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PROJECT OVERVIEW



The acronym PICTURES stands for “Pedagogical Inclusive Education and Training System to Upskills Cross-Sector Practitioners Working with Minors and Emerging Adults in Correctional Systems” and it encapsulates our vision of bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise to develop a holistic approach for emerging adults in correctional systems. Our activities are supported and co-granted by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency with reference number Project: 101140185 — PICTURES — ERASMUS-EDU 2023-PI-ALL-INNO.

Building on the progress achieved during the framing and elevating phases, the PICTURES project partnership continues to advance its work on strengthening correctional pedagogy for professionals working with emerging adults. **The consortium is currently transitioning from research and design activities toward the implementation of innovative tools, learning resources, and collaborative structures across Europe!**



THE PICTURES PROJECT SO FAR





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»»» 2025 - THE YEAR THAT WAS FILLED WITH SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS FOR THE PICTURES PROJECT «««

Throughout 2025, The PICTURES Project experienced a series of important milestones that marked a transition from design and development toward implementation, collaboration, and long-term impact. **One of the key achievements of the year was** the creation of the project's ten training modules, which will offer the educators and practitioners structured, evidence-based tools to support learners in correctional settings through empathy, consistency, and pedagogical rigor.

Through various tools, a lot of useful data was collected from the greatest professionals in the field throughout Europe, through exchanging practical experiences and best practices, which is actually the basis of these modules. Preparatory work on the project's e-Learning Platform continued throughout 2025, laying the groundwork for a digital environment that will provide substantial support to professionals working with emerging adults in correctional systems.

A particularly significant moment for the project was the third transnational partnership meeting held in East Sarajevo, which brought together partners from across Europe to reflect on progress and align on the project's strategic direction.

In parallel, the partnership remained actively engaged in capacity-building activities aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability and impact. A series of Master Classes were organized for partner staff and key stakeholders, focusing on the effective implementation and management of the national HUBs. Through two dedicated online sessions, participants explored practical approaches to running the HUBs and connecting them into a wider European network, contributing to innovation, professional development, and a more skilled labour market within the field of correctional justice.



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»»» PICTURES HUBS - FUTURE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM «««

What are the PICTURES HUBs that have been mentioned throughout this newsletter, and why are they so central to the future of correctional pedagogy?

The PICTURES HUBs are designed first and foremost as practical support structures for professionals working with emerging adults in correctional settings. Through career counselling and guidance services, the HUBs will help practitioners better understand available roles within the correctional system and identify the training, qualifications, and competencies needed to progress professionally.

They will offer hands-on support through skills assessment, career planning, access to relevant training opportunities, and connections to peer networks and mentors.

Operating as regional centers, the HUBs will bring together vocational, academic, correctional, and community actors to respond to real challenges faced by practitioners on the ground. By providing applied learning opportunities, high-quality guidance, and accessible resources, the HUBs aim to strengthen everyday professional practice.

In 2026, the development of the HUBs will become a central priority of the the PICTURES Project, marking a decisive step toward a more structured, supported, and sustainable future for correctional pedagogy across Europe.



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UPCOMING STEPS

With the establishment of the 10 national HUBs, the PICTURES Project is moving closer to its goal of making training and career guidance a practical, accessible reality for professionals working with emerging adults in correctional settings. The HUBs will serve as welcoming entry points where practitioners can explore new learning opportunities, receive career guidance, and engage with competence-based training that reflects both European standards and national realities.

A key part of this vision is the exploration of micro-credentials recognized through Individual Learning Accounts (ILAs), offering a more flexible way for correctional professionals to develop their skills. Instead of committing to long and demanding study programmes, practitioners will be able to build their expertise step by step, choosing learning pathways that fit their professional roles, personal responsibilities, and career ambitions.

By linking training directly to the skills needed in everyday correctional practice, the HUBs help close the gap between learning and real-world job requirements. At the same time, they create clearer career pathways and make the correctional sector more attractive to new talent.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As we reach the end of another inspiring year, the PICTURES Project partnership would like to warmly thank all partners, stakeholders and practitioners for their dedication, trust, and excellent collaboration throughout 2025!

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