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Vulnerabilities, Class and Ethnicity within the Correctional Services



Between April – August 2016, the **National Administration of Penitentiaries** implements, in partnership with the Direction of Norwegian Correctional Services, the project “Organizing the conference entitled *Vulnerabilities, Class and Ethnicity within the Correctional Services*”, financed by the Fund for Bilateral Relations at the level of RO 23 “Correctional services, including non-custodial sanctions” Programme of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009 0 2014.

The project aims at identifying the needs of Roma-related knowledge posed by the prison experts in Romania, Norway and the Republic of Moldavia and at discovering joint approaches to the challenges prison staff are faced with while interacting with prisoners of this category.

On Thursday, May 26th, 2016, the **National Administration of Penitentiaries** organized the *Vulnerabilities, Class and Ethnicity within the Correctional Services* Conference at the Minerva Hotel in Bucharest, while on the following day, in the same location, our institution unfolded a workshop focused on drafting the booklet on facilitating the social reinsertion of Roma prisoners.



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The conference participants benefited from the experience and knowledge of the experts from the Council of Europe, the National Agency for Roma, Romano ButiQ Non-governmental Organization, the National Probation Directorate and the National Administration of Penitentiaries.

The conference agenda encompassed two plenary sessions and activities within seven working parties where the participants had an active role and engaged into discussions on the following topics: non-discrimination and equality of chances, particularities of the people of Roma ethnicity, schooling and professional qualification of the Roma population, the role of the probation counsellor, the connection with the family and the support environment, technics of reducing aggression/violence and technics of assertive communication.

The information gathered throughout the conference (including the conclusions of each working party) was analysed by the prison workers in Romania and the Republic of Moldova and will be part of the booklet on facilitating the social inclusion of Roma population.