from our region and I really hope all members will find it both inviting and interesting to read.

As said in previous newsletters, the EPEA Steering Committee is working on the preparations of the upcoming EPEA conference which will take place in November 2017 in Vienna. Do remember to register for the conference and look out for more information in the next issues.

Please take your time to read this newsletter and if you need any more information, do not hesitate to contact your EPEA Regional Representative. As usual, I would like to remind you to check out on regular basis our website [www.epea.org](http://www.epea.org) as well as the conference page [here](#).

Kind regards,

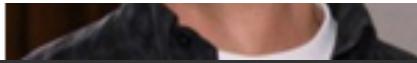
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Conference Registration is now Open!



## 2017 Conference Registration

The Steering Committee would like to remind members that the registration for our conference is now live. Please register today by clicking below & keep an eye on our conference [website](#) for more updates.

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Southern Regional News - Greece



## CREATIVITY BEHIND BARS

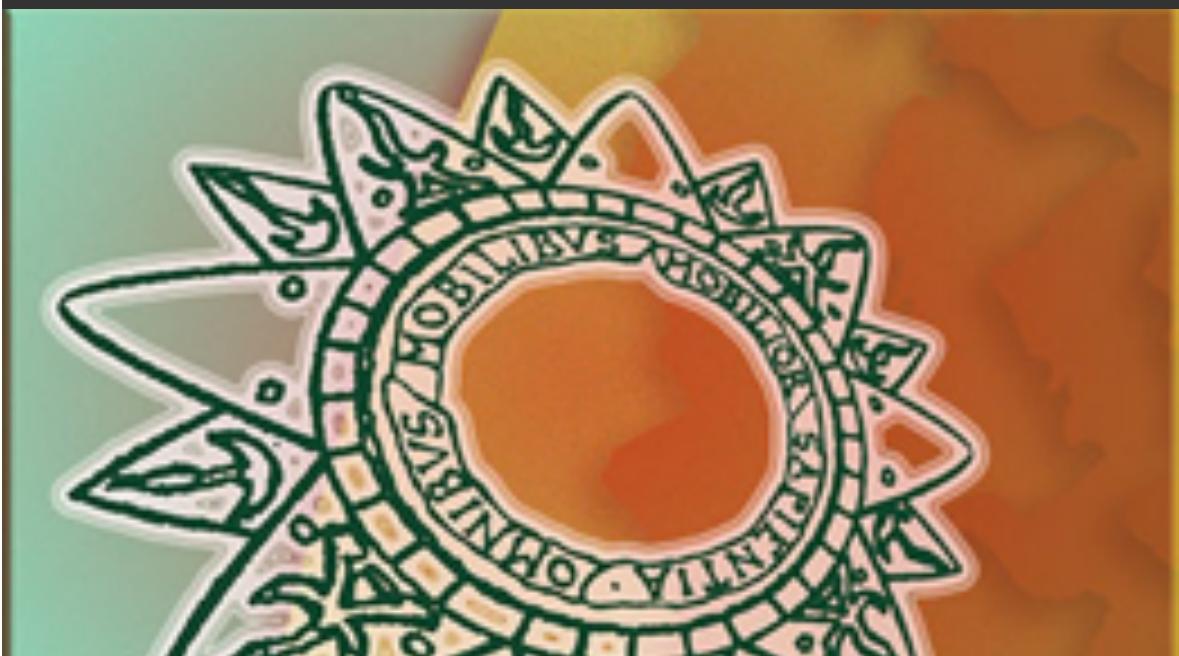


The greek adolescents' parliament opens its gates to the students of the school which operates within the prison for young offenders in avlonas, greece.

