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Including Chess As a Re-education Up-Skilling tool

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While chess itself hasn't changed for centuries, it has helped transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of people!

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What is it about?



*The **ICARUS project** views chess in prison as a tool for developing soft skills among inmates.*

*ICARUS uses a **toolkit** of varied chess activities and training to help participants understand their own **behaviours during the game**. This helps them better understand their own emotions and the emotions of others. The process encourages **self-reflection** and helps **build more positive relationships** with others.*



Inclusion and diversity

are key for giving high-quality, creative and useful training to groups with fewer chances, specifically prisoners.



Key Information



The primary target group for the project is **EDA trainers and teachers**



The project will run from **November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2025.**



The total duration of the project is **24 months**



The total budget of the project is **250,000 EUR.**

Project Objectives

To use a toolkit to assist prisoners in developing and evaluating their soft skills through non-formal and informal learning activities, which are augmented by playing chess.

To implement a training course in prisons across three European countries, co-delivered by a chess trainer and an Adult Education (AE) teacher.

To create a Self-Development Handbook that will serve as a beneficial resource for Adult Education (AE) teachers across Europe. The handbook will aim to enhance the teaching of soft skills in prisons through informal practices, such as chess.

To promote the project's results at the local, national, European, and global levels to ensure that the developed tools reach as many adult education teachers and end users as possible.

Project Team



| PARTNER | HEADQUARTERS | ROLE |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SKILL UP | Rome, Italy | <i>The leading partner of ICARUS, a training company with extensive experience in soft skills training and Erasmus+ projects.</i> |
| UNICHESS | Perugia, Italy | <i>A chess school that coached three-time Italian chess champion Luca Moroni and has experience teaching chess in prisons.</i> |
| INDEPCIE | Cordoba, Spain | <i>A company specialising in training and coaching, particularly in soft skills and training courses with experience in the Erasmus+ sector.</i> |
| CLUB MAGIC EXTREMADURA | Mérida, Spain | <i>A chess club that melds competition and the promotion of chess with social and therapeutic aspects.</i> |
| CEIR | Riga, Latvia | <i>An education and research centre that prioritizes innovative training and eco-sustainability.</i> |
| LATVIAN CHESS FEDERATION | Riga, Latvia | <i>The national federation which unites all chess players, trainers, and enthusiasts in Latvia.</i> |



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