



CEP General Assembly and conference 'showcase for probation'



Seizing the opportunities that 'Brussels' is offering to probation becomes more and more a second nature of CEP. To give an example: by rescheduling the General Assembly of 2010 and the subsequent conference from October to May, these events will now take place within the framework of the Spanish presidency of the EU. "That makes it an excellent occasion to draw the attention of various target groups to probation", says Albert Battle, Secretary of the Penitentiary, Rehabilitation and Juvenile Justice Services of the autonomous government of Catalonia. The message of the events should be clear, according to Mercedes Gallizo, Secretary General of Penitentiary Institutions at the Spanish Home Office.

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CEP takes lead in coordinating actions for implementation Framework Decision

By December 2011 all EU member states should have taken the necessary steps to make it possible that offenders who have been sentenced to a non-custodial sanction in another EU country can serve their sentence in their home country. That is essence of the EU Framework Decision (FD) on the Transfer of Probation Supervision, which currently excercises many minds in the sector of probation in Europe. In order to coordinate the actions that the different members states are taken with regard to the implementation of this FD, CEP will hold an expert meeting in Dublin, Ireland on 8th and 9th October 2009. (Participants to the expert meeting should be nominated by their national CEP member organisation).

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Recap: Electronic Monitoring Conference

From the 7th–9th of May, Egmond aan Zee hosted for the sixth time (!) the he CEP Conference on Electronic Monitoring (EM). Bigger than ever (close to 200 participants), more controversial than ever (discussion on an EM device which could incapacitate its bearer with an electroshock), and higher appreciated than ever, it seemed to be the right moment bring the next conference to a more electrifying place. Susana Pinto, one of the organizers of the conference, looks back and ahead. "I am very satisfied with the EM 2009 conference. I would be delighted if the next conference could take place in Lisbon."



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CEP in progress: Board Meeting results

In between the massive celebrations of the success of its famous football club, Barcelona was the scene of the 66th CEP Board Meeting, on the 24th and 25th of April. Despite the lovely weather and its tempting terraces, the Board worked hard, discussing issues such as the programme of the General Assembly, European probation statistics and the future conference programme.

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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. In this article you can read about the most recent data on the prison populations in most of European countries, conferences on international youth justice, on crime prevention, and more.

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