

**„Cooperation of 3rd Sector Organisations
with ÚVTOS (Institute for the execution of
prison sentences) in Slovakia („Bridges“ in
SNN NP - National project Chance to return 2)“**



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- **Názov projektu [Project name]:** Šanca na návrat/Šanca na návrat 2 [Chance for Reentry 1/Chance for Reentry 2]
- **Operačný program [Operational programme]:** Ľudské zdroje/Program Slovensko
- **Žiadateľ [Applicant]:** Generálne riaditeľstvo Zboru väzenskej a justičnej stráže
- **Partneri [Partners]:** 10/18 ÚVV a ÚVTOS, Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR/ Ministerstvo spravodlivosti SR
- **Implementácia [Implementation]:** 10/2018 – 09/2023/10/2023 – 06/2029
- **Rozpočet [Budget]:** 14 082 772,10 €/17 997 236,98 €
- **Hlavný cieľ [Main goal]:** U osôb vo výkone trestu odňatia slobody znížiť riziká sociálneho vylúčenia a zvýšiť kompetencie pri uplatnení sa na trhu práce. [To reduce the risks of social exclusion and increase the labour market competences of persons serving a prison sentence.]

Geographical coverage:
whole SR

Levels of surveillance: all

**Sentenced: men, women,
juveniles**



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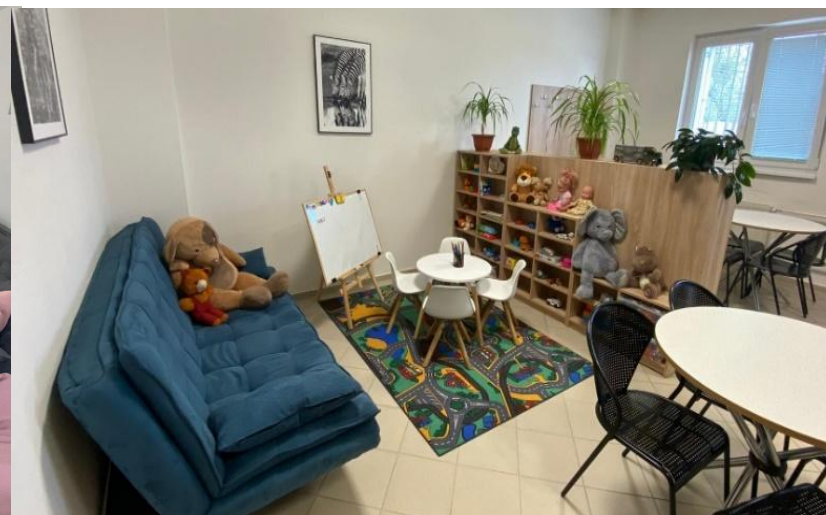
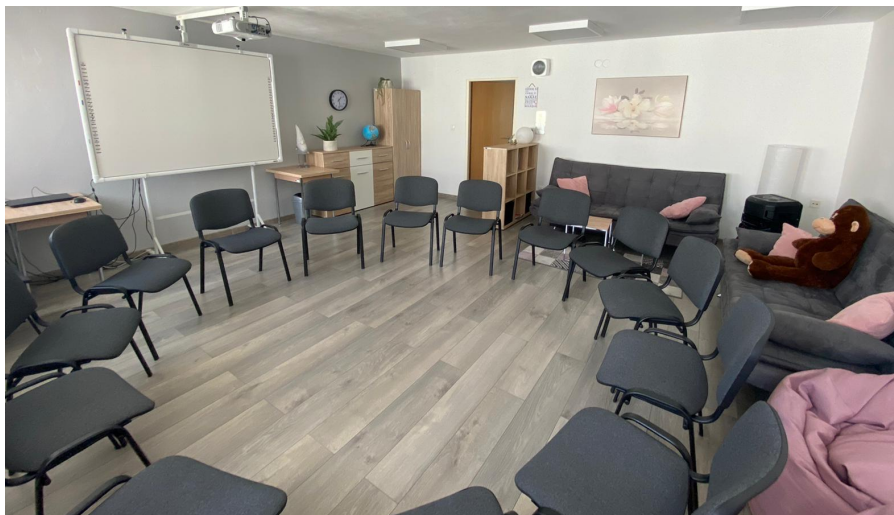
- Výstupné oddiely [Reentry Units] – kapacita/capacity: 12-42 (convicts)
- Resocializačné a výchovné vzdelávacie programy [Resocialization & Educational Programmes]
- Hodnotiace nástroje [Tools for evaluation/assessment]
- Informačno-komunikačné technológie (HOLUP, bezpečný internet) / [IT] (Safe internet)



VÝSTUPNÉ ODDIELY [REENTRY UNITS]

Národný projekt
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- 18 VODD
/reentry units
- Men/women/
young people



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Národný projekt **Špecializované RaVVP** [Specialized Resocialization & Educational Programmes]

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- **1. ReŠtart** [Restart]
- **2. Rodina a vzťahy** [Family and relationships]
- **3. Život v komunite** [Life in a community]
- **4. Rozdielnosť nás spája** [Diversity unites us]
- **5. Finančná gramotnosť** [Financial literacy]
- **6. Zamestnanosť** [Employment]
- **7. Druhá šanca** [Second chance]
- **8. Chcem sa zmeniť** [I want to change]
- **9. Multifaktoriálny resocializačný a výchovný vzdelávací program pre ženy** [Multifactorial Resocialization and Educational Programme for Women]



Vision:

Collaboration with public, private and third sector actors with the participation of the convicted person in order to 'bridge' the assistance into everyday life.

