PREVENTING RADICALIZATION IN DETENTION - AUSTRIA

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Overview

- Austrian Prison System in General
- accused and convicted FTFs in Austrian Prisons
- measures of De-Radicalisation – Overview
- more in depth Care and Rehabilitation Programmes
- future steps to be made
Facts (as per 01.10.2017)

• 8860 detainees (93% total capacity)
  – 3.97% electronic monitoring (352)
  – 6% female (520)
  – 1% juveniles (144)
  – 54% foreign countries, 100 different nationalities
Facts

• 3900 prison staff
  – 3200 uniformed staff
  – doctors, psychologists, social workers, pastors, pedagogues, therapists, nurses, administrative personnel and more staff with specialised training history
Accused or convicted prisoners pursuant to sections 278b et seqq. Criminal Code (as per 01.10.2017)

• 64 detainees
  – separated in 22 prisons
  – 26 have been legally convicted
  – 3 female
  – 11 young adults
Exchange concerning De-Radicalisation within Austrian Prison Service

• MoJ Task Force “De-Radicalisation in Prisons”
• semi-annual executive conference with all prison directors (+ 2 optional additional meetings)
• profession seminars with special focus (social worker meeting, executives, etc.)
Bilateral/Multilateral exchange concerning extremism and new phenomena

• cooperation with Federal agency for state protection and counter terrorism
• networks on national level (nationwide, federal provinces)
• cooperation of international level (Council of Europe, EuroPris, MECR, RAN, ICPA)
Dealing with extremism phenomena in Austrian Prison Service

• Prevention
  – Sensibilization of
    • Staff
    • Prisoners
  – Screening tool for social workers
  – DERAD
  – Federal agency for state protection and counter terrorism

• Deradicalisation
  – Training of Staff
  – Multidisciplinary network
  – Screening
  – Workshop Multipliers
Measures of De-Radicalisation in Austrian Prison Service

- mandatory sentence planning
- support concept with NEUSTART and the DERAD (social cohesion network for dialogue, prevention of extremism and democracy)
- Training skills for psychologists and social workers in cooperation of the Violence Prevention network
Comprehensive counselling mode concerning De-Radicalisation

• Multiple check
  – interdisciplinary teams
  – external professionals
  – Federal agency for state protection and counter terrorism
  – release preparation (NEUSTART, DERAD, Aussteigerprogramm, etc.)
Current steps

• DARE-Project Start November 2017: training of risk assessment VERA-2R
• workshop for multipliers (prison staff) start 2018
• coaching and mentoring with support of VPN
• improvement of the cooperation between prison staff and Federal agency for state protection and counter terrorism: kick-off meeting spring 2018
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