

## **PRISON EDUCATION IN *ERASMUS+* (*ADULT EDUCATION*)**

### **– STATISTICAL OVERVIEW 2014-2020 –**

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**TABLE 1: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION MOBILITY PROJECTS  
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2020)**

	COORDINATING COUNTRY	MOBILITY PROJECTS (ERASMUS+ KA104)															
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		TOTAL 2014-2020	
		AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE
1a	Belgium (DE)	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	13	0
1b	Belgium (FR)	6	0	3	0	4	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	9	0	34	0
1c	Belgium (NL)	15	1	19	0	13	1	12	1	16	0	15	0	12	1	102	4
1	Belgium	24	1	24	0	19	1	19	1	21	0	20	0	22	1	149	4
2	Bulgaria	2	0	4	0	4	0	8	0	11	0	23	0	23	0	75	0
3	Cyprus	6	0	6	0	8	0	6	1	9	0	10	0	13	0	58	1
4	Czech Republic	8	0	11	0	11	0	9	0	22	0	25	0	21	0	107	0
5	Denmark	13	0	6	0	8	0	4	0	7	0	8	0	11	0	57	0
6	Germany	41	0	25	0	27	1	37	0	35	0	57	0	52	2	274	3
7	Estonia	11	0	13	1	8	0	12	0	7	0	13	0	12	0	76	1
8	Greece	10	0	17	0	20	1	16	0	18	0	35	0	41	1	157	2
9	Spain	25	1	53	1	60	0	55	2	76	2	102	3	132	6	503	15
10	France	14	2	11	0	9	0	21	1	20	1	28	0	33	3	136	7
11	Croatia	10	0	9	0	8	0	9	0	11	0	17	0	24	0	88	0
12	Ireland	7	0	2	0	7	1	6	1	8	1	12	1	6	1	48	5
13	Italy	24	0	19	0	16	0	25	3	27	0	57	3	41	2	209	8
14	Latvia	15	0	13	0	16	0	16	0	14	1	20	0	20	0	114	1
15	Lithuania	7	0	8	0	11	1	10	0	14	0	22	1	18	0	90	2
16	Luxembourg	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	13	0
17	Hungary	15	0	13	0	10	0	16	0	15	0	27	0	27	0	123	0
18	Malta	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	3	0	2	1	17	3
19	Netherlands	12	0	5	1	9	0	9	1	8	0	12	0	15	1	70	3
20	Austria	20	0	22	0	17	0	19	0	19	0	28	0	26	1	151	1
21	Poland	43	0	17	0	24	0	33	1	25	0	51	1	52	0	245	2
22	Portugal	6	0	10	0	9	0	17	1	15	0	20	1	27	0	104	2
23	Rumania	15	0	10	1	12	0	16	0	22	0	37	1	42	0	154	2
24	Finland	20	0	19	0	14	0	17	0	25	0	30	0	22	0	147	0
25	Sweden	9	0	9	0	4	0	11	0	14	0	14	0	10	0	71	0
26	Slovakia	6	0	7	0	8	0	9	0	14	0	13	0	19	0	76	0
27	Slovenia	16	0	10	0	4	0	12	0	15	0	18	0	22	0	97	3
28	UK	10	0	17	0	16	0	23	0	25	2	23	0	22	1	136	0
29	North Macedonia	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	20	0
30	Iceland	6	0	5	0	6	0	6	0	5	0	7	0	6	0	41	0
31	Liechtenstein	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	0
32	Norway	6	1	6	0	6	0	8	1	7	2	13	0	16	4	62	8
33	Turkey	15	1	10	3	28	0	40	1	19	2	49	2	49	1	210	10
34	Serbia							8	0	7	1	6	0	9	0	30	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3915</b>	<b>84</b>
	<b>PE as % of AE</b>		<b>1.4</b>		<b>1.8</b>		<b>1.2</b>		<b>3.2</b>		<b>2.2</b>		<b>1.6</b>		<b>3.0</b>		<b>2.1</b>

"AE" = Adult Education, "PE" = Prison Education (within Adult Education)

**TABLE 2: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS  
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2020)**

