

GREEN ZONE**2021-1-HU01-KA210-ADU-000035076**

1st Transnational meeting (1. TM)
03.03.2022 – 04.03.2022.
Hungary

According to the attached programme, TM 1 was implemented in Hungary.

On the 1st day we met the project partners in Állampuszta. The governor of the National Prison in Állampuszta (Colonel István Molnár, Senior Advisor) presented the history, operation, data and programmes of the penitentiary.

The Állampuszta National Prison is a prison for adult male prisoners serving their prison and remand prison sentences or imprisonment.

The institute has a capacity of 1196 persons. The prisoners serve their sentences in two separate facilities. One of them is located in the municipality of Harta, about 7 km from the town of Harta, and is also the headquarters of the institution. The other facility is located in the municipality of Solt town, in the municipality of Solt-Nagymajori, about 7 km from the city centre.

The institute started its operations in 1884 under the name of the Kis-Harta Intermediate Institute on the estate bequeathed to the state by landowner Pál Wagner for the purpose of prison accommodation.

The institute is semi-open. The employment of prisoners, in addition to budgetary employment, is carried out in cooperation with the Állampusztai Mezőgazdasági és Kereskedelmi Kft. (Agricultural and Commercial Ltd.), which operates alongside the institute. In line with the expectations of the founding, the inmates are employed in the crop and livestock sectors, in particular arable farming, chicken, sheep, horse and mangalica farming. (Source: BVOP)

Állampusztai Mezőgazdasági és Kereskedelmi Kft. was introduced by its manager, Róbert Gombos, Colonel.

The Állampusztai Mezőgazdasági és Kereskedelmi Kft. is located in Bács-Kiskun County, between the settlements of Solt and Harta. The main task of the Ltd. is the regular employment of prisoners housed in the Állampuszta National Prison, which is carried out through agricultural activities.

Arable crops are predominant, with more than 5,000 hectares of arable land. The main crops grown are winter wheat, winter barley, winter colza, fodder corn and sunflower.

Livestock farming is also an important segment of the workforce, providing work for the prisoners every day of the year. This sector includes the keeping and breeding of the

following livestock species: Nonius horse breeding, Hungarian Merino sheep breeding, blonde mangalica pig breeding, roasting chicken breeding, fish farming.

The scope of the Ltd's activities is therefore detailed:

Arable crop production

The main crops grown in the field are the following:

- winter wheat
- winter barley
- corn
- sunflower
- colza
- soy
- sugar beet
- carrot

The surplus fodder and industrial crops needed to feed livestock are sold.

Livestock farming

- Shepherding - Hungarian merino herd
- Mangalica - blonde mangalica
- Equestrian - Nonius stock culture
- Meat pigeon
- Chicken fattening

Food industry activities

- Poultry slaughterhouse
- Pasta factory

Leisure activity

Heart of Kerekér Recreation Park: the Kerekér Fishing Pond is located in the area of the Animal Park, an area of about 11 hectares of water with a rich and varied fish population thanks to the continuous planting of fish. The open water surface is bordered by reed beds. The water is supplied by the Nagy-ér Canal through a system of sluices.

Carp are the most abundant species in the area, but there is also a very good chance of catching catfish, tench, pike, white amur, perch and crucian carp. Accommodation is provided.

In the area there is Mikla-pusztá, which is part of the Kiskunság National Park and has unique natural features. Between the low-lying, strongly saline, blindingly white from the salt erosion, there are higher elevations, so-called 'embankments'.

The aim of the Állampusztai Mezőgazdasági és Kereskedelmi Kft. is to increase its positive economic results year by year, while maintaining a steady operation and respecting the principles of sustainable development.

This can be achieved by using local resources, introducing environmentally friendly technologies, increasing the quantity and producing higher quality agricultural products. As a company participating in agro-environmental projects, it is of paramount importance for them to contribute to the creation of a better, more liveable environment by improving production and shaping the countryside

After a working lunch at the prison, we continued the professional programme in Budapest, at the site of the Váltó-sáv Foundation's Half-way Apartment Complex Reintegration Programme.

The aim of the Programme is to reduce the risk of re-offending and increase the relative sense of security of the majority society. The aim is to enable the programme participants to recover as soon as possible by adopting the values and norms of the majority society, to find work in the open labour market, to have their personal documents in order and to be able to manage their affairs and life tasks in person and online.

An important factor in preventing relapse is the provision of secure housing as an objective factor for social reintegration. Released prisoners in general (especially in relation to the length of their sentence) often lack supportive family and human relationships (representing the values of majority society), their housing after release is often unresolved or they are placed in the social care system (homeless care), making the social reintegration of released prisoners with complex and specific problems difficult, often impossible. A key element of social and labour market reintegration is the provision of secure housing. After imprisonment, services are needed to provide reintegration opportunities for released persons with multiple disadvantages and marginalised positions. One way of doing this is to provide halfway house programmes, including complex services, which have already been used as a positive example abroad (Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, etc.). The positive effects of the reintegration aspects of housing and work are forward-looking and significantly reduce the risk of re-offending.

The Professional Programme developed as the HALF-WAY programme is proving to be effective for those released who agree to work with the organisation (the Váltó-sáv Alapítvány) as part of the programme. The methodology and services developed (job search, job coaching, supportive relationships, development services: communication, digital competence development, English language, joint semi-structured leisure programmes, etc.) are proving to be convincing in professional terms. In the framework of the present project, a rethinking of the sustainable development of the Half-way Programme is envisaged.

The dinner was an informal networking event for the project partners.

The next day, we attended the Tolerance Day of the Közgazdasági Politechnikum Alternative High School. The Váltó-sáv Alapítvány provided the opportunity for 2x1.5 hours for the participants to talk to young ex-criminals about their life of crime, imprisonment, release, motivation, life path and difficulties. Insights into the daily life in a totally closed world

(prison), the difficulties of release and reintegration, as well as the prejudices, help and the will and possibility to change/to want to change were discussed.

After lunch, the programme continued at the Half-way Apartment, now with the two young people who had taken part in the morning discussion.

The Váltó-sáv Alapítvány presented a draft of its educational material for the prisoner programme - sustainable development.

We also clarified the details of the project's progress.

Evaluation and summary of the 1st TM: for the partner organisation it was an attitude-forming and prejudice-reducing experience, as well as a personal encounter and experience with an area that had not been covered in their previous activities (prison, life path of released prisoners, possibility of change - following the values and norms of the majority society instead of a criminal career, etc.). Sensitization, gathering new impulses, new impressions - definitely a positive impact in the further project implementation.