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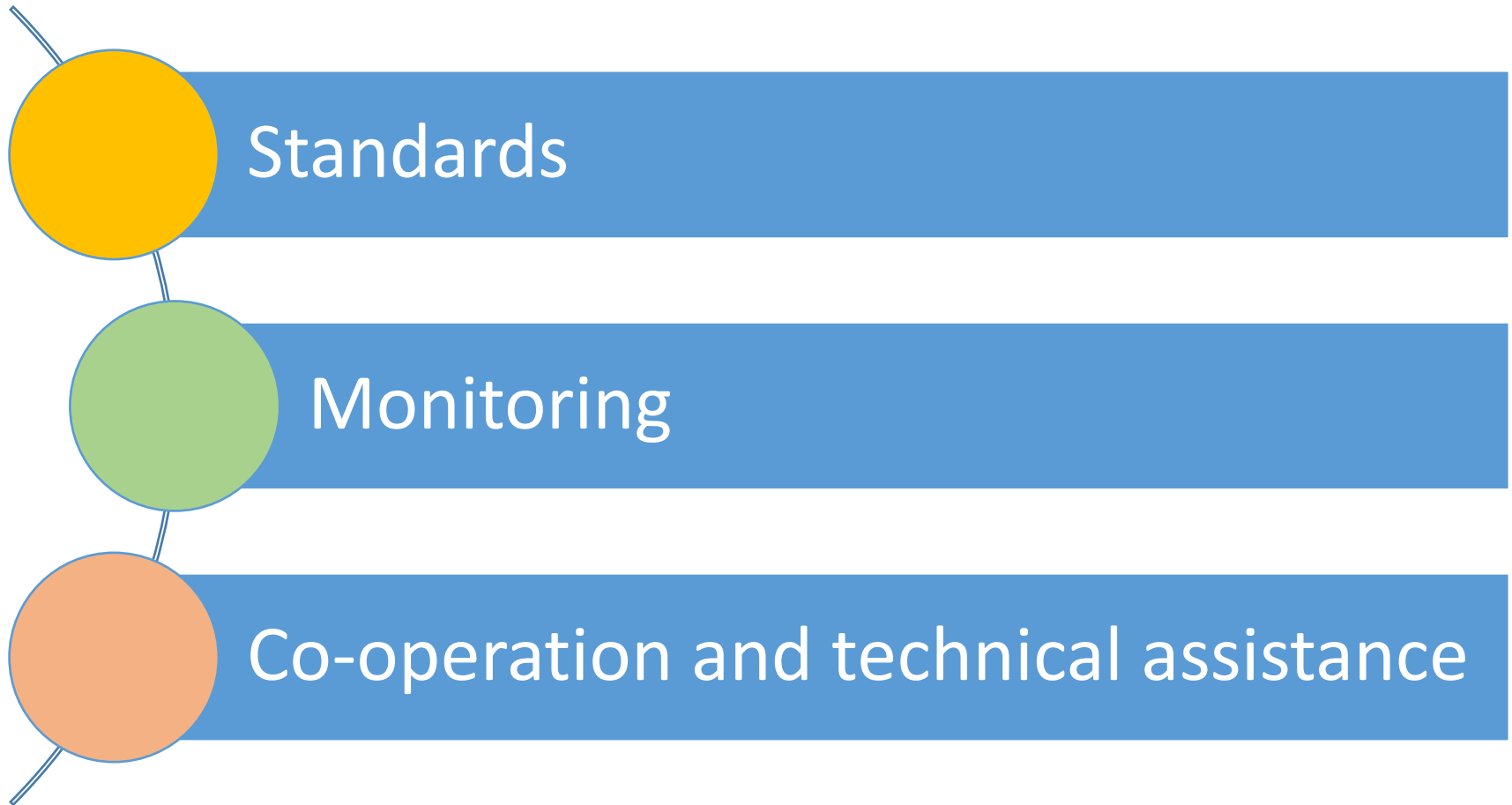


