

A Step Towards a New Beginning: Preparing Female Prisoners in the Correctional Institution for Women for Release and Social Reintegration (2026)

The Victimology Society of Serbia is implementing a program at the Correctional Institution for Women in Požarevac from June to November 2026.

The overall objective of the program is to prepare female prisoners for release.

The specific objectives of the program are to empower women and strengthen their capacities to recognize socio-economic problems, violence, and difficulties in their relationships with their families and the wider community after release from prison; to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to constructively cope with the problems and challenges they will face after release from prison; to develop skills for anger management; and to become familiar with social resources that are important in the process of post-penal support and protection. In the long term, the overall objective of the project is to establish preparation for release from prison as a permanent component of the treatment provided by the Treatment Service at the Correctional Institution for Women in Požarevac, following the example of programs that exist elsewhere in the world. In the short term, the project aims, through the introduction of a new approach to preparing female prisoners for release, to address the current lack of a systemic solution for preparing female prisoners for release from prison and supporting their social reintegration.

The project is being implemented with the financial support of the Office of the Minister without Portfolio responsible for coordinating activities in the areas of gender equality, prevention of violence against women, and the economic and political empowerment of women.