	COORDINATING COUNTRY	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (ERASMUS+ KA204)															
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		TOTAL 2014-20	
		AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE	AE	PE
1a	Belgium (DE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1b	Belgium (FR)	1	0	5	1	3	0	3	0	3	0	10	0	5	0	30	1
1c	Belgium (NL)	4	0	2	0	4	0	6	1	3	0	4	0	3	0	26	1
1	Belgium	5	0	7	1	7	0	9	1	6	0	14	0	8	0	56	2
2	Bulgaria	3	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	9	0	12	0	9	0	46	0
3	Cyprus	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	18	0
4	Czech Republic	4	0	5	0	9	0	12	0	13	0	18	1	16	1	77	2
5	Denmark	1	0	3	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	10	0	8	0	36	0
6	Germany	16	0	21	0	35	0	44	0	53	2	70	1	88	0	327	3
7	Estonia	4	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	6	0	8	0	29	0
8	Greece	1	0	6	0	8	0	12	1	10	2	18	0	21	0	76	3
9	Spain	19	0	27	0	31	1	41	0	33	1	42	1	83	0	276	3
10	France	13	0	15	0	20	2	30	1	44	2	55	2	64	1	241	8
11	Croatia	1	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	6	0	7	0	7	1	31	1
12	Ireland	6	0	4	0	3	0	5	0	6	0	3	0	7	0	34	0
13	Italy*	10	1	15	1	28	3	32	0	32	5	51	3	58*	4*	226*	17*
14	Latvia	2	0	2	0	5	0	8	0	5	0	10	1	9	0	41	1
15	Lithuania	5	0	5	0	5	1	9	1	10	1	11	0	11	0	56	3
16	Luxemburg	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	7	0	19	0
17	Hungary	2	0	4	1	10	1	5	0	10	0	15	0	16	1	62	3
18	Malta	1	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	15	0
19	Netherlands	4	0	5	1	6	0	5	0	8	0	14	1	17	0	59	2
20	Austria	6	0	6	0	14	0	9	0	11	0	15	0	19	0	80	0
21	Poland	15	0	20	0	39	0	39	0	46	1	64	0	71	1	294	2
22	Portugal	3	1	4	1	7	0	8	0	14	0	12	1	16	0	64	3
23	Rumania	7	1	10	0	11	2	14	1	18	1	24	1	26	1	110	7
24	Finland	3	0	4	0	4	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	10	0	42	0
25	Sweden	3	0	2	0	7	0	8	0	10	0	15	0	17	0	62	0
26	Slovakia	3	0	3	1	5	0	7	0	10	0	11	0	12	0	51	1
27	Slovenia	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	10	1	31	1
28	UK	9	0	13	2	20	0	27	1	33	0	47	0	64	1	213	4
29	North Macedonia	1	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	5	0	4	0	6	0	28	0
30	Iceland	3	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	22	0
31	Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	10	0
32	Norway	0	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	4	0	13	0	32	0
33	Turkey	10	0	15	1	20	0	31	1	18	0	32	0	32	0	158	2
34	Serbia									3	1	6	1	4	0	13	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2935</b>	<b>70</b>
	<b>PrE as % of AE</b>		<b>1.8</b>		<b>4.1</b>		<b>3.0</b>		<b>1.7</b>		<b>3.5</b>		<b>2.1</b>		<b>1.6</b>		<b>2.4</b>

"AE" = Adult Education, "PE" = Prison Education (within Adult Education)

\* The figures for Italy include one additional project on Prison Education funded under the Call for "Creativity" projects (KA227).

**TABLE 3: ERASMUS+ GRANTS FOR ALL ADULT EDUCATION PROJECTS (KA104 AND KA204)  
IN THE FIELD OF PRISON EDUCATION (2014-2020): COUNTRY PARTICIPATION**

