

# Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

## General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning

# Education and Training in Correctional Centers Greece

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# General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning (G.S.L.L.)

The General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning of the Ministry of Education, is the Lifelong Learning Institution which supervises and manages initial and continuing vocational training systems as well as general adult education and has the task of:

- ✓ designing lifelong learning public policy
- ✓ preparing the corresponding national Lifelong Learning program
- ✓ Supervising its implementation

# Training in prisons

**The Council of Europe, in 1989 with a certain Recommendation on "Training in correctional centers", aims to reduce the consequences of imprisonment.**

The prisoners' need for education emanates from:

- ✓ the resistance to institutionalization
- ✓ the maintenance of mental balance
- ✓ the prospect of social and professional integration after release

## Training in prisons aims at :

- ✓ creative time cultivation
- ✓ skills acquisition or improvement
- ✓ self – esteem acquirement
- ✓ social integration after release
- ✓ reduction of relapse, as it has been proved those prisoners who have attended courses hardly ever end up in prison again

# Training in prisons

## In order for education to be effective:

- ✓ should respond to the needs of detainees
- ✓ ensure different choices to prisoners concerned
- ✓ ensure continuity in educational levels

## Education and training programs in prison

By participating in education and training programs in prison, prisoners seek to:

- ✓ count positively on the reduction of the penalty (one day in school counts for two days of penalty)
- ✓ spend the idle time (dead time) in prisons
- ✓ gain skills in order to enter the labor market when released
- ✓ cultivate specific skills and competences
- ✓ broaden their interests and discover a new dimension in the reality that surrounds them, more optimistic and positive)

## Second Chance Schools (S.C.S.)

- Adults and unskilled people, 18 years of age and older, who have not completed compulsory education
- Duration of study: 18 months
- Certificate equivalent to a lower secondary school certificate
- A flexible curriculum based on students' needs and abilities thus ensuring their active participation and involvement
- There are 74 S.C.S. that operate across the country, 12 among them operate inside prisons

# Subjects taught

The curriculum is consisted of 8 subjects

3 out of them focus on the enhancement of basic skills such as following:

**Literacy** (greek language learning and usage)

**Numeracy** and basic Mathematics

**ICT literacy** and digital competence



The program includes:

- ✓ Projects: mostly interdisciplinary
- ✓ Workshops: based on students interests

In each Second Chance School there is also a:

- ✓ a Psychologist
- ✓ a Careers Advisor



## Aiming at...

- ✓ Reconnecting trainees with the educational system
- ✓ Developing of metacognitive skills  
(learning how to learn)
- ✓ Stimulating the learners self-esteem
- ✓ Active participation

# Vocational Training Institutes (VTI)

- They provide initial vocational training to high school graduates
- Their educational framework is formed by the General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning
- 127 Public Vocational Training Institutes across the country
- **2 Public VTIs inside prisons, with 85 students**
- 2 inclusive education VTIs for deaf and blind adults

## Duration of studies

Vocational Training Institutes are **addressed to High School graduates**

Duration of studies **5 semesters:**

4 semesters of training

1 semester of internship (960 hours) according to the prison's specialties

Vocational Training Institutes graduates receive **Level 5 certification** (EQF), through examination at the National Organization for the Certification of Qualifications & Vocational Guidance (EOPPEP)

# The Ministry of Education:

- ✓ establishes education and training schools in the country's 33 prisons (Law 4521/2018)
  - Primary schools
  - Junior High Schools
  - Second Chance Schools
  - General and Professional Lyceums
  - Vocational Training Institutes after Lyceums and after Junior High Schools
- ✓ establishes the role of the Education Coordinator Consultant (Law 4559/2018)