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# Deradicalisation in prisons projects in Western Balkans

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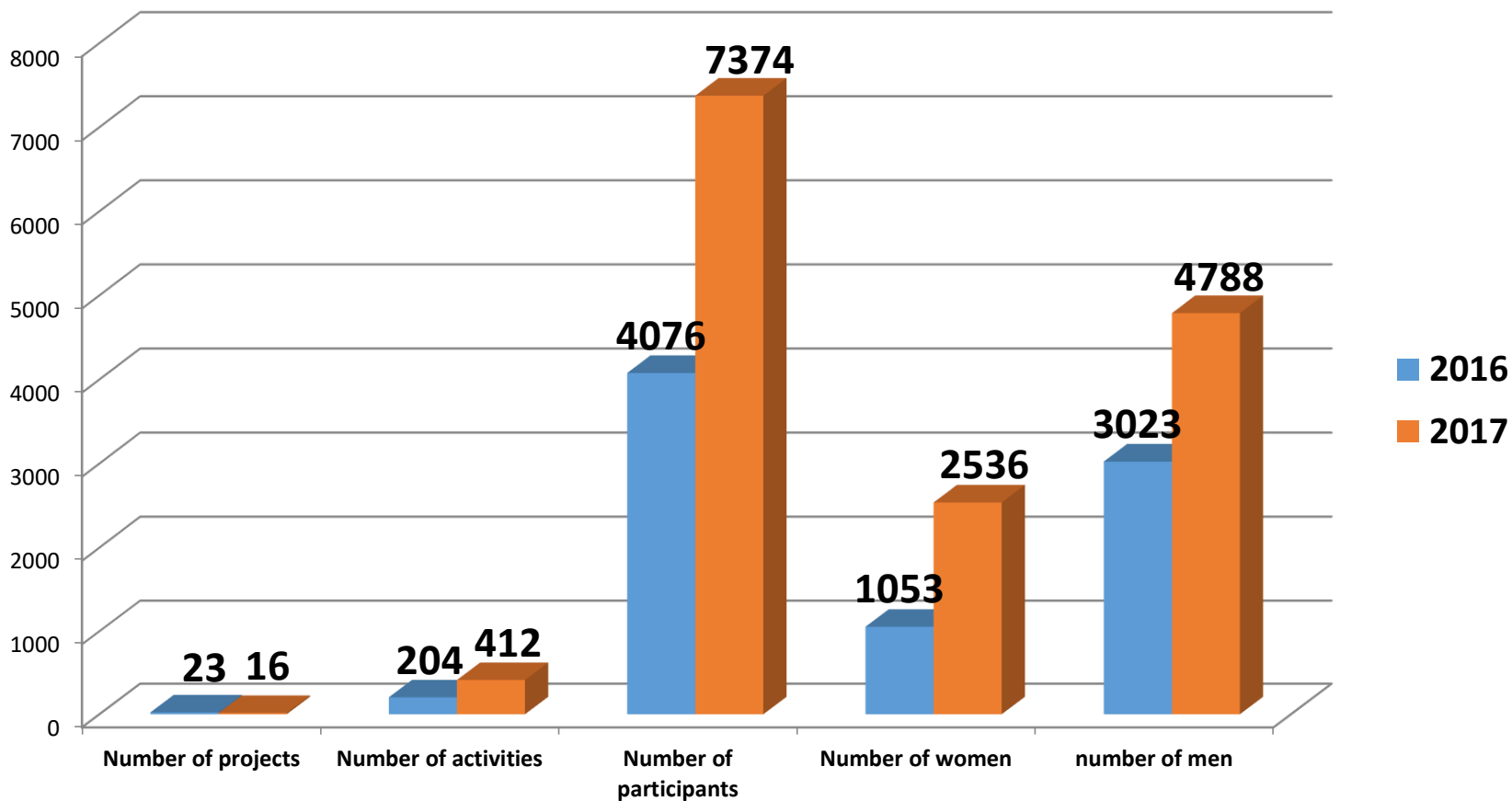
- **Policy documents** and promotion of a strategic approach to **reform of prison / probation / police systems** Europe-wide
- Assist the **legislative processes** by offering **advice and legal expertise/opinion**, as well as facilitating discussions and drafting
- **Capacity-building**, ensuring **sustainable training** provision and **enhanced professionalism** of the prison and police staff to ensure a better human rights protection for detained persons
- **Institution-building** measures and **awareness-raising** activities

