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Just launched: European restorative justice prevention programme on violent radicalisation

A new Erasmus+ funded project has been launched to develop an innovative restorative justice Training Programme for criminal justice professionals (prison and probation staff, police, prosecutors, community practitioners) working with offenders, ex-offenders or individuals at risk of violent radicalisation/ group offending.

Restorative Dialogue Against Violent Radicalisation (RDaVR) is led by the UK-based NGO Restorative Justice for All (RJ4All) International Institute and consists of Büyük Ortadoğu Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı(BOSEV - Greater Middle East Health and Education Foundation), Turkey; Casa Eslava, Spain; Centrul Pentru Promovarea Invarierii Permanente - CPIP, Romania; I & F Education, Ireland; Sinergia s.c.s., Italy; Tuzla Halk Eğitimi Merkezi, Turkey.

Based on a common methodology, each partner will carry out fieldwork that will allow the training programme to be aligned with the local and current realities of criminal justice professionals, but also put it in the cultural, social and geographical context of the communities in which it will be implemented.

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, RJ4All Founder and Director said: “Europe is faced with increased phenomena of violent radicalisation, extremism and nationalism. The dominant approach to prevention is not as effective as originally thought. RDaVR has been put together to provide an alternative approach to preventing violent radicalisation and extremism based on dialogue and restorative justice”.

The aim to introduce dialogical method against violence and radicalisation as working tools in detention / correction centers as well as in the community in order to break the circle of violence where adults are victims and perpetrators. Our method will also aim to start at grass root level response and thus we will also target community leaders and civil society based practitioners.

A panel of criminal justice professionals from the public, private and civil sectors will take on responsibility for evaluating and steering the work of the project partners, as members of the User Scrutiny Panel, that will play in helping and advising the Project Consortium in their decision making in respect of improvements of project outputs and activities.

To find out more about the RDAVR project and to get involved in the activities, follow the link <http://restoratedialogue.org/> and visit our Facebook page @restoratedialogue

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