

**Question for written answer E-000251/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lack of training in Italian prison system and support from the European Commission

The Erasmus+-funded project CCJ4C European Career Counselling Guidelines for Staff Working in Criminal Correctional Justice System¹ brought some of the Italian prison system's critical issues to light.

There is a lack of training for officials (both prison officers and managers), especially from a psychological perspective. Furthermore, the technological and digital equipment used to manage the prisons is run down and inadequate for the difficult environment.

Meanwhile, the profession of 'prison manager' is not legally recognised, meaning that there is no national collective agreement and the qualification is grouped with other public sector ones.

Directive 2012/29/EU on restorative justice, which provides for extensive continuous training, only applies to mediators when it should apply to all officials in the prison system (prison guards, etc.).

As the results of the project show, a reform of the prison system, which would involve upgrading the staff training, technological equipment and psychological support offered, is needed to improve the working conditions and career prospects for employees.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission support the reform path proposed under the aforementioned project?
2. Will it consider extending Directive 2012/29/EU to all prison professions?
3. Does it have an idea of overcrowding and suicide rates in Italian prisons?

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¹ <https://correction-careers.com/>