

# Connections

Integrated responses to drugs and infections across European criminal justice systems

## **CONNECTIONS Study visits**

Study Visits will be organised in the framework of the CONNECTIONS project in order to enable participants to observe practice with reference to drug treatment and infections prevention in the criminal justice system, in a number of environments within different member states.

Participants will be exposed to the day-to-day work of the agencies they will visit and meet with staff engaged in service delivery together with – where possible – service users. We aim to provide a mix of institutional agencies and civil society service providers, according to the profession, seniority and expected outcomes for the participants.

Participants will be selected on needs-basis and/or on the basis of requests from collaborating and other partners.

Each visit will last few days and will take place in small groups from relevant organisations (NGOs, prison and other criminal justice institutions from EU member states and candidate countries). Each group will have:

- itinerary to reflect their particular areas of interest;
- induction/orientation session with a study visit co-coordinator;
- goals for the visit determined,
- visits arranged to appropriate agencies (prisons, police, courts, NGOs);
- debriefing at the end of the visit.

Within one month after the visit, participants will be expected to produce a short report on the learning and particularly on the implications for their own work and that of their agency. Also, participants will be required to organise at least one dissemination meeting (local or wider) on their experience and learning from the study visit.

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