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EC awards action grant to develop curriculum for training of probation officers



Late July good news was spread among the partners of a new European project. The project 'Criminal Justice Social Work', which aims to develop and test a European academic curriculum for the training of criminal justice professionals, was awarded its action grant by the European Commission. The allocation of the grant is a big step for the involved educational institutes, professional Organizations and CEP.

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Update of Probation in Europe under way: Catalonia is one of the first

Probation in Europe, the book that was published by CEP in 2008, proved to be a useful resource for professionals working in the field of probation from all over Europe. CEP has begun to update the publication, this time with two authors per chapter. It is planned that every chapter will have a co-author from the academic field. Secretary General Leo Tigges and Prof. Elena Larrauri from Barcelona comment on their roles and intentions.

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DUTT: researching videoconferencing in criminal justice procedures



At 14th -15th July 2011 the EU project Developing the Use of Technical Tools for Cross-Border Resettlement (DUTT) had its public launch with a small event in London. In DUTT project partners from England&Wales, Latvia and the Netherlands will study how videoconferencing techniques (VCT) and touch screen facilities (TSF) can be used to support the transfer of prisoners and offenders subject to community sanctions as stipulated in the EU Framework Decisions 2008/909/JHA and 2008/947/JHA. "In the project we are faced with a double challenge: no one has experience with a Framework Decision transfer, and no one has experience in using VCT and TSF in these criminal procedures", indicates Sabine Braun, researcher from University of Surrey.

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Norwegian Reintegration Guarantee aims to provide ex-prisoners the right tools for resocialization

In 2005 the Norwegian government introduced a unified policy towards released prisoners called the Reintegration Guarantee. Senior Advisor Inger Marie Fridhov of the Ministry of Justice explains: "Although it is not a 'right' in the legal sense, the Reintegration Guarantee is a commitment of all involved Ministries to provide ex-inmates the possibilities to be a responsible citizen." The new strategy was designed with two purposes in mind. First to reduce recidivism and second to create better conditions for the released person.

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Jersey and Madeira come closer: The international experience of Maurilia Veloso



Right around the time that CEP heard about the EC awarding an action grant for the 'Criminal Justice Social Work' project, the CEP Office is contacted by the Jersey Probation Service. One of their trainee probation officers, Maurilia Veloso, is completing her student placement for her degree in Social Work at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, in the Madeiran Probation Service. The 'exchange' is quite unusual and her own initiative.

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Miscellaneous news

At the offices, CEP regularly receives (e)mail on events, publications and developments in the field of probation in Europe and even beyond. As some of these items may be of interest of our member organizations, CEP brings you a selection of this news.

Find more information on the DOMICE conference (still places available!), as well as on other conferences in Europe. Publications are also discussed, such as the QCEA report on the reintegration of ex-prisoners, and the Oldenburg report on new media after the German Congress on Crime Prevention. Also learn more about the current CIPS action grants and PRI Torture Prevention Project and newsletter.

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