Objective:

Linking activities in the penitentiary and post-penitentiary spheres,
improving the effectiveness of post-release resocialisation of convicts,
social inclusion of disadvantaged and vulnerable persons,
reduction of recidivism - safety of society, prevention.

83,03% of convicts have debts 42,78% debts > 2 500 €

40,25% debts < 2 500 €

Objective of cooperation: providing legal aid to convicts + debt relief.

DG ZVJS - Legal Aid Centre

‘Cooperation Agreement’ concluded 01/2020 - 10 partner institutes

‘Supplement to the Cooperation Agreement’ concluded 12/2021 - all institutes of ZVJS SR

implementation of consultations by CPP staff with convicted persons training of ZVJS staff by CPP stafflist of employers/ good practice



45.6% unemployed continuously for 12 months prior to entering prison

Goal of cooperation: establishing cooperation with employers and employment agencies, social enterprises, NGOs,
assisting convicts in orienting themselves on the labour market when looking for a job,
selecting major employers with 'added value':
social inclusion for released/mentoring
webex interviews
information campaign
networking
selection procedures - individual job interviews
information campaign for convicted persons
list of employers/good practice - 25



61.41 % of convicts show signs of dependence

Objective of cooperation: smooth transition and support of convicts showing signs of addiction to voluntary entry into a treatment, after-treatment or residential re-socialisation programme, whole-system coordination and unification of procedures. From 12/2019 – present

Selection criteria: shows signs of addiction problems (substance or non-substance), shows interest in attending voluntary treatment or post-release resocialisation stay in a designated facility, is free of health insurance arrears

Pilot verification, in 10 partner institutions - preparing the convicted person to enter a designated facility for the purpose of attending voluntary addiction treatment (inpatient or outpatient) or a residential resocialisation programme after release from imprisonment.

DG ZVJS - 10 partner institutes - 9+3 organizations'Cooperation Agreements' in 6/2021
CDR - Centers for Children and Families for the implementation of the resocialization program

- RETEST, n.o., Bratislava
- Komunita Ľudovítov, Palárikovo – Ľudovítov
- NÁVRAT – RDZO, Zvolen
- Gréckokatolícka charita – Domov nádeje, Prešov

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES - Drug treatment centres

- Psychiatrická nemocnica P. Pinela, Pezinok
- CPLDZ, Košice
- CPLDZ, Banská Bystrica
- OLÚp, Predná Hora

Ambulatory care

- Lepšia cesta,n. o. Pezinok
- CPIS Budúcnosť, Nitra
- Združenie STORM, Nitra
- Trojlístok, n.o., Prešov



MOSTY – Závislosti

Informatívny manuál pre pracovníkov VODD
k zabezpečovaniu nadväznej starostlivosti
o prepustené osoby po ukončení výkonu trestu
odňatia slobody, ktoré vykazujú znaky závislosti



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Analysis of responses from third sector organisations and ÚVTOS (Institute for the execution of prison sentences) staff on WFD/2025

Aim:

to assess the quality and effectiveness of collaboration between ÚVTOS (Institute for the execution of prison sentences) and NGOs in addressing the needs and risks of people in WASH.

Format:

online questionnaire with open and semi-structured questions

Data collection: April-May 2025

Respondents: representatives of the prison service and cooperating NGOs. Involvement of 18 CVTOS SR/24 NGOs active in the field of counselling, employment and education.

Analysis: thematic categorisation of responses + quantitative grouping of responses into areas of importance