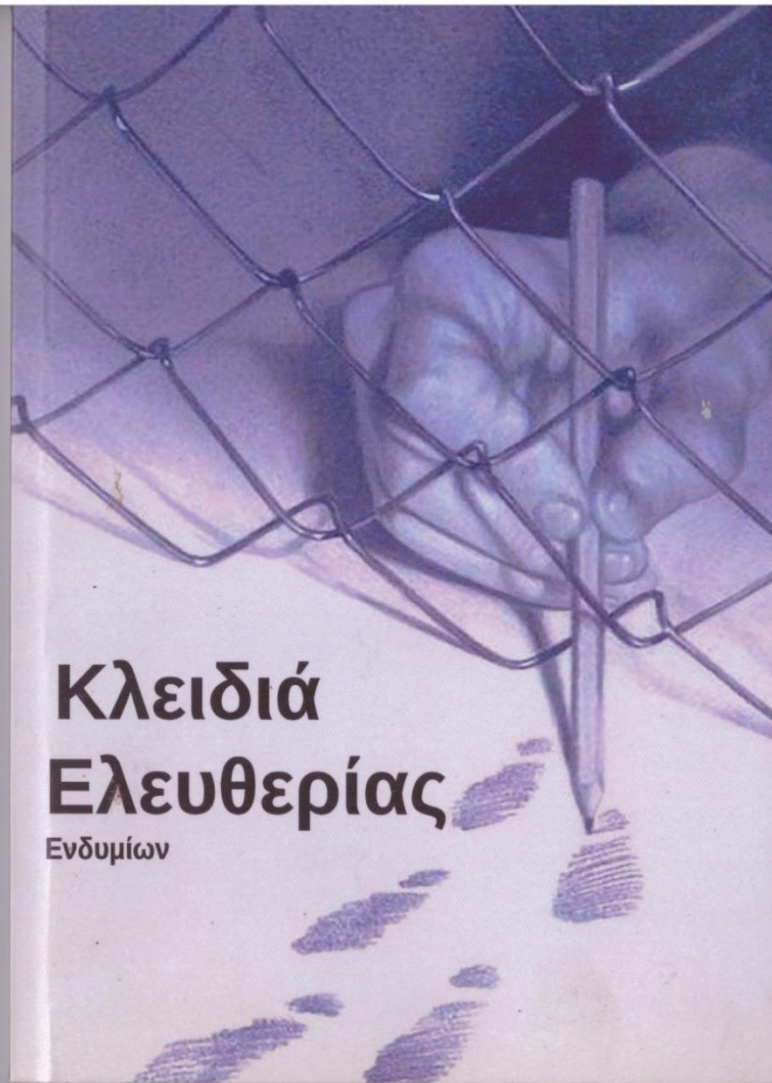
# The Education Coordinator -Consultant

- ✓ explores the detainees educational needs
- ✓ performs the duties of the headmaster of all schools operating in correctional centers
- ✓ participates in the Correctional Centers Council on educational issues
- ✓ takes care of the organization and operation of other educational programs concerning detainees' interests, such as theatre, art, pottery...
- ✓ is responsible for matters relating to prisoners who study at University



