



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.

Publications



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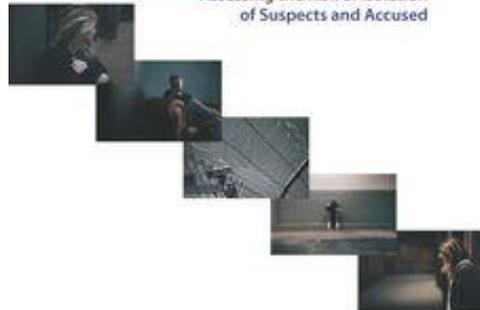
ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ON THE SOCIAL SITUATION OF SUSPECTS AND ACCUSED

HANDBOOK

[Full text \(In English, PDF, 2 MB\)](#)



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FACTORS AFFECTING THE SOCIAL STATUS OF SUSPECTS AND ACCUSED

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ASSESSING THE RISK OF SOCIAL ISOLATION OF SUSPECTS AND ACCUSED DURING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

METHODOLOGY

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Events

ARISA International Conference, 9 April 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria



On 9 April 2019, the ARISA international conference was organised in Sofia, Bulgaria, to mark the conclusion of the project and present its results to a broader audience. The event was 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 focused 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?

- Watch the full video recording of the Conference on [YouTube](#)

ARISA trainings, March-April 2019, Bulgaria, Belgium, Greece, Italy



On 21 and 28 March 2019, the Center for the Study of Democracy held trainings on assessing the impact of criminal proceedings on the social situation of suspects and accused, respectively in [Plovdiv](#) and in the Palace of Justice in [Pernik](#). Similar trainings were organised in Italy, Greece and Belgium by the ARISA Project partner organisations (The Center for European Constitutional Law; Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII and Droit au Droit. Members of the judiciary and law enforcement as well as NGOs took part in the trainings. The purpose of these meetings was to outline the main accomplishments of the initiative ARISA, with a specific highlight on the Handbook on assessing the impact of criminal proceedings on the social situation of suspects and accused and the proposed methodology for assessing the risk of social isolation during the proceedings.

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