

**Speaker:** Stine Lukowski (In3Pid, Denmark)

**Presentation title:** Governmental exit strategies in Denmark - and a model to assess motivation and ability to leave the criminal lifestyle behind

The presentation consists of three tightly related themes: 1) The Danish biker and gang environment. The presentation will shortly introduce the Danish biker and gang environment and give some perspectives to other countries bikers and gang members. 2) "A way out" a governmental exit strategy. Almost 11 years ago, as an effort to combat crime committed by organized outlaw bikers and gang members, the Danish government launched the exit program "A way out". "A way out" is a collaboration between the Police, municipalities and the Prison and Probation Service. As a rule, the person exiting the gang must be known as a gang member, or affiliated, by the police or the Danish Prison and Probation Service in order to be included in the program. It's gang members from all types of groups and gang members at different levels of involvement that are entering the program. The program is for those who have a desire to exit these criminal circles. The program is helping a lot of bikers and gang members to leave their criminal lifestyle behind. The changes that a biker or gang member must commit to is termination of gang-related crime and interaction in the gang environment. It's also necessary to change lifestyle and adapt a new life outside the environment, which include termination of "negative" behavior. There have been 700 or more requests from gang members since august 2011 and around 150 have completed the program. 3) The BEAD Model. The main focus in the presentation is an exit model made by Stine Lukowski, the co-author of the book "Rockere og bandemedlemmer i Danmark" (Outlaw bikers and gang members in Denmark). The BEAD Model is an academic and analytical add on to the national exit program. "A way out" is a framework without guidelines to assess motivation or ability to leave organized crime behind. The presentation will go through the different steps in the BEAD Model and address push and pull factors for leaving the gang. The model is based on narrative theory and has a strong focus on changing the old narrative to a new one. The Bead Model have been presented internationally several times.