## **EVALUATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WORK UNDER THE PROGRAMME LINE "PRISONS AND POLICE" 2016-2019 (2021)**

"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones."

Nelson Mandela



## **Evaluation question**

To what extent is the work in the programme:

- relevant?
- · effective?
- · adding value?

## Methodology

ocument review

103 interviews with Council of Europe staff and partners

12co-operation projects in 5 case study countries

numbers of CDPC and PC-CP

thematic areas:

- Probation and alternatives to prison
  - Health care in prisons
  - Monitoring and oversight
- Prison management and rehabilitation
- Police custody

## Strengths and ways to improve

Consider
arrangements for
standard setting and
co-operation for
places of detention
outside
criminal justice

Focus more systematically on women in standard-setting and co-operation Focus more on policing in standard-setting and co-operation

CoE work has been found:

- highly relevant
- mostly effective
- high in added value

but could:

Encourage member states to translate and disseminate standards

Widen the range of member states where co-operation activity is offered and explore possibilities to provide support to infrastructure

Proactively seek to increase involvement of civil society in projects

Enhance sustainability by considering possibilities for longer-term interventions, and post-project support

