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## CEP and EGPA team up

CEP and EGPA, the European Group for Prisoners Abroad, have joined forces. Since last March, EGPA goes on as the CEP Expert Group on Foreign Nationals. "Thanks to this structure, CEP has now a lot of

specialist knowledge on an increasingly important matter in probation", says Margareta Lindholm, CEP vice-president. "I think this topic will be an issue for all our member organisations in the coming years."

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## CEP in progress: Board Meeting results



The beautiful town of Exeter, in the South of England, was the location for the 64th CEP Board Meeting.

The setting inspired the Board Members to take important steps in the development of the CEP's professionalisation.

Possibly the most important one was the agreement on the objectives and measurable outcomes which the Board should realise before October 2010.

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## Neustart Austria: private organization in public probation

In the discussion on single private party,

privatization in the probation sector in Europe, it seems no question that probation should remain deeply rooted in the public domain. However, in Austria the entire probation service is in the hands of one

Neustart (literally: New Start). And more than a year ago, the Austrian company also expanded its services to the German State of Baden-Württemberg.

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## Council of Europe starts preparations for recommendation on probation



The European Committee on Crime Problems of the Council of Europe, has commissioned one of its committees to make an overview of the practices and fields of action of the probation services in the 47 member countries. The research will be conducted

by the Council for Penological Co-operation, chaired by Sonja Snacken, Professor in Criminology at the University of Brussels. "Two experts have now just started their work. Their research will be the basis for the recommendation on Probation." [Read more >>](#)

## Recap: conference What Works, Neuchâtel

CEP conferences seem to become more and more popular. "We had some 25 people on the waiting list", says conference organizer André Claudon from the Swiss Association of Probation. Those who have managed to be on the guest list were all very

positive about the conference. "The conference brought me everything I hoped to get here", comments Karin Waidhofer, General Manager Social Services of Austria's Neustart.

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## A new website for DBH

DBH, the German organization for Social

applications and a clear web design should meet



Work, Criminal Law and Criminal Policy, has recently launched a new version of its website: [www.dhb-online.de](http://www.dhb-online.de) “A better categorization of our topics, new technical

the growing needs of our member organizations”, says DBH Manager Peter Reckling. “We would be very pleased to hear what you think of it.” [Read more >>](#)

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