

## **“Macedonia’s Risk Assessment”**

Macedonia's Directorate for the Execution of Penal Sanctions under the leadership of Lidija Gavrilovska has developed an innovative and thorough risk assessment to be carried out with all sentenced prisoners who are registered within the prison system. There are currently around 2000 sentenced prisoners in Macedonia

The risk assessment form is a tool that is of considerable use to those working with the prisoners whilst the prisoners are serving sentences or being detained before trial but it is also of use to social services dealing with rehabilitation and readjustment after the sentence ends.

Macedonian risk assessment tool:

### **RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT FOR CONVICTED PERSONS**

Register number \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and surname of the convicted person**

**Date of birth**

**Criminal act**

**Length of sentence**

**Date of assessment**

**Assessed by**

**Information sources**

conversation

medical

self-assessment questionnaire

psychological

prison dossier

psychiatric

family

police

social services

other\_\_\_\_\_

### I. CRIMINAL TRENDS

#### FAVOURABLE INDICATORS      POINTS      UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS      POINTS

0

2

isolated crime without excessive use of force

cruel act with excessive use of force

number of particularly violent 3 crimes, especially cruel actions with excessive use of force

1

2

highly-specific relations offender-victim

randomly selected victims

3

crime with high probability of recurrence

3

the criminal situation is likely to be repeated

1

accomplice and influence on the group

	1		3
crime as an expression of the stages in the life-changes, a significant fateful (fatal) conflict or significant current situation		crime as rooted behavior, visible on the biography and background of asocial milieu with early beginning of delinquency	
			2
		series of crimes in the history	
	1		3
the criminal act is in connection with use of drugs/alcohol, but without addiction		the criminal act is connected with drug/alcohol addiction	
		revocation and failure of conditional sentence	2
other		other	

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

## II. MENTAL PERSONALITY DISORDERS

FAVOURABLE INDICATORS	POINTS	UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS	POINTS
	1		3
temporary short-term mental disorder, rapid decline of the symptoms		psychiatric symptoms associated with delinquency, such as: personal delusions, disordered thinking, disruption of the affect	
	0		3
mental disorder unnoticeable in the development of the personality		disorders since childhood or adolescence, existing behavioral disorders, antisocial features, instability, below average intellectual ability (references: high, low	

		frustration tolerance, aggression, low-self-esteem, impulsivity, instant arrest	3
		criminal views and standpoints	3
		chronic variations in sexual behavior	3
	1		3
temporary influence of alcohol, drugs or pills without addiction		high potential of criminal behavior as consequence of addiction (alcohol, drugs or pills)	3
	0		3
unnoticeable test psychology (normal profile)		abnormal test psychology	2
	1		2
test psychology – constant evolution towards normalization		test psychology – no tendency towards positive development of the situations	
other		other	
<b>TOTAL</b> _____			

### III. UNDERSTANDING THE ILLNES OR THE DISORDER

<b>FAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	0		2
accepts the disorder or the deviation in the behavior		denies the mental disorder or denies the deviant act	
	1		3



interested and involved in wide range of activities, structured leisure activities	1	distorted perception of social reality, unrealistic expectations	2
generally satisfied with life	1	inability to adapt to change (variable conditions)	2
empathy and tolerance	0	damaged communication skills	2
unchanged family and partnership	0	social disintegration of the partnership, family, friends etc.	1 - 2
strong friendships		has no stable partnership	2
		low level of perseverance	
		criminal way of life, committing criminal acts	3
other		other	

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. CRIMINAL HISTORY**

<b>FAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	0		3
no more criminal activities although there is a possibility in external conditions		more similar or more serious crimes	

	0		3
maturing and recovery (recovery, recuperation)		no apparent change in the behavior	
	0		3
increased tolerance to frustration and perseverance		rejects therapeutic services where therapy is recommended)	
	0		3
good adaptability and satisfactory social contacts within the institution		frequent conflicts in the institution	
	0		2
absence of complications after release from custody		there is damage from long institutionalization	
	0		3
learning new strategies to solve problems		no progress in learning new strategies to solve problems	
other		other	

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. FACING THE FACTS

<b>FAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	0		3
the convicted person is ready to really face the act and to overcome it, especially in relation to the analysis and design of violation of standards, recognizable regret and remorse		denial of legally founded guilt or minimize the fact, no remorse	





open and confident in relation with official treatment persons	0	has no readiness to seriously face his guilt	3
active pursuit of treatment option even when there is a high risk of unpleasant effects		rejects any treatment, opposes severely and is only seemingly in therapy	
other		other	
<b>TOTAL</b> _____			

**X. PREPARATION FOR RELEASE**

<b>FAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>UNFAVOURABLE INDICATORS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	0		3
inclusion in the family, partnership, sustainable contacts with therapeutic.		lack of social contacts and relations, pathogenic social relations and family	
	0		3
ensured income, accommodation, etc		no home, jobless, illegal work, illegal work, no financial insurance	
	0		3
realistic future plans with reasonable expectations		no real concrete plans	
			3
		return to criminal milieu, often contacts (tendency towards conflict relations, drugs, prostitution, etc)	
	0		2
good self - control		lack of self-control	

0	3
difficult access to the victims	easier access to the victims

0	3
accepting support	refuses support, no cooperation

other	other
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**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM**

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT GAINED ON THE BASIS OF THE TOTAL SUM OF POINTS PER AREA**

<b>RISK LEVEL</b>	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>
Very low risk	0 – 20
Low risk	21 – 35
Medium risk	36 – 50
High risk	51 – 75
Very high risk	76 - 100

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

physical health

mental health

security (safety)

suicidal

prone to self-injury

other \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIORITY NEEDS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_