

Seminar in LIVORNO (Italy)

The entire ISC team took part in the training organised by our Italian partner LINC and led by our Portuguese partner APROXIMAR.



The European delegation composed of 3 Italians, 4 British, 6 Portuguese, 6 Romanians and 6 French had the pleasure of visiting the prison located on the island of GORGONA as well as the one located in the centre of LIVORNO.

The director of the two prisons, Carlo MAZZERBO and Pierangelo CAMPOLATTANO, welcomed us and guided us to discover a prison community unlike any other.

Meal taken together on the island, cooked and served by prisoners who are experts in the culinary arts.

It was a moment rich in discovery because this prison has a unique functioning in Italy. The inmates work on the island of Gorgona. They all participate in various tasks: breeding cows, sheep and pigs and goats and chickens, preparing meals but also growing vegetables and fruit. All of this is done in an animal welfare and organic farming programme.

The prisoners also work in the vineyard and produce their own wine. Marco, a prisoner who guided us all day, is a baker.

To benefit from such treatment, prisoners must, of course, meet and show a keen interest in working in this community.



Carlo MAZZERBO's team even organises artistic projects involving prisoners: mural painting, photo exhibition on the daily life of prisoners and their skills, among others.

The rest of the week was devoted to the training of the tools prepared by the partnership under the responsibility of Alexandra and Beatrix.



Next step: Greece in July, where we will be working with our Greek partner AVACA.

AVACA is the partner responsible for putting the tools tested during this week in Livorno online. Anyone working in the prison environment will be able to use these tools in order to prepare the prisoners' return to freedom.



Photo exhibition by Pierangelo CAMPOLATTANO during the visit to Gorgona prison (Italy)