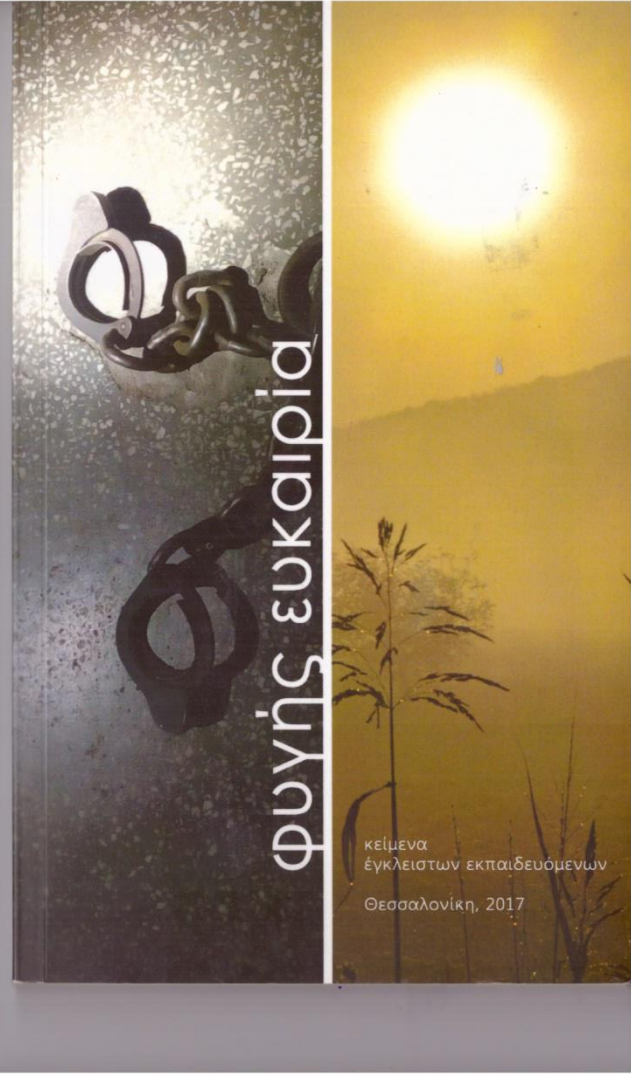
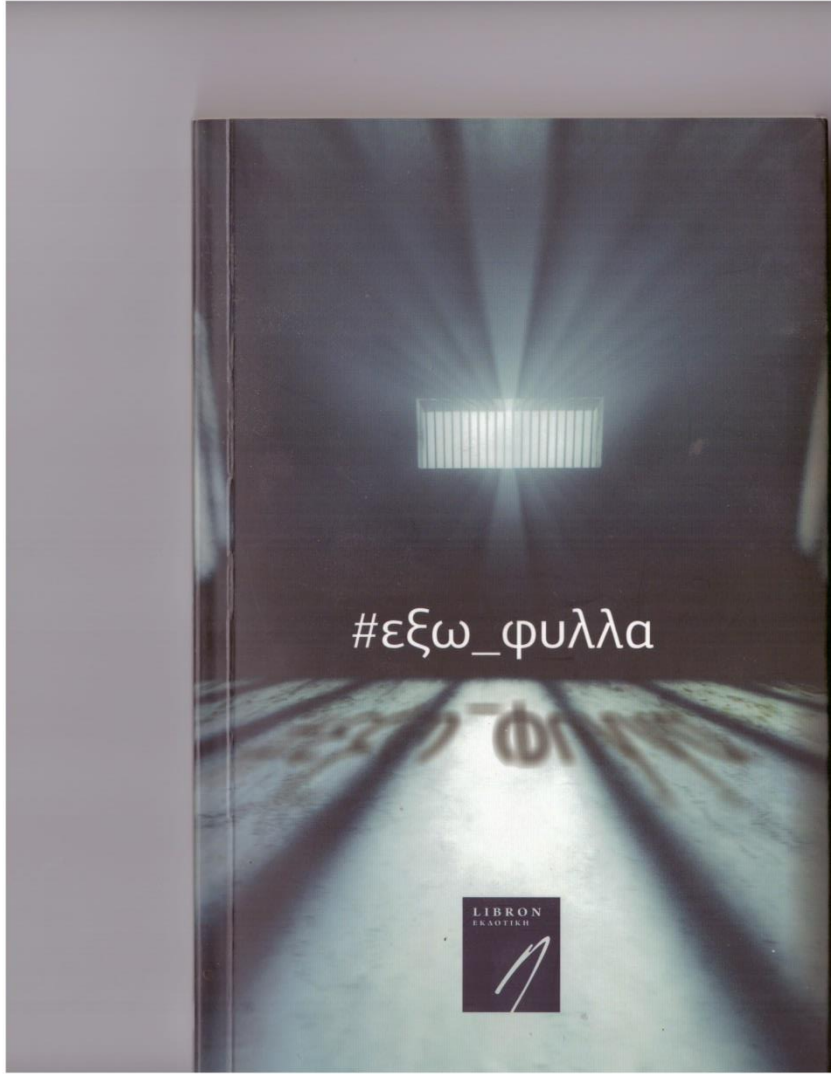
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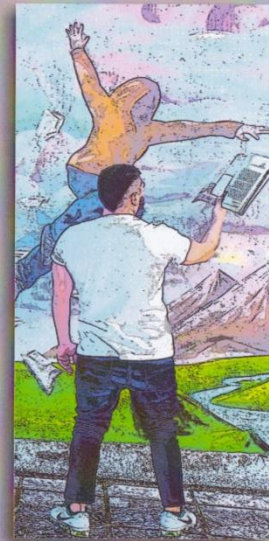




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**Thank You!**

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