



Role of the Council of Europe - International Partner Organisation Justice Programme Prague, 20 March 2019

Criminal Law Cooperation Unit
Action against Crime Department, DG I - Human Rights and Rule of Law

• **International Partner Organisation (IPO) role:**

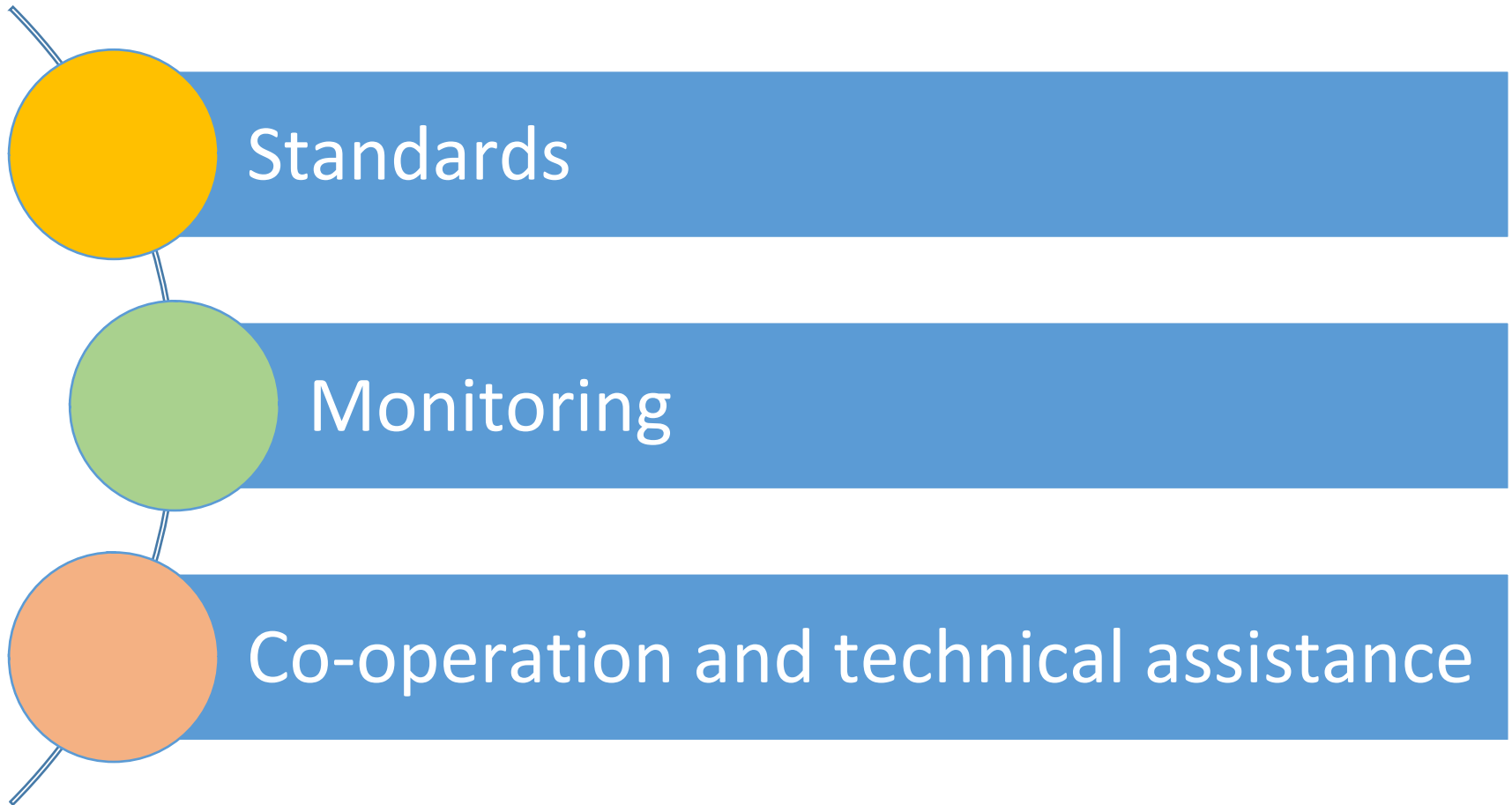
Advisory role based on the Council of Europe recognised experience in the area of human rights, democracy and rule of law

□ Prior to the implementation of the programme:

- participate in stakeholders consultations meetings, in additional planning meetings necessary in the development of the concept notes and programme agreements,
- provide written assessment and input on the concept notes and programme agreements,
- advise the Programme Operator on the risk management and communication plans.

