

# Project – Croatia

The group consisted of 20 prison inmates in medium security prison Lipovica, Popovača. It is a village about 70 kilometers away from Zagreb.

19 inmates have completed the entire program (4 meetings), while the one in the meantime escaped.

Two moderators participated in the work of the group, both social workers.

One was conducting interview, the second one's task was to write down the answers.

We did not want to use the recording.

Interviews were structured type, according Interview Guidelines that were prepared in the project.

Average age	43 years	Mo = 46
the youngest member of the group		22
the oldest member of the group		64
Average sentence length	24 months	
Average imprisonment	11,7 months	
Recidivism		9
Married		10
Stable partnership		4
Divorced		1
Widower		1
Psychopatology		0

robbery	4
larceny	3
fraud	5
aggravated larceny	4
abuse of power in business	2
fraud in business	2

For this occasion we made a special instrument that consisted of a total of 22 questions. Questions were derived from the following models:

1. Motivation for change
2. Attitude towards treatment
3. Understanding of victim
4. Attitudes towards the crime committed
5. Locus of control

The questionnaire was administered before the first session and after the last session. In statistical terms on any of these scales were no statistically significant differences.

Qualitative analysis, however, showed a few things that seem significant:

1. Several prisoners have expressed satisfaction with participation in this program
2. Two prisoners said to be more programs in prisons designed such this one.
3. Three prisoners have said that they liked this kind of gatherings (group chaired by the moderators)
4. One prisoner explicitly stated that he learned a lot in this group.
5. Three inmates were extremely uncritical, negating any need for this kind of program

6. Five prisoners reported that they often think about the victims of his criminal acts
7. Three of them are in those memories uncritical, in revanchist mood