## Train prison staff - promoting **dynamic security** and ensure **better use of prison staff** skills and knowledge

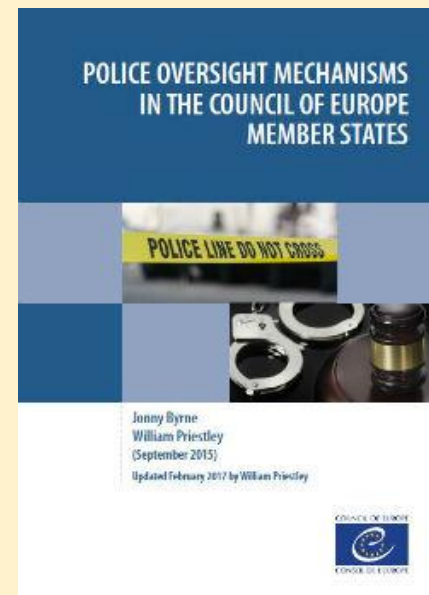
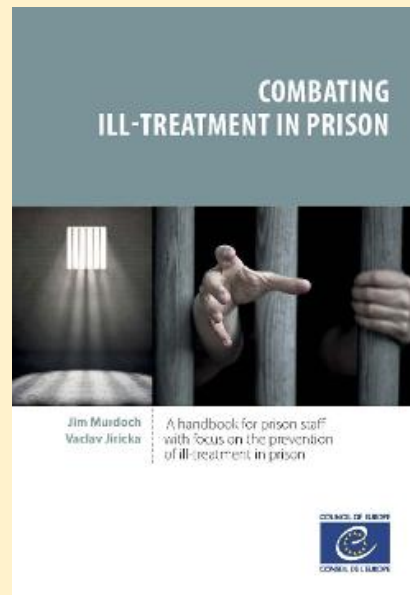
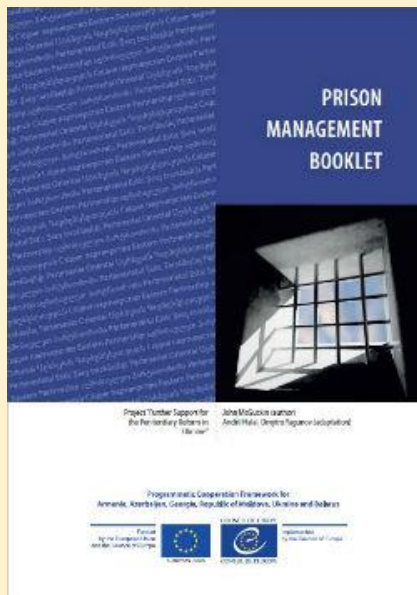


Developing core prison competences, from the **suicide prevention programmes** through the basic elements of the **provision of health care in prisons** and **offenders behaviour and treatment programmes**, all the way up to **prison management**.

