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Together for greater support for families of convicts - T4GS4FoC



☀️ KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE EBOLI WORKSHOP

On August 29, the Together for Greater Support for Families of Convicts workshop was held at the Eboli Correctional Facility, marking a significant step forward in the Erasmus+ project.

This event, co-funded by the European Union, focused on developing effective strategies for supporting inmates' families and facilitating the reintegration of ex-convicts into society.

Organized by Gramigna OdV in collaboration with local institutions, the workshop brought together experts, social workers, and representatives from various associations.

This workshop in Eboli was the second major event within the framework of this Erasmus+ project. The first workshop took place in October 2023 in Prague, hosted by the project coordinator, Volonté, and laid the foundation for the ongoing collaboration among international partners.

The discussions in Eboli emphasized the importance of reducing the stigma faced by families of inmates and strengthening support systems for reintegration both during and after incarceration. A unique aspect of the workshop was the active participation of inmates from the Eboli facility, who shared their personal experiences, providing crucial insights into the challenges they and their families face.

Representatives from Eboli's penitentiary staff and convicts, Volonté CZ, Yellow Ribbon CZ, Consorzio Sale della Terra and Sbarre di Zuccherò APS also contributed valuable perspectives, sharing best practices and strategies from their respective countries. These discussions explored how family relationships can play a pivotal role in reducing recidivism and supporting the emotional well-being of inmates during incarceration.



☀️ OTHER ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE DAYS SPENT IN ITALY

In addition to the Eboli workshop, the week from August 26 to 30, 2024, featured a range of other activities aimed at reinforcing the objectives of the Together for Greater Support for Families of Convicts project. These activities included site visits and discussions designed to explore new approaches to support and reintegration.

A key event was the visit to Caffè dell'Orto in Benevento, a social enterprise employing ex-convicts and migrants, which collaborates with Fattoria Sociale Orto di Casa Betania and Sale Della Terra.

The delegation also visited the olive oil education lab managed by Mr. Sebastian Limata in Vitulano, where they learned about the process of olive cultivation and processing, observing how ex-convicts are integrated into productive and supportive work environments. This visit highlighted the importance of meaningful employment in helping ex-convicts reintegrate into society.



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