



EPEP facilitates inmates and ex-offenders labour market reintegration through training on entrepreneurship and

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EUROPEAN PRISONERS  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



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Co-funded by the  
Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union

## BACKGROUND

Employers tend to reject the employment of former prisoners. Evidence of recidivism rates highlight why so many ex-offenders are unable to find a job after leaving prison and eventually resort to reoffending.

Data confirm high rates of recidivism, reaching up to 60% in certain European regions. As a consequence, most European prisons suffer from overcrowding and cannot serve their rehabilitation purpose.

Based on the previous positive experience in the USA and the UK, NGOs, higher education institutions and training providers from Italy, Belgium and France decided to create a European Prisoners Entrepreneurship Program.



We expand the offer of high quality learning opportunities

## STATISTICS



OVER 60%

average recidivism rate of prisoners  
(France, Belgium, Italy)

16-21%

prison overpopulation rate  
(France, Belgium & Italy)



59%

of prisoners are interested in taking a business course while in prison (according to a study of the Centre for Entrepreneurs, UK)

## EPEP PROJECT

The EPEP project is funded by the EU's Erasmus+ program to create an innovative and interactive e-learning platform, allowing former prisoners and inmates to realise their entrepreneurial ambitions.

The e-learning platform will also provide a training toolkit, including learning material, to trainers of organizations supporting inmates and ex-offenders to develop their entrepreneurship skills.

A toolbox is created for training centers supporting future entrepreneurs

## PROGRAM

Course introduction and sharing of business idea

Business readiness self-assessment

Business Definition

Business Plan Development

Business Management