□ During the implementation of the programme:

- participate in Cooperation Committee meetings,
- contribute to the development of, and take part in, any specific and relevant activities organized at programme level,
- contribute to the exchange of experience and capacity building, facilitate study visits to the Council of Europe,
- participate in the follow-up communication plan of the programmes,
- facilitate the project implementation by providing advice to relevant partners.

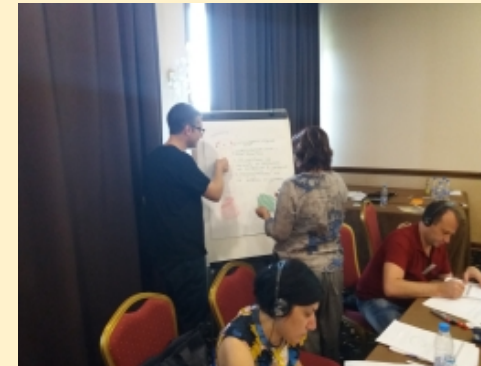


The CoE's capacity development interventions (revision of the institutional framework, training, workshops, seminars etc.) :

- **short-term effectiveness** (e.g. enhance understanding of prison standards)
- **medium-term** (e.g. enhance practices by authorities)
- **long-term** (e.g. safe return of prisoners into society)

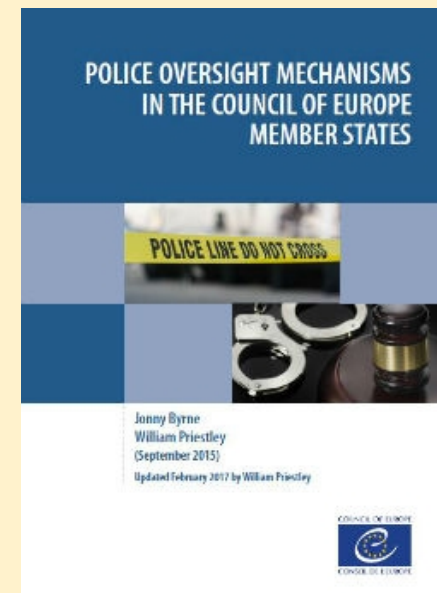
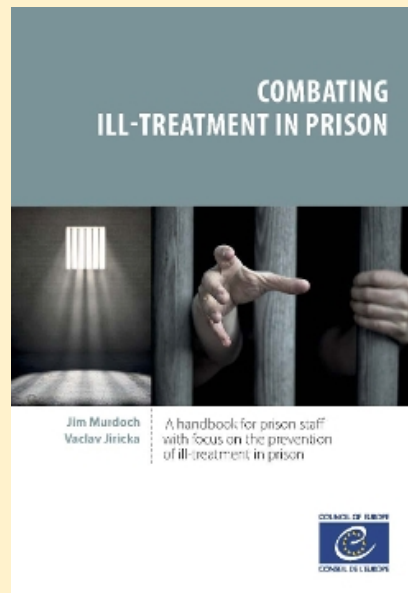
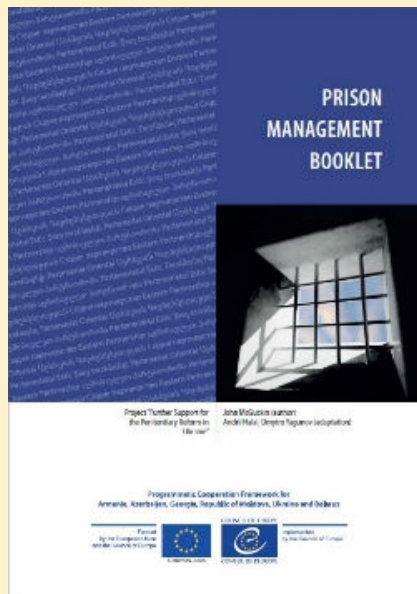
- **Policy documents** and promotion of a strategic approach to **reform of prison / probation / police systems** Europe-wide
- Assist the **legislative processes** by offering **advice and legal expertise/opinion**, as well as facilitating discussions and drafting
- **Capacity-building**, ensuring **sustainable training** provision and **enhanced professionalism** of the prison and police staff to ensure a better human rights protection for detained persons
- **Institution-building** measures and **awareness-raising** activities