The '**Parliament for Adolescents**' is an educational programme of the Greek Parliament, which has been taking place annually since 1995, in collaboration with the Greek and the Cypriot Ministries of Education. Since its IX Session (2004), the programme is organized by the Foundation of the Greek Parliament for the Parliamentary Function and the Democracy. It addresses students of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade of all High Schools, not only in Greece and Cyprus, but also of all the emigrant Greek schools, as well as students in Apprenticeship Schools of the Greek Unemployment Agency. The programme aims at familiarizing students with the way the Parliament works and at accentuating the civilians' role in the contemporary democratic society. It, also, aspires to offer participants, aside from knowledge, motivation for personal expression and creativity and the opportunity to engage in introspective reflection, active conversation and cooperation.

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## University Inside Prison Spain





## Summer Courses in the Prison of Granada (Andalucia, Southern Spain)

The Open University – UNED – is a very well known academic institution in Spain that provides university studies and career opportunities to the general public with 60 different centers throughout the country.

Due to the agreements between the Spanish General Secretariat of Penitentiary Institutions and UNED, this institution provides university studies since 1983 to any inmate who qualifies for higher education in a Spanish Prison, with an average of 1.400 inmates nationwide following any of the programmed studies offered this year 2016/2017 under a public sponsored registration scheme.

The UNED Summer Course goes a step beyond facilitating a communal academic experience among their student-inmates and “ordinary” students from outside, bringing shared university courses within the prison premises. These Summer Courses have been taking place at the Prison of Granada since 2007 and the experience has been spreading to different penitentiaries in Spain, with 18 of them

currently participating this summer.

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## Small account of a Portuguese Prison



A *Via Crucis* with inmates from the prison of Bragança among a community of villagers (Municipality of Vimioso – April, 2017)

## Approaching religious and pagan festivities in Prison Education

The prison of Bragança is located in the north-eastern part of Portugal, in the district capital of the same name (Bragança), housing, mostly, inmates from this region.

Offering basic education programs, its singularity is highly related to the inclusion of extracurricular activities aimed at the celebration, among others, of religious-pagan festivities, which are part of national culture – a strategy followed by the pedagogical team of teachers at this institution, with the objective of contributing to a non-abandonment of bonds of social belonging, simultaneously preventing possible phenomena of marginalisation...

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## EPEA Contact Person appointed EPALE Ambassador





On May 8th, during the Festival of Europe organized by the Erasmus + National agency and which took place in Florence, in a beautiful location, 52 EPALE Ambassadors have been appointed from all over Italy during an official ceremony.

I am proud to be part of the Italian team of Ambassadors – being selected among about 250 candidates – for my commitment in prison education and for being a member of the EPEA family.

For more from Patrizia Corasaniti, EPEA Italian Contact Person click below.

