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## PREPARE PROJECT

Preventing radicalisation during probation and release



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## BACKGROUND

Probation allows for individualised follow-up for prisoners leaving prison and mobilises many services (prison administration, justice services, etc.). As a result, it is a key moment to act against the violent radicalisation of these individuals, whether it took place in prison or on release.

Local authorities have a key role to play in coordinating these different institutions. They can also use their knowledge and know-how in the field of prevention of reoffending and disengagement.

Concerted action means that individuals can be encouraged to resist extremist influences or be supported in a process of disengagement, thus contributing to their reintegration into society.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

PREPARE aims to contribute to the prevention of radicalisation through disengagement and rehabilitation programmes during release and probation, notably through multi-agency partnerships that include local authorities.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To identify needs in order to develop recommendations on the development of partnership initiatives for release and probation;
- To define the state-of-the-art on the involvement of local authorities in national prevention strategies during release from prison and probation;
- To strengthen the capacities of local authorities in tertiary prevention of radicalisation during release and probation;
- To bring together European local authorities interested in addressing the issue.

### A SPECIFIC, VULNERABLE TARGET AUDIENCE

At the time of their release, prisoners leaving prison face many difficulties: finding a job, (r)establishing a network of social relations, coping with stigmatisation, etc. These difficulties can fuel or trigger a process of radicalisation or criminal acts.

As guardians of social cohesion, local authorities have the means to support inclusive policies and provide alternatives for released prisoners to reintegrate into society in a sustainable way.

Elected officials also have a political and educational role to play in ensuring that these policies are accepted by the entire population.

## PROJECT PROCESS

The project will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

**An initial research stage** will identify the different ways in which local authorities are involved in strategies to work with released inmates or individuals on probation throughout Europe.

Based on the results, local authorities will benefit from **contributions from experts** in prison disengagement, release from prison or probation and reintegration. They will also carry out **field visits** to see the local experiences of their peers. This will help the development of their own local disengagement and rehabilitation activities during release from prison and probation.

These experiments will lead to the **creation of practice sheets and a publication** on these projects. The publication will contain the results of the research on the state of the art of European practices and a summary of local activities implemented by the partner cities. It will also present methodological and policy recommendations for European local and regional authorities, EU Member States and EU institutions. These recommendations will serve as support for local authorities wishing to engage in programmes to prevent radicalisation, reoffending or indoctrination of individuals.