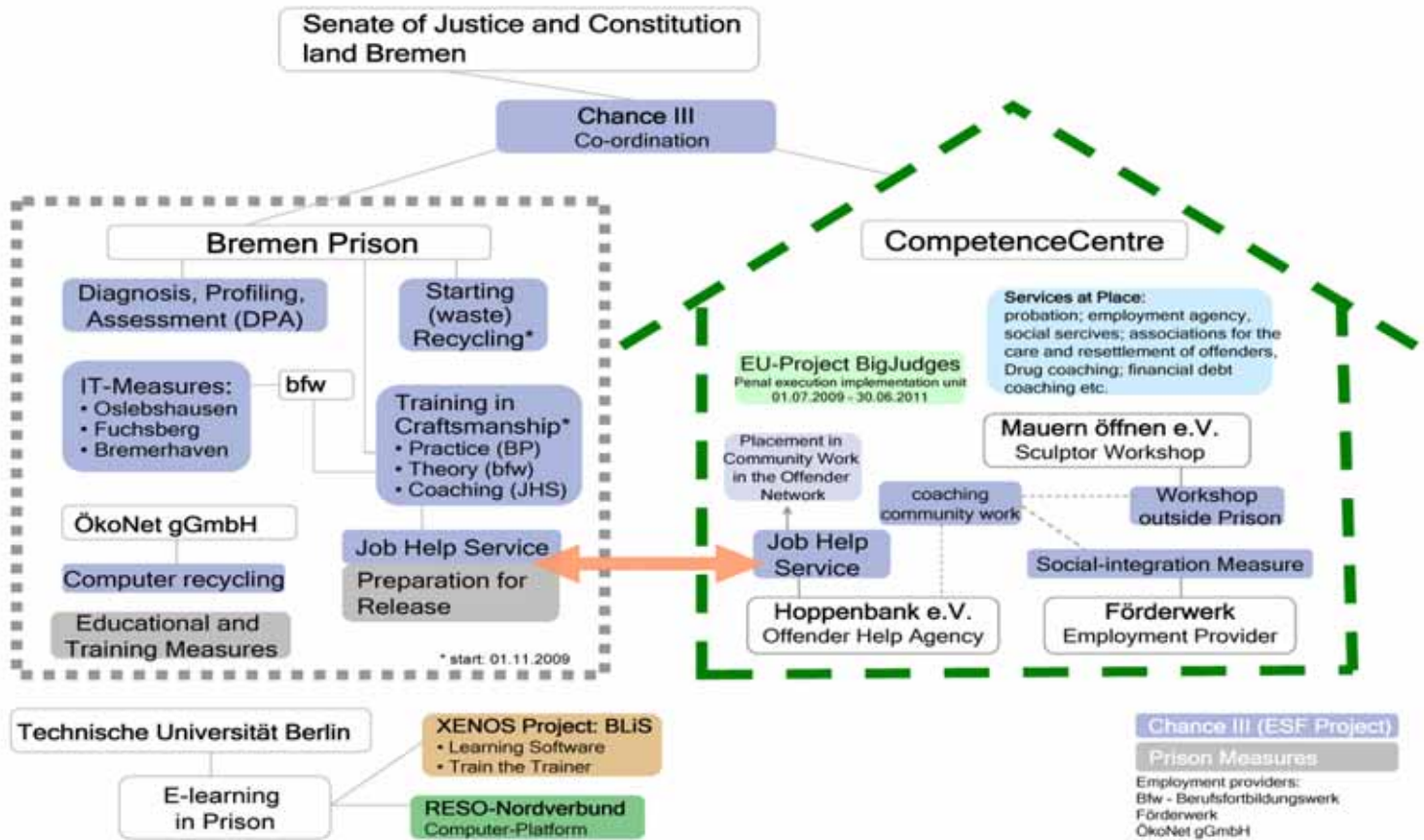




CHANCE III

Systematic coaching of offenders with the overall aim of their vocational and social re-integration

Projects for offenders in and outside prison in Bremen



Project description

"CHANCE - Systematic coaching of offenders with the overall aim of their vocational and social integration" is an association of projects that takes place in the land Bremen. It is a pilot project for innovative concepts in and outside prison.

The overall goal of the project is to frame a systematic approach for vocational and social reintegration. Already in prison first steps for an integration in and after imprisonment are planned. The sentence and integration planning is oriented at the needs and possibilities of the inmates.

The implementation is done on different levels. In prison there are labour market oriented trainings, organised by the prison itself and by external employment providers. The Technical University of Berlin organises the e-learning platform and its content.

Further on, there is a systematic coaching and management of the transition from prison into liberty. In ideal cases, there should be a placement into employment without interruption. But also places of community work are offered. Additionally there are measures of a social coaching and support. These activities take place at the CompetenceCentre.

The combination of vocational training in prison and a systematic aftercare has been proven to be a successful way to reduce the risk of recidivism and to foster vocational and social resettlement. To do this successfully, a fundamental prerequisite is the networking of all institutions involved in this process (prison, probation, associations for the care and resettlement of offenders, employment agencies, educational providers, employment providers, social services etc.).

The association of projects -CHANCE- started on 01.11.2000. Since 01.01.2008 it is in its 3rd funding round - CHANCE III.

In the first funding round, the focus was on vocational training in prison. Measures for different needs -starting from alphabetization to modularised qualification- have been offered. In the second round, first sub-projects have been placed outside the prison. The field of aftercare came into play. The place of the transition management was built up: the CompetenceCentre. Now, in the third round, there will be a further development of the transition management as well as the establishing of the standards of the common labour market in the measures in and outside prison. Connections to further projects as well as the integration in further networks have to be constructed.

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