**CCEO Bruno and Nora Writing Newsletter 02.02.2016**

Dear partners,

The same as in December 2015, also now I would like to remind you to report Robert on your conducted social activities related to the CCEO project. The requirements are the same as previous time.

As for our social media activities I would like to inform that during the arrangement of Dissemination (International) conference in Riga as foreseen by the CCEO project, it gives us the opportunity to promote and inform the public authorities on this Erasmus+ project. As I mentioned earlier in previous e-mail we already have started to search the possible venue site for this conference and we are also trying to attract additional funding for other activities related to the CCEO project. Those public authorities are the Riga's City Council, Ministry of Justice, State Probation Service, Prison administration of Latvia, EU Representation in Latvia and some others.

We also promote the objectives of this project when we work with our target group, such as the creative workshops in prisons of Riga and the RIA member organizations' resocialization centers.

Regarding our web site, we still are working on it, and currently we have decided to create the temporary solution for our web site. When we will have the appropriate funds, then we will create decent web site of our organization with possibility to monitor the visits in web site and unique readers of our articles. Currently the temporary solution will not provide us such an opportunity to collect this kind of data.

Therefore, our current social activities are kind of "old school" where most of them are person to person related activities during which we promote our objectives in the Erasmus+ project. What we have done so far, we have inspected the possible sites where to conduct the creative workshops, such as the Olaine's prison, Riga's Brasas prison, Riga's Central prison, Riga's Ilguciema prison for women and also the possible capabilities of the RIA member organizations.

As one of such activities we have in cooperation with the Prison Fellowship Latvia and the Latvian College of Culture conducted the activity called "Angel tree" at the end of December 2015. This activity took place in two prisons - Olaine's prison and Riga's Brasas prison. The main idea behind this activity is that the prison inmates create by themselves the Christmas cards for their particularly for their kids. With the support of the Prison Administration of Latvia there were provided all the necessary materials for these workshops, but the local administration of those prisons provided premises and organized the participation in this workshop for those inmates who have kids and who after imprisonment plan to return to their families. The inmates demonstrated high interest and active engagement in this activity. All these Christmas cards in combination with small presents. The presents for the kids of inmates were donated by various Christian parishes and churches. We plan to use this existing network in prisons also for developing and testing the CCEO tools elaborated by the project partners.

Angel tree activity which the inmates parents your children was conducted in cooperation with the parish of Riga's St. James cathedral and our member organization Blue Cross. These were the Christmas celebration events for the kids of imprisoned persons. Presents for the kids were donated by various parishes and Christian organizations. During these Christmas events these presents in combination with the Christmas cards with congratulations from their parents in prison were handed over to their kids. Here under this link: <https://files.fm/u/y373kwhu#_>, you can find photos from both Christmas celebration events. The Christmas event in the parish of Riga's St. James cathedral took place on 26 December 2015, but in the resocialization center of Ledmane (Blue Cross) on 2 January 2016. As a special event for the kids was the workshop of decoration of gingerbread, in which took part also all the clergy from the Riga's St. James church including the bishop. This was great excitement for these kids.

RIA has submitted official letter to the Prison Administration of Latvia where our organization informed the officials of the Erasmus+ project we are taking part and also about the intended work on tools and their later testing in prison environment and the RIA resocialization centres. The RIA representatives also have had the initial meetings with the local management of Riga's Central Prison which has expressed high interest of these tools and welcomed their testing and possible permanent use in the prison. Here under this link: <https://files.fm/u/wvcf9c3v> you can find the photos from this meeting and our official letter (in Latvian) to the Prison administration of Latvia.

Here under this link you can see the pictures of the creative workshop in the Olaine's prison:

- <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=ms.c.eJw1z9ERwCAIA9CNehogkP0Xq1L65zNcRLE8FGAQFB61GSpx7c~%3BnIAME~%3BTa2M8aeZz5k6~%3BM23r5YNabfvLaNM27u1FidZ02O3X3J6YOtnt8~_9n7~%3BXI4TbZs~_1N0~%3B~%3Bv8cq131AjSiMY8~-> .bps.a.968459496562695.1073741840.265401000201885&type=3

Here under this link you can see the pictures of the creative workshop in the Riga's Brasas prison:

- <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=ms.c.eJw9zNsNwDAIQ9GNqvIwsfdfrAol~_TwyFxWzMt5wJ2mP2olCuUljUBRgx0LfW~%3B3Ga3vPda3uA2PrPjE9nL3fPmr~%3BW~_vcI9rgMbp3H7O2Q~%3BYB3v4nrg~-~-.bps.a.968464289895549.1073741841.265401000201885&type=3>

Additionally, the Activities, we have also begun to develop our tools, the first is "Learning to share and trust" (card game) and the second is "Who am I and what is my way." As you can see we have Slightly Altered the title of the second tool as you remember That Might in the Beginning this tool was called & "Who am I and what are my Passions." So, there are two Separate Working groups who for development of each tool. For the first one, Eve Dadona in cooperation with Doctoral studies psychologist Zane Veinberga and psychologists of the RIA resocialization centers adapt the card game for prison environment and RIA centers. Here under this link you can see the pictures from this Working groups: https://files.fm/u/ga58mkub

But under this link: <https://files.fm/u/b5h42erf> you can see several photos related to the Working party for development of second tool. In the first picture you can see the Working party at the premises of the State Probation Service with participation of the RIA representatives, the State Probation Service psychologist Krista Skara and Riga's Ilguciems prison chaplains un workshop leaders, who are in charge for resocialization activities of inmates.

The rest of pictures were taken during the pottery workshop which took place in the RIA member organization "Blue Cross" (this is the organization which is running the site "Rabbit Castle"). As you can see from the photos in the pottery workshop the target group of Blue Cross resocialization center, as well their psychologist Nona Fabere and the professional ceramist who lead the workshop. On the basis of this workshop with clay we plan to develop our second tool "Who am I and what is my way". In pictures you also can see that center target groups from this center have made by themselves the ceramic stove where the handmade pieces of clay are burnt. So this our report on our social activities and at the same time our update for the newsletter. We would welcome to receive the newsletters for which we provide this information.