



Triangle's Platform Storyline

From the beginning of 2022, the Triangle team worked on the second phase of the project, in which we explored all aspects of Triangle: the people, programme and platform. The results are captured in Triangle's Platform Storyline. Program Triangle: Create contours for the method of Triangle, a report released this month. In the report, we explain how the Triangle environment works and what choices can be made to create a secure digital learning environment within secure (youth) care centres. The report addresses questions that are important in this phase: What are the specific expectations regarding the platform? What does the online Triangle environment look like? In what way are the Chromebooks secured? What methods are used to offer information or teaching materials through the platform?

To give you a sneak preview: by linking to safe external websites, posting informative articles and offering learning or development modules, such as assessments focused on shaping your identity and formats for, for example, making and sending homework.

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Pilots

Various pilots will start from June 2023. The first phase of the pilot focuses on whether the content of Triangle meets the needs of young people and whether the Triangle platform is user-friendly for the target group. In the Netherlands, Triangle will start in juvenile detention centre De Hartelborgt and in the penitentiary institution in Lelystad. In June, an online test of the Triangle page will take place in Vlaanderen (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie). Later on, Triangle will be tested in classrooms with Chromebooks. In addition, we will set out a questionnaire for youngsters in secured institutions selected for the pilots in each country, to examine whether what we develop meets their needs. In the next newsletter we will provide an update on how the first pilots in the Netherlands and Vlaanderen are going.



Insight Triangle World Website

All partners work hard on the Triangle websites for the countries and organisations participating in the project. The first posts will soon be online. Feel free to take a look at the Triangle World Website, which serves only as an example, for a first impression and to see how each countries' website will look in terms of design and layout. You can log in to the World Website via the link below. Please note: you can only log in with the username presented on the page, not with your own e-mail address.

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Partner meeting in Lisbon in September 2023

The Triangle partners will meet in Lisbon from September 11th – 13th, 2023. We look forward to cooperating and a few productive working days. The programme includes sessions on the progress of the pilots, development of the assessments, processing the feedback received via the questionnaires and dissemination of the results achieved in the Triangle project. On the last day we will meet the director of Service of Juvenile Justice Portugal, who will inform us on the latest developments in the Portuguese juvenile justice system.



Triangle team at two international conferences

The Triangle team provides workshops on education within prisons at two international conferences. The team sees this as an opportunity to show the cooperation within the Erasmus+ programme, and its impact, at these conferences.

EPEA conference in June 2023

From 13 - 17 June 2023, we will participate in the EPEA (European Prison Education Association) conference Education in prison. Everyday challenges, experiences and solutions in Tønsberg in Norway. On Thursday, June 15th, Alice Erens will give a presentation to educators associated to various secured (youth) institutions throughout Europe. During the workshop she discusses what the Triangle project is aimed at and how the People Platform Programme approach works.

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ICPA conference in October 2023

From 23 – 27 October 2023, the Triangle team will be represented at the ICPA (International Corrections and Prisons Association) conference Humane Corrections: What more can we do? in Antwerp. Kristoff Hemelinckx (Opgroeien) will teach a workshop on the Triangle platform on Wednesday 25 October 2023.

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Principle of minimal restrictions

The digital world has become an integral part of everyday life. We google, app, bank, write papers and theses and fill in all kinds of forms online. For children and (young) adults who have been deprived of their liberty, access to the online world is not a given fact. Because of their detention, they can be restricted in the exercise of various fundamental rights, such as freedom of speech or the right to family life. These restrictions are permitted by law to some extent. However, they should be as little as possible and must be necessary for the execution of the deprivation of liberty and its purpose. For example, the objective of a stay in a secured youth care centre can be security, protection of victims, education, rehabilitation and possibly treatment. Restrictions that go beyond these objectives, conflict with the principle of minimal restrictions and that also applies to (access to) the digital world.



More information and newsletters

You'll find more information on the Triangle project and the platform's progress at the special project page of Defence for Children (in Dutch) or via the link below (in English). This will be regularly updated. To keep you informed, we will also send out a Triangle newsletter about once every two months. If you do not wish to receive any further newsletter and want to unsubscribe, or another interested party wishes to apply for the newsletter, this is possible via the telephone number or e-mail address below.

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