
RISK ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL FAILURE - basic overview and workshop questions



CORPS OF PRISON AND COURT
GUARD(SLOVAKIA)

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BASIC OVERVIEW

- **Prison population** (including pre-trial detainees / remand prisoners) **10 347** at 1.8.2017
- **Prison population rate** (per 100,000 of national population) **191** - based on an estimated national population of 5.43 million at beginning of August 2017 (from Eurostat figures)
- **Number of establishments / institutions** : **18** (2016)
- **Official capacity of prison system**: **10 941** (1.8.2017)
- **Occupancy level** (based on official capacity) : **94.6%** (1.8.2017)

BASIC OVERVIEW

- **penology research "RENEANCE" - Concept of Applied Penology Research 2016 - 2026**
- **research project: Risk Assessment of Social Failure - RASF (part of Concept of Applied Penology Research) - 07/2017 - 12/2018, research team: academic area + practice (8 practitioners)**
- **RASF used in Slovakia from 2006**
- **the main goal: modification of existing tool towards "stronger" and more effective predictability**

CRUCIAL WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

1. **assessment system - numbers and values** (what factor have how many points and why?, what kind of algorithm is used and why?)
2. when working with assessment tool (in case of structured interview or questionnaire) - are you **checking information provided by offender?**
3. is **structured psychological assessment** part of your risk assessment tool, if yes, how it is included?
4. is your **tool used only by prison service** or is used also by other institutions?
5. what is the **result (conclusion)** of assessment and how is structured and why?

CRUCIAL WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

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- 6. Who **cooperates** on Risk and Needs Assessment except penitentiary experts - educationists/pedagogues, psychologists? (probation officers, penitentiary police staff, social curators e.t.c)
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- 7. Is your tool relevant for **court hearing** about conditional release, if yes, how high level of weight has your assessment for court decision?
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- 8. Have you **access in offenders crime history**? Do you cooperate with the police on this?