

# **The Social Participation Table**

**Secretariat of Penal Measures and  
Reintegration**

## What is the Social Participation Table?

- ❑ The **Social Participation Table** (TPS) in the penal and penitentiary area was created by Resolution of the Counsior of Justice at November 17<sup>th</sup> in 2005, as an area of relationship between collaborating and volunteer of third social entities and the Secretariat of Penitentiary Services, Rehabilitation and Juvenile Justice.
- ❑ The regulatory development carried out with the Regulation on the organization and operation of penal execution services in Catalonia (ROFSEPC) of 2006 abounded in **institutional collaboration and social participation** .
- ❑ Article 8.3 of the ROFSEPC provided for the creation of TPS in each penitentiary center, called second-level TPS, which are **the participation and consultation body** of each center.
- ❑ In order to provide a single regulatory framework for the TPS and second-level TPS, on July 23th, 2009, Order JUS/370/2009 was issued to **regulate social participation tables in the criminal and penitentiary area**. (which repealed the resolution of the Counsior of Justice of November 17th, 2005).

# Why a TPS?

Commitment to participatory governance and transparency of Justice and Democratic Quality Department

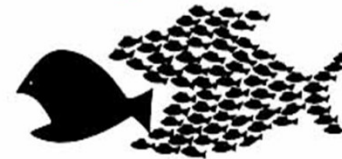
## Participatory Governance Exercise



## Incorporating citizens in the design of public policies



Collective intelligence



It arose from the prison volunteering days (2003)

It was established in 2005 by resolution of the minister

It was regulated in 2009 as a collegiate consultative body

# Who participate?

## The justice department, social organizations and local authorities



# Organization

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## Two interdependent organizations

### First level table

General cross-cutting projects:

- ❖ Prison services
- ❖ Juvenile justice
- ❖ MPA (alternative penal measures)
- ❖ Restorative justice
- ❖ Victim care

### Second level table

Specific projects:

- ❖ Ordinary regime prisons
- ❖ Open regime (open prisons and juvenile justice centers +...)



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# **The Social Participation Table in the penal and penitentiary area**

## Nature of the Social Participation Table

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The Social Participation Board in the penal and penitentiary area acts as a **consultative and liaison functional board** between the department and collaborating and volunteer social entities with the aim of coordinating citizen participation, as a **fundamental right of citizenship**.

## Functions of the TPS

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- ☐ Provide information and **open participation processes** with the representation of the social part of the Table **in all those strategic aspects of prison policy** .
- ☐ Propose and evaluate the **operation** and make **proposals for improving** the general lines, circuits and communication channels that must frame the collaborative relationship.
- ☐ **Propose joint strategies** to facilitate the dissemination of the social and rehabilitative dimension of prison policy.
- ☐ Any other function related to the previous ones.



# Mission

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Recognize professionals and volunteers from social organizations work and establish terms of equal behaviour: **IMPROVEMENT OF DIALOGUE**

Provide information, open spaces for shared needs diagnosis and generate proposals for improving the intervention: **UPGRADE THE INTERVENTION**

Propose joint strategies to facilitate the spreading of the social and rehabilitative dimension of penal policy: **GENERATION OF FAVORABLE AND POSITIVE PUBLIC OPINION**

# Composition

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□ **Presidency** : the Secretary of Penal Measures and Reintegration <sup>1</sup>

□ **Vowels** :

- Penal execution:
  - General Director of Prison Affairs
  - Deputy Director General of Corrections and Penal Enforcement in the Community
  - Deputy Director General of Rehabilitation and Health Programs
  - Rehabilitation Service Chief
- Community Action:
  - General Director of Community Action <sup>1</sup>
- Social part: six members of the collaborating social entities and three members of the volunteer ones

□ **Secretariat** : Chief of the Open Regime and Social Services Unit

<sup>1</sup> Or the person to whom you delegate

# Operation

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## **TPS Standing Commission:**

**Ordinary quarterly sessions**

**Extraordinary sessions at the request of the presidency or 40% of the members**

## **Plenary of collaborating and volunteering social entities:**

**Minimum once a year**

**Functions:**

- Renovate the social part of the TPS**
- Approve modifications to internal regulations**

# Workspaces

Dynamic, operational, flexible and horizontal spaces

## Workspaces

- Meetings open to all entities for deliberation and approval of work plans

Plenaries



- Meetings to monitor and promote the work plan

Standing commission



- Deliberative and creative spaces for the production of specific projects.

Working groups



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## **The second-level Social Participation Table in the penal and penitentiary area**

## Nature of the second-level Social Participation Table

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The second-level Social Participation Tables in the penal and penitentiary area act as **consultation and relationship boards** between the department and collaborating and volunteer entities with the **aim of promoting social reintegration processes in Catalonia** .

## Functions of second-level TPS

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- ☐ Promote mutual recognition and **participation of the involved members** and **open participation processes** with other community resources.
- ☐ Propose, **evaluate the functioning** and make proposals for improvement of the general lines of the circuits and communication channels that must frame the collaborative relationship between all parties.
- ☐ Understand the **needs of the prison population** as well as propose actions to **improve care** for groups requiring special attention.
- ☐ Propose joint strategies to **facilitate the spreading the social and rehabilitative dimension** of prison policy with the aim of promoting citizen involvement in reintegration processes.

# Composition in ordinary regime prisons

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□ **Presidency** : director of the prison

□ **Vowels** :

- Penal execution:
  - Manager
  - Deputy Director of Treatment
  - Deputy Director of Inner Regime
  - Multidisciplinary Teams Coordinator or Specialized Care Programs Chief
  - Social Work Programs Chief
- Social part: four members of the collaborating and volunteer organizations
- Municipal mayor of the location where prison is located (or councilor of the district where the prison is situated)

□ **Secretariat** : person designated as a point of contact for volunteer organizations serving the department responsible for penal execution.



# Composition in open regime prisons/penal execution in the community

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## □ **Presidency** :

- In the territorial demarcation of Barcelona: the chief of the Penal Enforcement Support Service of the Barcelona City Management
- In the territorial demarcations of Girona, Lleida and Tarragona: the director of the corresponding open prison

## □ **Vowels** :

- Penal execution:
  - Directors of each open prison
  - Chiefs of Social Services in the Penal Area in Girona, Lleida and Tarragona; Chief of Support for Penal Enforcement in the territorial services of Terres de L'Ebre
  - Chief of Social Work Programs at the open prison
  - Member of the Treatment Board of the open prison
- Social part: four members of the collaborating and volunteer organizations
- Councilor for Social Services and/or Participation of the city council of the location where the open prison is situated

## □ **Secretariat** : open prison jurist

## **Second level TPS:**

**Ordinary quarterly sessions**

**Extraordinary sessions at the request of the presidency  
or a third of the members**



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