About the European ATD Network

The European Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Network links NGOs running case management-based alternatives to detention pilot projects in six European countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland, and the UK).

Each adapted to their own national context, the pilot projects work with migrants in a range of situations to provide case management as an alternative to immigration detention.

Our goals

✓ Collectively build evidence and act as a hub of learning on alternatives to detention.

✓ Through practical implementation and qualitative and quantitative evaluation, better understand and capture knowledge on approaches which effectively engage migrants to resolve their cases while remaining in the community.

✓ Support further development and expansion of engagement-based alternatives through initiation of discussions and collaboration between government, civil society, EU institutions and other stakeholders, towards building migration governance systems that do not rely on detention.

We are building evidence and momentum on engagement-based alternatives to reduce the use of immigration detention in Europe.
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