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GAME WITH
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Selected beneficiaries

Legal name of organisation	Alternative Sociale Association
EU Member State of establishment	Romania
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad (GWMD)
Description of project	<p>Following the success of the previous edition of the “Game with Mum & Dad” project at the Iași Maximum Security Prison — an initiative that was extremely well received by the children involved, their parents, prison staff and social work professionals — Alternative Sociale proposes to expand the initiative at the national level by organizing activities in three prisons across Romania.</p> <p>These prisons will be selected after the project is approved, based on criteria related to logistics and institutional openness to cross-sectoral collaboration. The project aims to strengthen the emotional bonds between children with incarcerated parents and their parents, through joint play activities carried out in a child-friendly environment that centers the child’s right to connection and dignity.</p> <p>In total, 60 children (20 at each prison) will participate in the planned activities. The main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To maintain and strengthen the emotional bond between children and their incarcerated parents; - To promote the rights and needs of children affected by parental imprisonment among professionals and the general public; - To foster collaboration between prisons, NGOs, and social institutions in support of a child-centered approach; - To increase the visibility of this category of children and reduce their stigmatization. <p>Activities will include: planning and organizing joint games (with attention to inclusion and gender equity), psychosocial preparation of children and parents by social workers from Alternative Sociale, the actual implementation of the events, and a communication campaign through both traditional and social media. In addition, a regional advocacy event will be organized, with the support of the National College of Social Workers in Romania, aimed at bringing together stakeholders from multiple relevant sectors to discuss the project results and identify necessary solutions to support children with incarcerated parents.</p> <p>The project will uphold the principles of inclusion, gender equality, and child participation throughout all its phases.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	9,000

Legal name of organisation	Hoppenbank e.V.
EU Member State of establishment	Germany
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad (GWMD)
Description of project	<p>Hoppenbank e.V. is a criminal assistance organization from Bremen, working locally and with local organizations and the city department. It wishes to carry out the "GWMD" project in cooperation with the prison in Bremen, where it has had a good experience with 2024 edition of the project. Social workers, prison staff as well as sports officials and volunteers will work together. It will offer 4 events in the prison during the project period for 25 people each - families, incarcerated fathers with children and mothers. The events will take place in the prison's sports hall and possibly in a outdoor area on the prison grounds so that the family can play undisturbed. During the individual events there are ball sports tournaments with mixed teams of fathers and children. The ball sports will be football and – for children who cannot or do not want to take part in football - badminton and a netball game as an alternative offer. All children are included - regardless of their language, gender and health - so that every child can experience a wonderful day with their parents. At the same time the mothers can exchange, take a break and get some advice. In addition, a football book will be read aloud and there will be snacks and a football quiz during the breaks.</p> <p>Afterwards there will be an evaluation of the events and a presentation at a network meeting of the offender support system of the state of Bremen. The prison management, representatives of the departments, the justice department, NGOs, other authorities such as the probation service are present. In doing so, the importance and effectiveness of this work will be highlighted to decision-makers to promote a systematization of the event. The event can thus be pursued sustainably and can continue to be carried out even after the project period has expired. During the event, children can actively participate in the games, choose the divisions of the teams and choose activities during breaks to enjoy with their parents.</p> <p>Hoppenbank e.V. wishes to create a press report about the events and the project.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	9,000

Legal name of organisation	Relais Enfants Parents
EU Member State of establishment	France
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad
Description of project	<p>During eight events bringing together children and their incarcerated parents between June 2025 and December 2025, Relais Enfants Parents will offer parent-child football matches on prison grounds as well as the introduction of a more original activity: aerial and suspended vertical dance, in collaboration with the Georges Lakhdar collective.</p> <p>This will include short aerial dance performances by the Lakhdar collective on prison grounds, as well as introductory workshops in which both the children and their incarcerated parent will participate, under the guidance of the professional dancers.</p> <p>Festive events are regularly organized to allow families to share joyful and convivial moments together. These special occasions—such as celebrations or creative workshops—offer children and their parents an opportunity to strengthen their emotional connection in a positive environment. A December conference will showcase outcomes to cross-sectoral stakeholders.</p>
Requested budget (<i>maximum 9,000 euros</i>)	9,000

