

## Conference Speakers

### **Vincenzo Covito**

Vincenzo Covito will talk about the Italian experience of the reducing reoffending project. He is a mentor of the third group of offenders participating in the Italian programme of activities.

Vincenzo is one of the promoters of the idea of social enterprise for ex-offenders. Currently, he is the manager of the furniture and goods reallocation project named: "Progetto Penso" - "Think Project".

The scope of the project is to create a sustainable and environmentally smart system by moving furniture from vacated social housing to new tenants. The economic sustainability of the project is based on the resale of items found in the vacated social housing. A general service is also offered to the wider community for the removal of unwanted goods from kitchens and garages for a small fee.

The income is distributed amongst the work team of ex-offenders, all having taken part in the reducing reoffending project. Part of the income is preserved to fund the opening of the social enterprise.