Train prison staff - promoting **dynamic security** and ensure **better use of prison staff** skills and knowledge



Developing core prison competences, from the **suicide prevention programmes** through the basic elements of the **provision of health care in prisons** and **offenders behaviour and treatment programmes**, all the way up to **prison management**.

- Manuals, guidelines and booklets are developed under technical assistance projects



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- **Norway Grants – International Partner Organisation**
Correctional Services - Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania
- **Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia
- **Partnership for Good Governance**, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus - the EU's Eastern Partnership countries

➤ **Joint Programmes EU/CoE (JP)**

➤ **Voluntary Contributions (VC)**

➤ **Examples:**

- **Promoting a human rights compliant criminal justice system in the Republic of Moldova (VC) - 1 March 2018 – 28 February 2020 (36 months)**
- **Structured sentence management for violent and extremist prisoners in Bosnia and Herzegovina (VC) - 1 November 2018 – 30 October 2020 (24 months)**

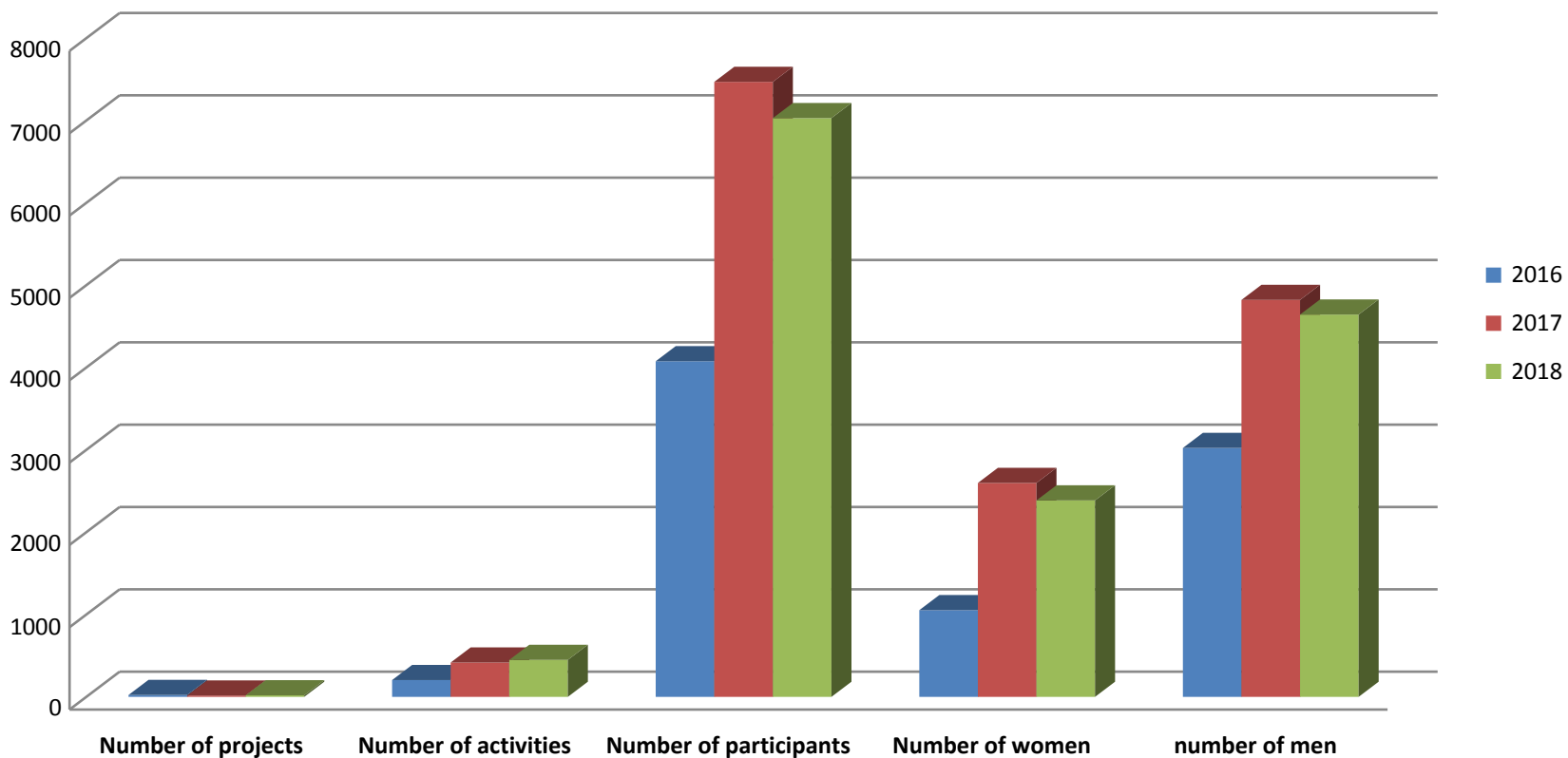
➤ Thematic Multilateral Meetings

- prisons
- community sanctions and measures