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## Albania

### Women in Prison

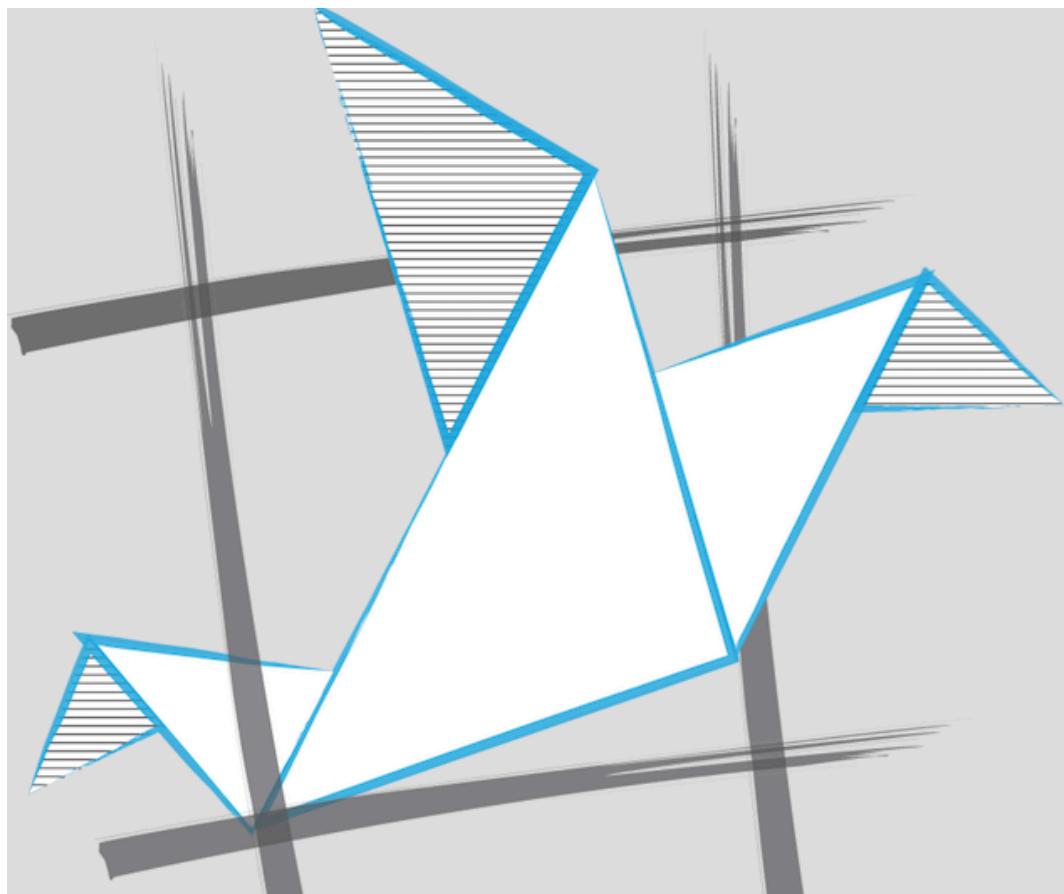
Freedom is one of the most precious rights of all human beings. Under certain circumstances, judicial authorities may decide the need to deprive some people from this right and place them under the care of the prison's administration. The main purpose of imprisonment is the deprivation of freedom, and the duty of prison's authority is to ensure that this is implemented in a way that is not more restrictive than necessary.

Albania counts 23 Institutions for the Execution of Criminal Decisions and only one is for girls and women deprived of their freedom –

I.E.C.D. “Ali Demi” – known as “Women’s Prison”. The target group itself that this prison treats makes this institution somehow more specific than others. There are no known “gangsters” in this prison, no kidnappers, and no women of high-profile political scandals. Many of them, without creating misunderstandings, are “accessories” of crimes committed by males, who might have been their husbands, brothers or, lovers. The most serious crimes perpetrated by these women are prostitution, burglary, fraud (embezzlement) and not by its importance, murder due to family circumstances...

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## SKILLS FOR FREEDOM



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## Artistic Paths to Develop the Professional Skills of Prisoners

The European project **SKILLS FOR FREEDOM – Artistic paths to develop the professional skills of prisoners**, was approved under the ERASMUS + programme and aims at the smooth reintegration of prisoners in the society, and especially in the labour market, with the support of arts and theatre as powerful means of achieving this goal. In particular, the project intends to equip the (former and current) prisoners with professional skills that can be developed through theatrical and artistic activities and which can contribute significantly in integrating efficiently the labor market.

Through the theatre/arts workshops, the prisoners can develop:

- Basic skills (self-discovery)
- Soft skills (communication and relations with the others)
- Professional skills (artistic, practical, IT)

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## New Approach for Effective Social Inclusion



The project “Vocational Education and training – New Approach for Effective Social Inclusion” has been implemented by the Association Community Development Institute (CDI) – Macedonia in cooperation with DVV International Germany.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the creation of favourable environment for reintegration of the offenders into the society in Republic of Macedonia. Through the activities, the prisoners got an opportunity to learn new skills and to be competitive on the labour market after their sentence is served.

To read about the specific objectives of the project click below.

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## From Our Blog



29th June 2017

### Important agreement signed by CPIA 3 of Rome and Regina Coeli Penitentiary Institution

On 4th May, an agreement has been signed between Regina Coeli Penitentiary Institution and

CPIA 3 of Rome (3rd Adult Education District Centre in Rome) according to the following: 27th...