

### **PARTNERS**















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#### BACKGROUND

Employers tend to reject the employment of former prisoners. Evidence of recidivism rates highlight why so many ex-offenders are unable to find a job after leaving prison and eventually resort to reoffending.

Data confirm high rates of recidivism, reaching up to 60% in certain European regions. As a consequence, most European prisons suffer from overcrowding and cannot serve their rehabilitation purpose.

Based on the previous positive experience in the USA and the UK, NGOs, higher education institutions and training providers from Italy, Belgium and France decided to create a European Prisoners Entrepreneurship Program.

### **S**TATISTICS



average recidivism OVER 60% rate of prisoners (France, Belgium, Italy)

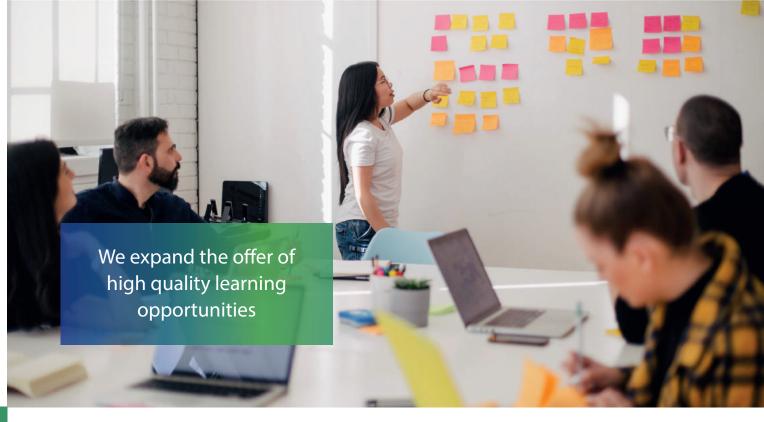
16-21%

prison overpopulation rate (France, Belgium & Italy)





of prisoners are interested in taking a business course while in prison (according to a study of the Centre for Entrepreneurs, UK)



## **EPEP PROJECT**

The EPEP project is funded by the EU's Erasmus+ program to create an innovative and interactive e-learning platform, allowing former prisoners and inmates to realise their entrepreneurial ambitions.

The e-learning platform will also provide a training toolkit, including learning material, to trainers of organizations supporting inmates and ex-offenders to develop their entrepreneurship skills.

> A toolbox is created for training centers supporting future entrepreneurs

#### **PROGRAM**

Course introduction and sharing of business idea

> **Business readiness** self-assessment

> **Business Definition**

**Business Plan Development** 

**Business Management**