	COUNTRY	MOBILITY PROJECTS (KA104)			STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (KA204)				OVERALL (KA104+KA204)					
		Coordinator			Coordinator			Part- ner <sup>1</sup>	Total	Coordination			Total Partic. (PE)	
		AE	PE	% <sup>2</sup>	AE	PE	% <sup>3</sup>			AE	PE	% <sup>4</sup>	No. <sup>5</sup>	% <sup>6</sup>
1a	Belgium (DE)	13	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	13	0	0.0%	0	
1b	Belgium (FR)	34	0	0.0%	30	1	3.3%	4	5	64	1	1.6%	5	
1c	Belgium (NL)	102	4	3.9%	26	1	3.8%	10	11	128	5	3.9%	15	
1	Belgium	149	4	2.7%	56	2	3.6%	14	16	205	6	2.9%	20	13.0%
2	Bulgaria	75	0	0.0%	46	0	0.0%	6	6	121	0	0.0%	6	3.9%
3	Cyprus	58	1	1.7%	18	0	0.0%	7	7	76	1	1.3%	8	5.2%
4	Czech Republic	107	0	0.0%	77	2	2.6%	3	5	184	2	1.1%	5	3.2%
5	Denmark	57	0	0.0%	36	0	0.0%	2	2	93	0	0.0%	2	1.3%
6	Germany	274	3	1.1%	327	3	0.9%	11	14	601	6	1.0%	17	11.0%
7	Estonia	76	1	1.3%	29	0	0.0%	2	2	105	1	1.0%	3	1.9%
8	Greece	157	2	1.3%	76	3	3.9%	11	14	233	5	2.1%	16	10.4%
9	Spain	503	15	3.0%	276	3	1.1%	25	28	779	18	2.3%	43	27.9%
10	France*	136	7	5.1%	241	8	3.3%	10	18	377	15	4.0%	25	16.2%
11	Croatia	88	0	0.0%	31	1	3.2%	4	5	119	1	0.8%	5	3.2%
12	Ireland	48	5	10.4%	34	0	0.0%	4	4	82	5	6.1%	9	5.8%
13	Italy*	209	8	3.8%	226	17	7.5%	22	39	435	25	5.7%	47	30.5%
14	Latvia	114	1	0.9%	41	1	2.4%	4	5	155	2	1.3%	6	3.9%
15	Lithuania	90	2	2.2%	56	3	5.4%	6	9	146	5	3.4%	11	7.1%
16	Luxemburg	13	0	0.0%	19	0	0.0%	1	1	32	0	0.0%	1	0.6%
17	Hungary	123	0	0.0%	62	3	4.8%	4	7	185	3	1.6%	7	4.5%
18	Malta	17	3	17.6%	15	0	0.0%	1	1	32	3	9.4%	4	2.6%
19	Netherlands	70	3	4.3%	59	2	3.4%	15	17	129	5	3.9%	20	13.0%
20	Austria	151	1	0.7%	80	0	0.0%	2	2	231	1	0.4%	3	1.9%
21	Poland	245	2	0.8%	294	2	0.7%	11	13	539	4	0.7%	15	9.7%
22	Portugal*	104	2	1.9%	64	3	4.7%	28	31	168	5	3.0%	33	21.4%
23	Rumania*	154	2	1.3%	110	7	6.4%	23	30	264	9	3.4%	32	20.8%
24	Finland	147	0	0.0%	42	0	0.0%	2	2	189	0	0.0%	2	1.3%
25	Sweden	71	0	0.0%	62	0	0.0%	0	0	133	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
26	Slovakia	76	0	0.0%	51	1	2.0%	3	4	127	1	0.8%	4	2.6%
27	Slovenia	97	0	0.0%	31	1	3.2%	5	6	128	1	0.8%	6	3.9%
28	UK	136	3	2.2%	213	4	1.9%	8	12	349	7	2.0%	15	9.7%
29	N.Macedonia	20	0	0.0%	28	0	0.0%	1	1	48	0	0.0%	1	0.6%
30	Iceland	41	0	0.0%	22	0	0.0%	0	0	63	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
31	Liechtenstein	7	0	0.0%	10	0	0.0%	0	0	17	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
32	Norway	62	8	12.9%	32	0	0.0%	6	6	94	8	8.5%	14	9.1%
33	Turkey	210	10	4.8%	158	2	1.3%	12	14	368	12	3.3%	24	15.6%
34	Serbia	30	1	3.3%	13	2	15.4%	1	3	43	3	7.0%	4	2.6%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	3915	84	2.1%	2935	70	2.4%			6850	154	2.2%		

"AE" = Adult Education, "PE" = Prison Education (within Adult Education)

\* The figures for Italy as coordinating country under KA204 include one additional project on Prison Education funded in 2020 under the related Call for "Creativity" projects (KA227). The figures for France, Portugal and Rumania include their non-coordinating participation in this KA227 project.

