

EPTA

EUROPEAN PENITENTIARY TRAINING ACADEMIES

Your network partner for correctional staff training and development



COMPARE –SHARE – DEVELOP

European Penitentiary Training Academies (EPTA) was founded in 2010 by the heads of European Penitentiary Staff Training Academies to provide a structure that would support the sharing of training methodologies and contents across Europe.

EPTA aims at developing a cooperation that enhances initial and continuous training of correctional staff, and boosts awareness of the correctional staff's work in prison and probation settings.

Once a year, EPTA meets for two days in one of the partner countries to discuss the latest developments in the sector.

Once every two years, the annual conference is combined with a general assembly to discuss organizational matters, and elect the President and the members of the Steering Committee.

HISTORY

In November 2008, at a joint meeting in Agen, France, the founding members decided to create a European network of Penitentiary Training Academies that would be named EPTA.

At a meeting in Rome, Italy, in June 2009, the founding members drafted a joint declaration and accession protocol reflecting the common values of the members of this new network. In April 2010, the founding members signed the EPTA declaration and protocol.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of EPTA are:

- Promoting the exchange of knowledge, content, programs and best practices
 - Facilitating an exchange of professionals and trainers in favour of mutual enrichment
 - Developing communication among its partners
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MEMBERS

Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Bavaria (Germany), Belgium, Catalonia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is an advisory body. Currently, the members of the Steering Committee are:

- **Riccardo Turrini Vita**, Head of the Italian Higher School of Penitentiary Studies
- **Marta Ferrer**, Catalanian Centre for Legal Studies and Specialised Training
- **Sophie Bleuet**, French Ecole nationale d'administration pénitentiaire
- **Ryszard Czapracki**, Polish Central Training Centre of Prison Service
- **EuroPris liaison**

PRESIDENCY

The Presidency of EPTA is organized in a rotating manner among the members.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Training Academy currently holding the Presidency, is in charge of organizing the annual conference.

The Swiss Prison Staff Training Centre is organizing the Annual EPTA conference of 2017, from 19 to 22 September, at the Centre Loewenberg in Morat.

Topic of the conference: Leadership Training and Training of Prison Managers

SECRETARIAT

For 2017, the Secretariat is at the Swiss Prison Staff Training Centre.

Project management and organization: **Laura von Mandach** and **Sylvane Schaller**

Co-Directors of the Training Department: **Regine Schneeberger** and **Stephanie Zahnd**

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EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

EuroPris has agreed to take responsibility for the external communication of EPTA by building a webpage and sharing information through its bi-monthly newsletter.

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