Legal name of organisation	Małopolskie Stowarzyszenie Probacja
EU Member State of establishment	Poland
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad
Description of project	<p>As part of the 2025 edition of the Game with Mum & Dad – Poland 2025 project, the Małopolska Probation Association plans to engage individuals serving sentences in 5 penitentiary institutions. The initiative will involve approximately 180 incarcerated parents and their families, including around 60 children.</p>

	<p>In each participating facility, special family visitation events will be held, centered around friendly football games. In institutions equipped with sports fields, games will take place within prison grounds. In facilities without such infrastructure, games will be organized outside the prison, at locations designated by the prison administration. Prior to each game, professional coaches from the Polish Football Association (PZPN) will conduct brief training sessions and warm-ups. As in the previous year, PZPN is partnering with the project at the Association's invitation. All match participants will receive commemorative T-shirts.</p> <p>Following the matches, a family picnic will be held, creating a safe and informal space for children to play freely and spend quality time with their parents. A central aim of the event is to enable physical closeness and natural interaction between children and their incarcerated parents—something not possible during standard visitations conducted in visiting rooms.</p> <p>Project implementation is based on existing cooperation agreements between the Małopolska Probation Association and the respective correctional institutions. The experience gained during last year's edition—enthusiastically received by prison staff—will significantly support this year's activities. Additionally, new penitentiary institutions will participate in 2025, marking their first involvement in this type of event.</p> <p>As a project culmination, a study trip to Warsaw will be organized for a group of children. During the visit, they will have the opportunity to personally meet with representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Central Board of the Prison Service, and the Parliamentary Committee on Justice—individuals who shape legislation directly impacting children visiting their incarcerated parents. The children will symbolically present autographed footballs from the GWMD games and share their personal stories, experiences, and needs.</p> <p>The promotion of the project will take place in the media and on social media platforms.</p>
Requested budget (<i>maximum 9,000 euros</i>)	9,000 €

Legal name of organisation	CASPAE
EU Member State of establishment	Portugal

Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad — One Roof event
Description of project	<p>The event 'Game With Mum and Dad - Results and Reflections' is scheduled for November 2025 in Coimbra, Portugal, as part of the celebrations for International Children's Rights Month. It is planned to be held at Coimbra Prison, subject to confirmation. The main aim of the programme is to present the results of the 'Game With Mum and Dad', reflect on its impact and define recommendations for parenting in prison.</p> <p>It begins with a Communication on the Game With Mum and Dad project, in particular the game that took place in May 2025 in Coimbra's Prison, its impact and results, enriched by a video with anonymous testimonies from inmates, family members and children participating in the project, as well as the launch of a digital football game developed in Scratch, as a pedagogical tool to strengthen the bonds between imprisoned parents and their children.</p> <p>The event is divided into two crucial moments. A discussion entitled 'Parenting in Prison: Present and Future' in which magistrates, prison directors, child and family specialists and a participating prisoner discuss parenting in prison, sharing experiences and perspectives on the challenges and potential of this type of intervention. The aim of this event is to promote dialogue, value family ties as a factor in protection and reintegration, reflect on the impact of positive parenting in a prison context and give direct stakeholders a voice on the potential of actions such as Game With Mum and Dad.</p> <p>The Intersectoral Forum entitled 'Recommendations for Positive Parenting in a Prison Context', restricted to professionals from the areas of justice, security, social intervention and education, was dedicated to analysing the contributions of the talk, assessing the real impact of the actions of the Game With Mum and Dad project, reflecting on their replicability and sustainability, and contributing to the development of a set of practical and political recommendations to strengthen an integrated, systemic and sustainable approach to supporting parenting in the prison system.</p> <p>The result of this event is a digital scratch game and a digital and printed publication, bringing together testimonies, reflections and recommendations, aimed at professionals and organisations.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	4,500 €