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THEMATIC WORKSHOP:

Justice and Detention

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<p>Issues <i>In brief</i></p>	<p>Exercising ones citizenship is an integral part of the rehabilitation of prisoners as it helps them to maintain a link with other people and with society. How can we be citizens in detention? How can we pursue shared projects? Prisoners are deprived of their freedom, but no other rights, yet exercising their citizenship is rarely possible as these rights do not apply in practice (e.g. the option to meet people, hold meetings, security issues, etc.).</p> <p>Furthermore, children facing courts are in a particularly vulnerable situation as they can be victims, perpetrators, or members of a family in which somebody has been accused of a crime. In every case, the child must be viewed as a vulnerable individual who must receive special protection.</p>
<p>What is the European Union doing, or failing to do, in this area?</p>	<p>The European Union has very little influence on the exercise of citizenship in detention. It has no competence in penal matters, but it can intervene in cases referred to the Court of Justice of the European Union.</p> <p>The EU has also little influence on social policies to help families. However, it has adopted positions (recommendations, guidelines, strategies) which influence professional practice in the field of child protection.</p>
<p>Current regulations or laws in this area <i>(where relevant)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe guidelines on appropriate justice for children - European Commission strategy on unaccompanied foreign minors - European Commission recommendation on child poverty

	<p>and welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directive on victims' rights - European Prison Rules (Council of Europe)
Questions, focal points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right to association in detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can the necessary administrative steps be taken to form an association? How can prisoners meet in prison to run an association effectively (space and resources to get together)? - How can prisoners pay a subscription to an association to which they already belong? - Expressing and exercising ones citizenship/security. - Nurturing social bonds in prison. - Citizenship as a means of rehabilitation. - The impact of a series of transfers. • What cultural initiatives are possible in prison? Prisoners' involvement, commitment and attendance is required. The facilities for attendance must also be provided. • The issue of work in prison: Is it possible to form a trade union? Is work paid? • With regards to the minors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - De-institutionalisation, placements - Unaccompanied foreign minors - Minors' rights in the legal system - The role of the European Union in upholding children's rights - Factors leading to crime and crime prevention - Extra-judiciary responses - Integration of young people after a child protection or punishment order.
Suggested workshop facilitation approach:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of the workshop and related issues (10 minutes) - Presentation of the participants/ ice-breaker (10 minutes) - Sharing about experiences of the directly concerned persons (25 minutes) - Exchanges about the main issues underlined during discussion, sharing about good practices in the related fields (30 minutes) - Conclusion: what can we propose ? (15 minutes) 	

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