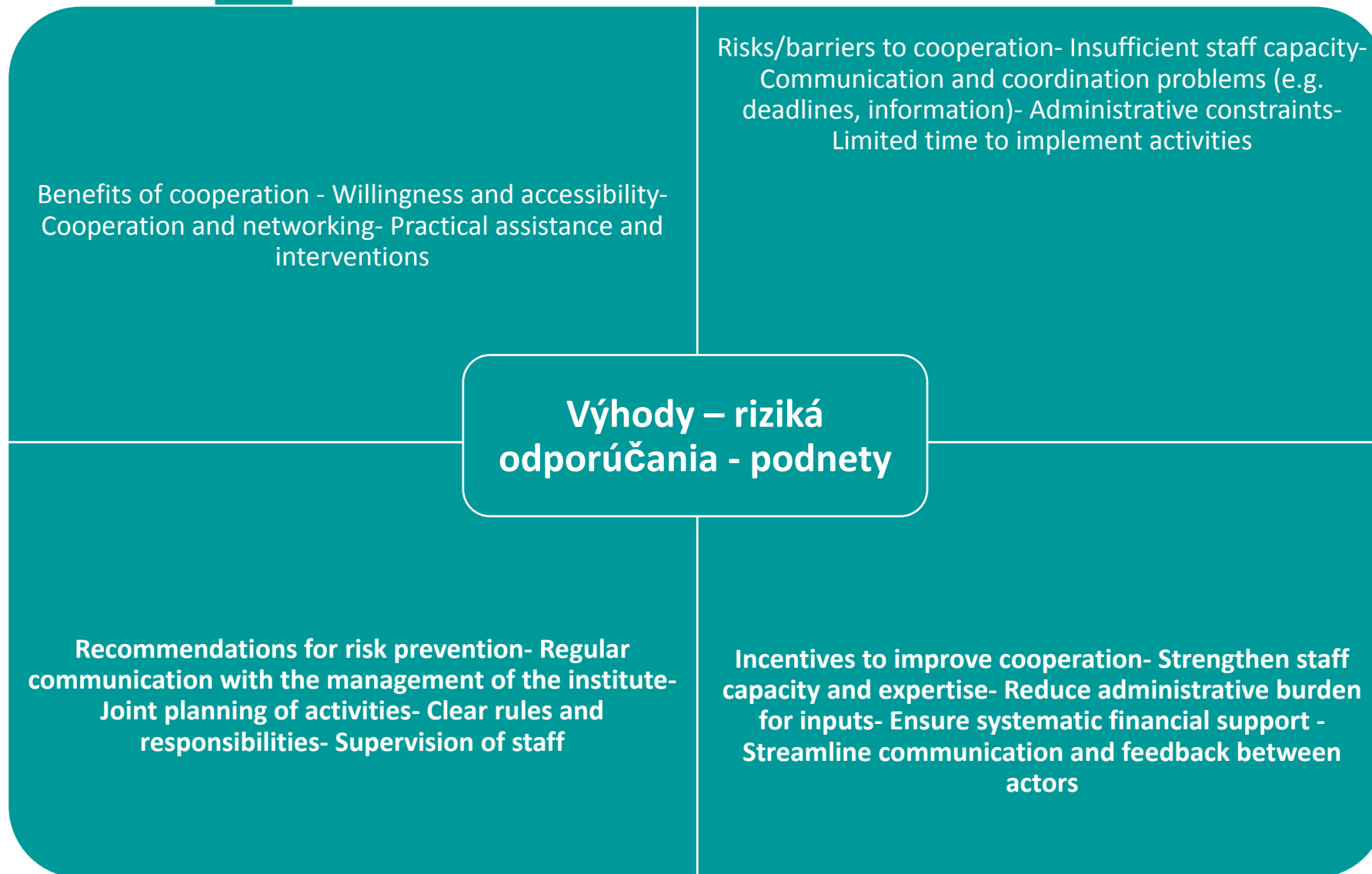
Benefits of cooperation Contribution of practitioners / willingness and helpfulness of staff- Individual approach to troubled persons- Improved resocialisation outcomes- Well-functioning networking and partnerships- Practical assistance (courses, counselling, debt resolution)- Long-term and systematic cooperation with institutions

Risks of cooperation- Unequal quality and expertise of NGO staff- Ignorance of the regime and rules- Non-compliance with security measures- Duplication and uncoordinated activities- Risk of manipulation by convicts- Instability or disappearance of NGOs

**Benefits - Risks -
Recommendations -
Suggestions**

Recommendations for risk prevention- Establish criteria for selection of NGOs- Training for NGOs before joining the institute on the institute's regime- Educating NGOs on the ZVJS system- Coordination calendar of activities- Preference for stable partners- Feedback system between ZVJS and NGOs

Initiatives to improve cooperation- Establish a coordinator position for external cooperation- Create an entry program for NGOs- Introduce a mechanism to evaluate cooperation- Support bridge programs (prison-community)- Make successful cooperation more visible



Examples of good cooperation:

Lectures on debt, legal awareness, employment

Supporting organisations after the release of convicts

Coordination of activities and exchange of experience between institutions

Personal visits of partners to institutions

Selected quotes - individual statements on the positives:

"Within our institution we have clearly assigned roles on who cooperates and on which programmes. We have an overview of the days (within the working month) when the convicts are at work (info provided by email from the responsible staff at each site)."

'We communicate with our colleagues either by phone, email or in person during joint work meetings and pass on our experiences or ideas for future practice.'

'Satisfaction is on the clients' side, even with convicts at higher risk of reoffending'

The results point to:

the need for systemic solutions in the areas of coordination, funding and availability of services,

the need to create conditions for stable partnerships that are also supported legislatively and financially,

the third sector plays an indispensable role in the process of re-socialisation and transition back into society.

Conclusion and recommendations for practice:

cooperation is evaluated positively but needs systemic support,

organisations ask for less bureaucracy and more practical help,

create conditions for professional development, exchange of experience and support for sustainability of activities.

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Ďakujem za pozornosť!

Thank you for your attention!

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