### Data comparison between 2016 and 2017



- Manuals, guidelines and booklets are developed under technical assistance projects



<https://www.coe.int/en/web/criminal-law-coop/publications>

## Guidelines for prison and probation services regarding radicalisation and violent extremism

- **Measures** to be taken in order to prevent persons from being radicalised to accepting violent extremist views which may lead to terrorist acts, as well as to detect, manage and resettle radicalised persons
- **Basic principles:** respect for human rights, data protection, good prison management
- **Importance:** proper screening, development of assessment tools, use of inter-agency co-operation and the dynamic security concept

## Handbook for Prison and Probation Services regarding Radicalisation and Violent Extremism

- **Purpose** – to provide specific directions and suggests recommendations to achieve good practices in the risk assessment, management and re-integration of radicalised offenders
- **Scope** – it contains practical information consistent with the importance of tailored risk assessments and interventions and the use of good prison and probation management principles pertaining to violent extremist offenders



## Handbook: Main themes

- Violent extremist offenders and radicalisation process
- Risk assessment of violent extremist offenders and radicalisation
- Managing rehabilitation of violent extremists in prison and probation
- Managing safety and security of violent extremists in prison and probation
- Connection with friends families and communities
- Capacity building in prison and probation

## Handbook: Key points

- Good prison and probation management
- Independent monitoring and complaint mechanisms
- Timely identification in order to address specific characteristics and needs
- Sufficient staff, resources and specialised training
- Special attention to vulnerable groups and individuals who may be susceptible to radicalisation
- Specific and relevant assessment tools for violent extremist offenders and effective individualised intervention programmes

## **Expert meeting of designated representatives of the prison and probation services responsible for dealing with radicalisation to violent extremism**

**Objective:** Enhance capacities of member states to fight radicalisation in prison and probation services

- ✓ **Present the Council of Europe Guidelines and Handbook**
- ✓ **Initiate a dialogue and create a network among experts from prison and probation services responsible for dealing with radicalisation to violent extremism and to exchange information and expertise on the topic**

## **Project: Supporting reintegration of violent and extremist prisoners in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- **Overall objective:** To support BiH authorities in standardising prisons' operational procedures with respect to violent extremist prisoners that are based on lawful exercise of public safety duties, thereby enabling prisoners' effective and efficient reintegration in the community.
- ✓ **Set of criteria for identifying signs of radicalisation and operational procedures to deal with violent extremist prisoners developed**
- ✓ **Specialized risk and needs assessment (RNA) developed**
- ✓ **Pre-release programme (PRP) developed and multiagency cooperation agreed**
- ✓ **Training programme on RNA and PRP**

## Activities conducted so far:

- **Assessment mission (January 2018)**
- **Report presented and discussed (March 2018)**
- **WG sessions initiated in June 2018**
  
- **Main findings:**
  - **Specific screening and risk assessment tools**
  - **Tailor-made individual intervention plans**
  - **training of staff**
  - **overcrowding in prisons – problem**
  - **improvement of living and working conditions both for staff and the inmates**

## **Main findings – continued:**

- **cooperation with religious representatives**
- **Inter-agency collaboration - information sharing and feedback**
- **post-release support**
- **involvement of peers/families/children**
- **Communication**

## **Activities to follow till end of May 2019:**

- **WG sessions - screening tool and methodology for developments of individual intervention plan/programme**
- **Piloting phase (early 2019) - supervision**
- **Trainings – management level and prison staff in 3 prisons**
- **Awareness-raising among general prison staff**
- **Coordination on post-penal assistance**

**CoE plans to continue the support to the authorities, pending developments and needs, beyond May 2019.**

**Overall objective** - To enhance the regional security through increased cooperation on deradicalisation in prisons

Develop an efficient and sustainable cooperation and exchange of good practices on deradicalisation in prisons, with focus on two specific objectives:

- Enhancing regional and inter-agency cooperation on approaches to address the issue of violent extremism and radicalisation in prisons; and
- Setting minimum standards and unified methodologies on combatting violent extremism and radicalisation in prisons.

## **Expected outputs:**

Minimum standardised methodology on developing screening and assessment tools is developed

Minimum standardised methodology on developing specific rehabilitation programme or individual treatment plans for radicalised prisoners is designed

Minimum standardized training objectives and guidelines for development of specific training interventions for prison staff in the region is agreed



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