

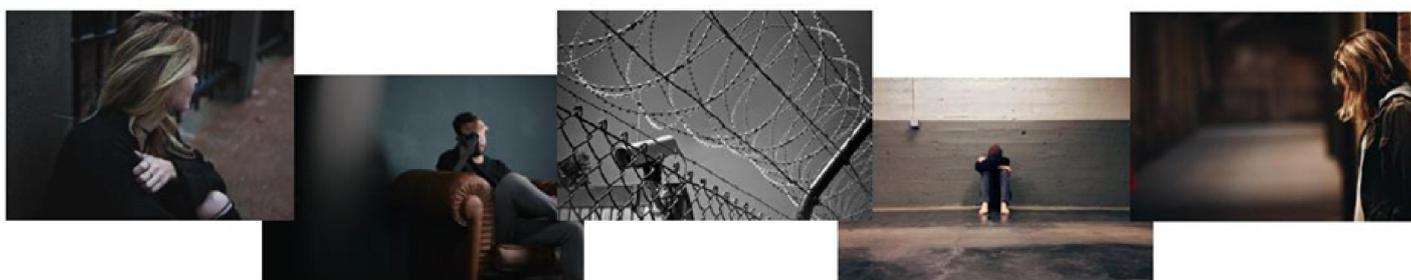


Assessing the Risk of Isolation of Suspects and Accused



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9million
are prosecuted every year in the EU.
Many of them are never found guilty.



ARISA is a EU funded project to investigate the consequences to people's personal lives when accused in committing a crime.

ARISA explores what happens to a person suspected of or charged with a criminal offence. Anyone accused of doing something wrong is supposed to be innocent unless otherwise is proven in court. In practice, however, people accused of committing a crime often suffer the negative consequences of this crime even before the court decides on their guilt. As a result of the criminal investigation, suspects can lose their job, family, social standing and many more. Last but not least, the participation in the investigation itself may lead in additional expenses in terms of both time and money.

In this context, ARISA's goal is to identify all these factors, explore their harmful impact on the suspects and accused, and enable authorities to reduce this impact without affecting the investigation.

ARISA is carried out by a consortium of research institutes experienced in the field of prison reform and inmates' rights from four Member States (Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) – Sofia; The Center for European Constitutional Law (CECL - www.cecl.gr) - Athens; Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (www.apg23.org) - Rimini, Italy; and Droit au Droit (DAD) – Brussels).

Check the **ARISA's website** (<http://arisa-project.eu/>) to find all the information about the project in one place, stay updated on new developments, download publications in several languages or get in contact with the project team.



Assessing the Impact of Criminal Proceedings on the Social Situation of Suspects and Accused

This handbook offers practical guidelines to the law enforcement and criminal justice authorities on how to assess the impact of criminal proceedings on suspects and accused. It explains how the proceedings can affect the personal and social life of suspects and accused, provides summaries of court cases showing how criminal justice authorities are addressing this issue in practice, and offers references to research works for further reading. Enclosed in the handbook is an impact assessment questionnaire, which allows the law enforcement and criminal justice authorities to assess the degree to which the proceedings can affect the social status of suspects or accused. The English language edition of the handbook is available in two versions: one with examples from Bulgarian court cases and the other with summaries of court cases from Greece.



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ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ON THE SOCIAL SITUATION OF SUSPECTS AND ACCUSED

HANDBOOK

[Full text with Bulgarian case law \(in English\) \(Adobe PDF, 2 MB\)](#)

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ARISA International Conference **9 April 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria**

On 9 April 2019, the ARISA international conference is organised in Sofia, Bulgaria, to mark the conclusion of the project and present its results to a broader audience. The event is also aimed to provide researchers and practitioners from EU Member States working in the field of criminal justice and human rights with the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience and to discuss recent developments and challenges related to the protection of defendants' rights in criminal proceedings.

The conference will focus on three main thematic areas: 1) Impact of criminal proceedings on suspects and accused: what is the negative impact of proceedings on suspects and accused, how can it be assessed at the beginning of proceedings and how can the risk of social exclusion of suspects and accused be avoided?; 2) Procedural rights of suspects and accused: how are procedural rights of suspects and accused observed, what are the main challenges and possible solutions?; 3) Rights of detainees: what are the main problems in relation to pre-trial detention, how can the rights of detainees be further enhanced and what alternatives can be used to decrease the use of detention?

- [Agenda of the Conference](#)
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