



PUTTING KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE: THE EUTEx TRAINING COURSE

After collecting and assessing numerous practices from various EU and non-EU countries, the EU-funded project EUTEx (Developing a European framework for disengagement and reintegration of extremist offenders and radicalised individuals in prison, including returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families) has now put together its own course for practitioners who work directly with extremist and terrorist offenders in prison, probation and other relevant institutions.

The EUTEx course and trainings comprise a total of three modules:

- Module I: Radicalisation and risk assessment;
- Module II: Disengagement and reintegration;
- Module III: Women, children and communities.

EUTEx is deploying an innovative, practical, hands-on training course and drawing on best practices across Europe.

The course has an **online component** (a virtual platform where participants will have access to ad-hoc content developed for this course) and an offline face-to-face component (three seminars + study visits in which the topics previously covered in the online component will be studied in depth e.g. to prisons, probation services, NGO/CSO, with a more practical approach and oriented to the development of skills and attitudes).

Participants will be requested to carry out the online **training material** (e-Learning) before the in-person training events in **Vienna, Stockholm and Tirana**. The online content will be made available to trainees two to four weeks prior to the respective events.

The **3-day training events** foreseen in our programme will comprise a short **theoretical-centred session** (to complement the content previously explored in the e-Learning course), followed by a practical/hands-on experience that intends to put into practice trainees' knowledge. A study visit (e.g., prison, probation service, NGO/CSO) is also included.



The majority of Violent and Extremist Offenders (VEOs) will eventually be released. However, there is a risk these individuals will re-offend, thus, an effective way to support their post-release journey is through successful rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.

Training Events

The training events will take place as follows:

- Module 1: **22 – 24th March 2023. Vienna, Austria** - study visit at Ministry of Justice and Josefstadt prison (Vienna)
- Module 2: **19 – 21st April 2023. Stockholm, Sweden** - study visit at the Swedish Prison and Probation Service in Stockholm
- Module 3: **24 – 26th May 2023. Tirana, Albania** - study visit in Tirana on the work with communities.



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EUTEx in a nutshell

What are the best practices regarding the disengagement and reintegration of terrorist and extremist offenders? How do they work and what are the challenges and gaps we are currently facing throughout Europe in this field?

The EUTEx project takes a hands-on, frontline approach, in that practices are understood as specific approaches and concrete methods beyond the level of initiatives, projects and programmes. How do psychologists in prisons across Europe work and what yields particularly good results in their experience? What new tools, training, and knowledge are needed?

EUTEx focuses on specific professionals in prison and probation who work directly with terrorist and extremist inmates, principally social workers, psychologists and educators. The aim is to develop and provide specialized and in-depth training of the train-the-trainer type.

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