

Strengthening human rights treatment of detainees based on European standards and best practices in Bosnia and Herzegovina

What is the goal?

- ▶ To further strengthen the safety and protection of persons deprived of liberty in line with the European standards from their apprehension in the law enforcement agencies, to their rehabilitation in prisons and closed environments, and through reintegration upon the release.
- ▶ To support the implementation of Information Technology (IT) system encompassing collection and processing of electronic data in prison.

Who benefits from the Action?

- ▶ Decision makers and national authorities, whose capacities will be further enhanced
- ▶ Law enforcement officers, prison staff and forensic institution staff, who will further develop their professional skills
- ▶ Detained persons, prisoners, forensic patients, who will enjoy more safeguards
- ▶ Citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who will be living in a more secure and safe environment and the society at large

How will the Action work?

- ▶ It builds on the results of the previous Action under HF Phase I (2016-2019), "Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons"
- ▶ It will use a combination of capacity building, accreditation of local training structures, multi-agency co-operation and peer learning, as well as piloting of treatment programmes for prisoners
- ▶ Activities on rehabilitation, re-socialisation and reintegration of detainees are tailor made to local practices through working group sessions

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ To improve human rights compliance of law enforcement agencies
- ▶ To enhance treatment of prisoners through the application of case management system in prisons
- ▶ To strengthen treatment of forensic patients through application of specialised treatment programmes within the case management system
- ▶ To introduce electronic exchange of prison-related data

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 1 Million EUR
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe)

How to get more information?

- ▶ Criminal Law Co-operation Unit (CLCU), Action against Crime Department, Directorate General I Human Rights and Rule of Law: website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/criminal-law-coop>
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