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DECODEUR: comparable data on probation



DECODEUR is the acronym. It stands for: Developing a Methodology to Collect Data on Community Sanctions and Measures and Attrition Rates in Europe. The title seems to sum it all up. The CEP newsletter nevertheless had nine questions for project manager Markku Heiskanen. "We have to make a questionnaire on probation that is applicable to all countries. So the process of compiling it needs a lot of attention."

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CEP President presents the host of the 2013 Directors-General meeting

Some time ago CEP reported on the Directors-General in probation meeting that took place in [Dublin](#), Ireland. The conference resulted in a [Final Declaration](#), which is an outline for the CEP agenda in the coming two years, defining the main themes. CEP President Marc Cerón i Riera is happy to announce the location of the next DG meeting. And there is enough to do before 2013.

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New: CEP website user guide



The CEP website has gone through some interesting changes. The website offers information on CEP and its goals and projects. Regularly documents from the Council of Europe, project materials or conference presentations are added to the Knowledge base. For those interested to know what there is to find, there is now a user guide to the CEP website. The PowerPoint slide show provides a broad overview of the website's contents. Scroll through and explore!

[Click to download the CEP website user guide](#)

Coming up: Restorative Justice conference in Tallinn

On the 7th-8th September 2011 the conference "Restorative Justice from the victim perspective" will take place in the National Library of Estonia, in Tallinn. This conference is the second event that takes place in the framework of the European project "Improving Knowledge and Practice of Restorative Justice", in which both CEP and the [European Forum for Restorative Justice](#) are associate project partners. The conference is open for registration now.

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Colombia and Chile at Electronic Monitoring Conference in Évora: two different perspectives



Even though CEP usually reports on developments in the European probation sector, the 7th conference on electronic monitoring (EM) in Évora, Portugal, last 5-7 May gave plenty of reason to broaden the scope. The conference was attended by several non-European parties, who found their attendance useful. This edition of the EM conference was the first to consciously look outside Europe, which resulted in the exchange of knowledge and experience.

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Recap: STARR final conference

Delegates from 22 countries, 28 presentations and a conference that started at the ground floor and ended at the top of the 19-stories building. These are just a few data from the final event of the [European funded](#) project *Strengthening Transnational Approaches to Reducing Re-offending (STARR)*, held from 8th - 10th June in Sofia, Bulgaria. "It was a very rich conference", summarizes Steve Pitts, leader of strategy for the STARR Project. "Bringing together the learning of the project in Sofia did more than produce answers to the key questions which were asked at the beginning of the project: we also achieved some other unexpected, yet highly valuable outcomes."

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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 a list of interesting conferences in Europe, a request for literature on probation staff skills, news on publications such as The Spanish prison system, results of the German Congress on Crime Prevention and other news items on networks and funding.

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