



Voluntary Contribution Project
on

**Enhancing recruitment procedures and training of staff
of the State Prison of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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ON THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS**

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Dear Colleagues,

The Council of Europe Prison Reform Project Team is happy to present you with the latest developments in the “Enhancing recruitment procedures and training of staff of the State Prison of Bosnia and Herzegovina” project.

Thanks to the generous voluntary contribution made by the Government of the United States through the Department of State’s Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, throughout this project, the Council of Europe (CoE), as the implementing partner is providing support to the national authorities to establish a professional, effective and efficient high security prison in line with European standards.

We hope that these regular bulletins continue to give you an useful insight into the project’s activities.

Enjoy the read!

Project Team

Preparation and printing of the promotional material for the Project: March-April 2012, Sarajevo

The promotional material will be used throughout the implementation to raise visibility of both partners in the project - the US authorities as the donor and the CoE as its implementing partner. All project activities will use stationery featuring the Voluntary Contribution project's logo and title (notepads, folders, pens and table flags).

Translation of amendments to the BiH Law on Execution of Criminal Sanctions and relevant Rulebooks: March -April 2012, Sarajevo

The BiH Law on Execution of Criminal Sanctions was adopted in March 2005, while four sets of amendments ensued since then with the purpose of further harmonisation with the European Prison Rules, CPT standards and proceedings from the various prison related projects. The consolidated version of the BiH LECS was published in the Official Gazette in late 2010. The pre-draft amendments to the consolidated version were prepared in early 2012. The translation of the said BiH Law and its amendments will be used in the Project working groups.

1st Stakeholders' Committee meeting: May 2012, Sarajevo

The Stakeholders Committee meets quarterly to assess progress and agree on the upcoming priorities under the project, adopt the overall work programme and annual work plans, recommend strategies in light of the national sectoral priorities, to ensure that measures are taken to facilitate the widest possible dissemination of the project results and to recommend strategies for future sustainability. The Committee members, representing all three Ministries of Justice in BiH, civil society, as well as both project partners, adopted at its first session the quarterly report and approved the project activities proposed to take place in the immediate future. The regular quarterly bulletin was also recognised as a good form of sharing information with all stakeholders.

Expert assessment visit and the 1st meeting of the WG in preparation of the Recruitment and Staffing Strategy for the BiH State prison: May 2012, Sarajevo and Istocno Sarajevo

The Project's consultant met with senior management of two entity prison establishments to discuss the current recruitment practices and challenges faced in daily prison environment in this regard. In addition, the consultant also met with the local policy makers and senior staff of the Ministries of Justice to learn about the existing legal background and regulations governing this subject. Members of the Working Group comprising representatives of all three Ministries of Justice started their work by undertaking to prepare an overview of the existing regulations on this subject in their respective prison jurisdictions.

Expert assessment visit in preparation of training programmes for the BiH State prison (core security and treatment competencies): June 2012, Sarajevo, Foca and Zenica

The Project's consultant met with senior management of two entity prison establishments to discuss the current training programmes for security and treatment staff. In addition, the consultant also met with the local policy makers and senior staff of the Ministries of Justice to learn about the existing training programmes. Members of the Working Group comprising representatives of all three Ministries of Justice started their work by undertaking to prepare an overview of the existing training programmes in their respective prison jurisdictions.

Harmonisation of the work plan with the BiH MoJ's Project Implementation Unit for the State Prison Construction: *ongoing*

CoE awaits comments on the Project's draft work plan.

Appointments to the working groups: *ongoing*

CoE awaits appointments to the Working Groups on behalf of the BiH MoJ.

In the next period, from July – September 2012, the project will be busy with implementing the following activities:

- Study visit in preparation of the Recruitment and Staffing Strategy for the BiH State prison
- Drafting sessions in preparation of the Recruitment and Staffing Strategy
- Drafting sessions in preparation of training programmes for security and treatment staff

Visibility:

A brief information on the project is currently available on the following CoE web site:
http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/capacitybuilding/projects/bosnia_herzegovina_en.asp

Current information is also available on social network media at the following address:
<http://www.facebook.com/coe.sarajevo>

Activities are underway on uploading project background and the latest developments also on the web site of the CoE Office in BiH.

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