



Partner Search Form

Please do not write more than two pages.

Identification of the applicant	
Name of the organisation	Release Prison Partnership
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Short overview of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>Release is driven by the belief that restoration is possible for every person. We envision an Ireland where people with offences are treated with dignity, supported to live transformed lives, and make positive contributions to their communities. We provide services in 2 Dublin prisons serving over 135 men.</p> <p>Our Mission- 58% of prisoners in Ireland reoffend within three years. For many of these offenders, loss or lack of significant personal relationships and support was the most significant factor in their decision to commit a crime. We work with minority groups who are excluded from society and assist with their reintegration.</p> <p>Release interrupts the revolving door of imprisonment by connecting prisoners with our trained volunteers from the community for mentoring. These mentors build relationships and self-esteem, provide consistency and accountability, and help prisoners to achieve goals – such as assessing employment opportunities which are proven interventions in the prevention of crime.</p> <p>Our Ethos- We are faith based but not faith biased, and serve all clients with the same uncompromising love, respect, and dedication; regardless of offence, religion, race, nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or family status.</p>

Description of the project	
Strand, Measure in the framework of “Europe for Citizens” Programme (e.g. European Remembrance; Civil Society Project; Town Twining)?	Civil Society Project
Timetable of the project	Starting April 2020 for 18 months
Short description of the project, including its aims	<p style="text-align: center;">Understanding the causes of poor employment opportunities for ex-prisoners</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Explore effective strategies which equip ex-prisoners to enter gainful employment and avoid re-offending.</p> <p>Aims of project -To foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding to combat stigmatisation of prisoners and minority groups.</p> <p>In areas such as:</p> <p>Training for prisoners to help them develop employment seeking skills.</p> <p>Mentor assistance and support to assist ex-prisoners in gaining employment.</p> <p>Demonstrating a positive impact on reducing re-offending by beneficiaries of this project.</p> <p>Examine examples of successful projects in different EU countries.</p>
Role of the partner organisation in the project	Release are looking for partners who work with prisoners in areas such as training skills, mentoring and reintegration for prisoners back into society.
Any other comments	Release’s preference is to be a partner in a project led by another EU country