

Letter of invitation expert for core topics

Date: March 20, 2024

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Time: 12.00 to 17.00

Dear expert,

RESCALED hereby would like to **personally invite you** to take part in one of the expert groups at the Symposium of RESCALED on March 20, 2024, in Brussels, Belgium. We will come together with around 50 professionals from at least 27+ different countries to discuss topics related to detention houses. You all have received the main invitation in your inbox in the past few weeks. Thank you to those who have already registered! We would like to share a bit more information on what you can expect.

You are personally invited because we think you provide a valuable contribution to the discussions. To participate you do not need to be an 'expert' in something specific. Rather, the **strength** comes from bringing together all of you with different backgrounds, contexts and wealth of experiences. We will:

- (1) Gather your input to improve the draft version of the European Rules on Detention Houses.
- (2) Gather your input from the expert groups to improve the concept of detention houses to better support organizations that want to implement detention houses.
- (3) Create a network of professionals linked to specific topics who can support one another.

If you accept the invitation to the expert group, we would like to ask you to let us know the following **before February 7*¹**:

- (1) RSVP [here](#) for both March 20 and 21, 2024 for the RESCALED Symposium in Brussels. (If you have already registered through the invitation received on December 15th, you do *not* have to confirm this again.)
- (2) In this second form [Expert Groups European Symposium](#), please:
 - a. Indicate which of the expert groups you would like to partake in. We have made a preliminary division for the groups, but will of course take into account your wishes!
 - b. Submit a short biography about yourself and your organization.
 - c. Submit a high-quality picture of yourself.
 - d. Save the date for February 12, 2024, for an online Zoom meeting from 11.00-12.00. <https://zoom.us/j/95346150326?pwd=RkRoQmVXeklwdXd0V2hIV2RONmxadz09>

We are honored to have you present at the European Symposium on Detention Houses and look forward to seeing you there!

RESCALED EU Office Team,
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¹ * By accepting the invitation and sending us your photo and information about yourself, you agree to RESCALED using this information for the RESCALED conference website.

List of core topics

1. Lifelong learning
2. Architecture
3. Autonomy
4. Methodology
5. Social Responsibility
6. Monitoring
7. Community
8. Staff
9. Digital inclusion
10. Lived experience
11. Identity
12. Children
13. Net-widening
14. Youngsters in detention
15. Addiction
16. Restorative cities
17. Survivors
18. Mental health
19. Woman in detention
20. Policy

Preliminary program

11.30- 12.15 Walk-in, something to eat and drink

12.15- 12.30 Opening by Rogier Elshout & Helene de Vos

12.30- 13.30 Round 1: *small groups - People are free to take coffee and tea in between*

13.30 - 14.00 Intermezzo 1

14.00 - 14.45 Round 2: *small groups*

14.45 - 15.00 Intermezzo 2

15.00 - 15.45 Round 3: *3 groups - Inclusive, Safe and Sustainable Society*

15.45 - 16.00 Intermezzo 3: *+ prepare the last round*

16.00 - 16.45 Round 4: *plenary session*

16.45 - 17.00 Closing remarks