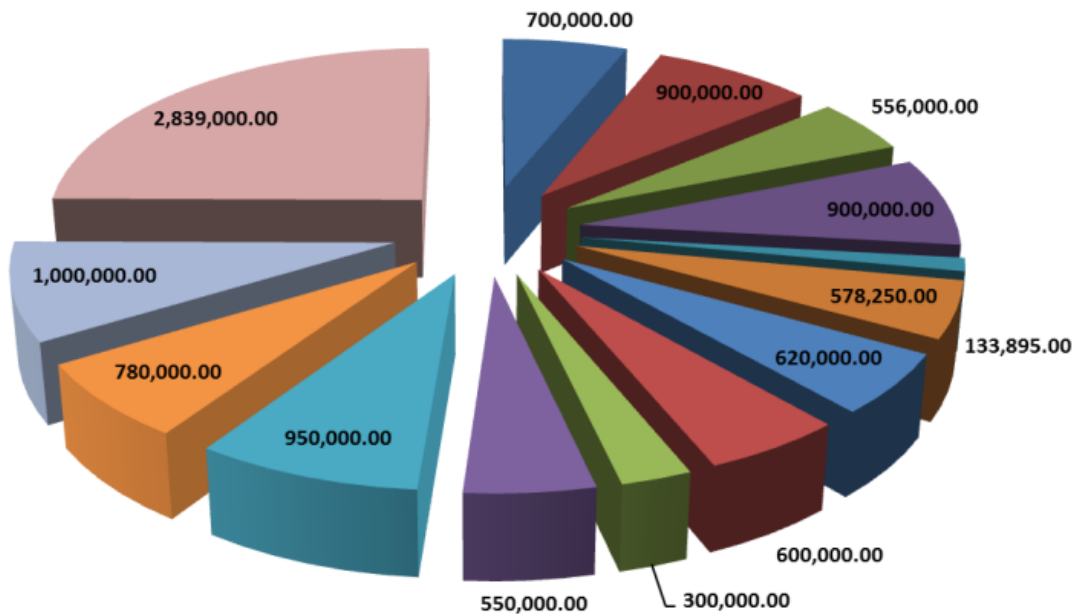
➤ Regional Multilateral Meetings/Projects

- dealing with radicalisation

Data comparison of Projects (2016-2018)



Projects and budgets



- Enhancing the Protection of Human Rights of prisoners in Albania
- Strengthening health care and human rights protection in prisons in Armenia
- Further support to the penitentiary reform in Azerbaijan
- Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Supporting reintegration of violent and extremist prisoners in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Improving mental health care in Georgia
- Enhancing the protection of human rights of prisoners in Kosovo*
- Enhancing human rights policing in Kosovo*
- Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Montenegro
- Enhancing Human Rights Policing in „the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia“
- Strengthening the protection of the rights of sentenced persons in “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,”
- Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Serbia
- Further Support for the Penitentiary Reform in Ukraine
- Promoting a human rights compliant criminal justice system in the Republic of Moldova



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Thank you for your attention

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