

ERI Partners Action Plan: achievements, progress and barriers



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ERI SMART plan

Specific		Measurable	Agreed	Realistic	Timely
<i>What specifically is to be achieved?</i>	<i>What are the specific actions that need to be taken?</i>	<i>What will be the key tangible measures of success?</i>	<i>Who needs to agree with this action to ensure its successful completion?</i>	<i>How realistic is it that this action can be fully achieved</i>	<i>What is it that makes this the right time to be pursuing this action?</i>
Test the LCP with minors	Test it on 10 minors	At least 2 minors succeed in LCP	Minors Social Services Criminal Justice System	Understand the role of each participant and to identify participants	MALS experience can be successful best practice to follow
Test the LCP with adults	Try to test it with adults	Involve at least 1 adult	An adult	Understand the role of each participant and to identify participants	The economic crisis, lack of job opportunities and wide engagement
Improve/empower network	Actions at local and international levels	Strengthening of local and international networks	MALS Knowsley Den Haag LJMU	Bureaucracy/ legal problems	The system is overcrowded and this could help to smooth the procedure
Enable ex-offenders to become tutors/mentors	Look at best practice Training guidelines for mentors	Involve (train) at least 1 mentor	Ex-offenders MALS, Knowsley, Den Haag, LJMU	Find an ex-offender who could become a volunteer mentor is essential	

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Target 1- *Test the LCP with minors*

Action required – *Test it on 10 minors*

<i>Target met</i> (including how you achieved this)	<i>Target not met</i> (including reasons/barriers to achieving success)	<i>Lessons</i> for partners to draw from the experience
	<p><i>Test it on 10 minors / At least 2 minors succeed in LCP</i></p> <p>We have tested the LCP with 7 minors. 6 left the LCP because they found it is not in line with their needs. We have done only 1:1 activities with them because the Italian justice ministry did not permit us to do group activities.</p> <p>One minor is still in progress on the LCP.</p>	<p>We need to identify a minor LCP with an approach nearer to their lifestyle and needs. With the minors involved we have tried to stimulate them to return to studying but they were not interested. We also tried to introduce them to new job training but the company were not able to provide paid employment.</p> <p>Probably it could be useful to involve them in sports training or similar activities?</p>

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Target 2- *Test the LCP with adults*

Action required – *Try to test it with adults*

<i>Target met</i> (including how you achieved this)	<i>Target not met</i> (including reasons/barriers to achieving success)	<i>Lessons for partners to draw from the experience</i>
<p>Involve at least 1 adult.</p> <p>We have run the LCP with 10 adults in a group with 1:1 and group activities. 50% of them were female and 50% were male. They had 8 meetings.</p> <p>We have run the LCP programme and in each meeting we also took them to discover local enterprise. The enterprise were more than happy to work with us, they showed us their work and asked our group to test their skills.</p>		<p>Needs of adult ex-offenders are very basic ones.</p> <p>They need to buy food and to have a job with a small salary. They are mainly isolated people living outside society.</p> <p>In order to still work with them and keep them together we asked the municipality of Collegno for the chance to have an urban vegetable garden, a place where they can stay together and can feed themselves.</p> <p>A new experiment could also provide a small budget for running a traineeship in a local company?</p>

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Target 3 - *Improve/ empower network*

Action required – *Actions at local and international levels*

<i>Target met</i> (including how you achieved this)	<i>Target not met</i> (including reasons/barriers to achieving success)	<i>Lessons for partners to draw from the experience</i>
<p><u>Strengthen networks</u></p> <p>Local: At the local level we have directly involved two municipalities and one social centre. We are trying to build up a network with the University of Agrarian to help in the correct management of the vegetable garden.</p> <p>International: We have received a request for information on our project from a group of Spanish lawyers.</p>	<p>Sharing of MALS experience with ours.</p> <p>Not yet done because we would like to do it after and with the mentor experience.</p>	<p>Lesson received from the ex-offender that we would like to share is: “Always ask!”</p>

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Target 4- *Enable ex-offenders to become tutors/ mentors*

Action required – *Look at best practice guidelines for mentors*

<i>Target met</i> (including how you achieved this)	<i>Target not met</i> (including reasons/barriers to achieving success)	<i>Lessons for partners to draw from the experience</i>
<p>Involve/train at least 1 mentor</p> <p>We are going to have a second LCP round from September 2014 with another 10 offenders, subdivided into two groups of 5. Also 2 ex offenders will be involved as mentors, one with each of the subgroups.</p>		

There would appear to be a few *enduring* issues it would be helpful for delegates to consider;

- *Establishing the extent to which the LCP can be imported into the Dutch and Italian contexts*
- *The need to continually assess the status and potential development of computerised case management systems*
- *The need to establish where partner agencies and organisations are positioning themselves in changing criminal justice landscapes*
- *The extent to which the delivery of mentoring should be structured and uniform*