<sup>1</sup> Projects in Prison Education in which the country has at least one organisation participating other than as coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> Prison Education projects as a percentage of Adult Education (KA104) projects coordinated in the country concerned.

<sup>3</sup> Prison Education projects as a percentage of Adult Education (KA204) projects coordinated in the country concerned.

<sup>4</sup> Prison Education projects as a percentage of all Adult Education (KA104 + KA204) projects coordinated in the country.

<sup>5</sup> Total number of KA104 and KA204 projects in Prison Education in which the country is involved as coordinator or partner.

<sup>6</sup> Percentage of all KA104 + KA204 projects in Prison Education in which the country is involved as coordinator or partner.

## Comments on the data

1. The data on Adult Education projects (Mobility Projects KA104 and Strategic Partnerships KA204) used in the tables was supplied by the European Commission<sup>7</sup> while the specific data on Prison Education was provided by *Erasmus+* National Agencies (NA) or derived from documents on their websites, complemented where necessary by reference to the *Erasmus+* Project Results Platform ([https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects_en) ).
2. A modest number of other projects relating to Prisons / ex-offenders and in some cases having relevance for Prison Education as such) have been funded under other parts of *Erasmus+* than Adult Education Mobility Projects (KA104) and Strategic Partnerships (KA204). This applies in particular to Key Action 3 in Education and Training (at least 10 projects in the period 2014-2020), but also School Education, Youth, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Sport. Such projects are not taken into account in the tables in the present document, except for one (Italian) project supported in 2020 pursuant to the “Creativity” call for proposals (KA227), due to the close link with the Adult Education component of the general *Erasmus+* Call and the administration of the project in conjunction with the KA204 projects at NA level.
3. In *Erasmus+* Adult Education projects, Prison Education sometimes figures merely as one aspect of projects (or one category of staff in mobility among several others) dealing with multiple issues of social marginalisation. Such projects have only been included in the present analysis where Prison Education appears to play a significant role. Thus the total number of KA104 and KA204 projects having some reference to Prison Education may be slightly larger than the figures suggest.
4. In some cases, Mobility Projects (KA104) not focussing primarily on Prison Education may nonetheless include individual instances where adult education staff go to a training event in the area of Prison Education.
5. Comparing the support provided for Prison Education under *Erasmus+* (*Adult Education*) and under “Grundtvig” within the preceding *Lifelong Learning Programme* (LLP):
  - As regards Mobility Projects (KA104), such comparison is difficult, due both to the change in structure of this Action with the transition to *Erasmus+* and to the absence of readily available information on the number of individual persons supported under the staff mobility actions under *LLP-Grundtvig* and *Erasmus+* respectively in the specific field of Prison Education;
  - As regards Strategic Partnerships (KA204), the *percentage* of Adult Education Strategic Partnerships addressing Prison Education decreased by around half compared with the Learning Partnerships and Multilateral Cooperation Projects under the “Grundtvig” section of the *Lifelong Learning Programme*. Despite the considerable increase in the budget available, the total number of projects relating broadly to education in the context of prisons, supported within the Adult Education part of the programme, fell from 83 (*LLP-Grundtvig*) to 70 (*Erasmus+/Adult Education*). Furthermore, a lower proportion of the *Erasmus+/Adult Education* projects focus clearly on Prison Education in the narrower sense of providing learning opportunities for prisoners (see also point 6 below).
6. While many key areas of Prison Education are indeed addressed, a substantial number of Mobility Projects (KA104) and Strategic Partnerships (KA204) relating to the Prison context and supported under the Adult Education section of *Erasmus+*, fall outside the scope of ‘Prison Education’ in the usual definition of the term, dealing instead with VET or therapy for prisoners (notably relating to drug abuse), the further training of prison officers, experimenting with alternatives to prison in the context of restorative justice etc..
7. A substantive commentary on the picture emerging from the data is provided in the separate document *Erasmus+ and Prison Education 2014-2020: Analysis*, available in PDF format on the website of the European Prison Education Association (EPEA): [www.epea.org](http://www.epea.org) (rubric: “The EU and Prison Education”) or as a Powerpoint presentation from the author at [alansmith@unitybox.de](mailto:alansmith@unitybox.de).

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<sup>7</sup> Except for 2020, for which the data used is that supplied by NAs.