



What Europe means for Training &
Education in Probation

and

What Training & Education in Probation
can mean for Europe

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Content

- Developments in Europe
- Consequences for training/education
- How to respond
- Built up of conference



Developments in Europe

- More probation/alternative sanctions (more countries, stronger profile)
- More similarities in tasks and structure
- Probation Rules Council of Europe
- EU-Framework Decisions
- Stockholm Programme
- Economic crisis



More probation/alternative sanctions

- Nearly every European country has already or is seriously setting up/improving its probation system
- Similarities in tasks ([pre]-sentence reports, supervision, community service)
- But:
 - varying maturity
 - palette of appearances



The Council of Europe

- Sets standards – based on the European Convention on Human Rights
- Inspects (for example, the Committee for the Prevention of Torture)
- Enables cooperation and development





Probation Rules Council of Europe

- European Prison Rules have great impact on practice
- Implications of the Convention for the organisation, policies and practice of probation agencies
- Drawing on expert advice and experience from several countries



Probation Rules Council of Europe (1)

- Preamble
- Scope and definitions
- Basic Principles
- Organisation and staff
- Accountability and relations with other agencies
- Probation Work



Probation Rules Council of Europe (2)

- Complaint procedures, inspection and monitoring
- Research, evaluation, work with the media and the public
- A Glossary
- An (long) Explanatory Memorandum



Essence of Probation Rules

Probation can help to:

- Reduce the prison population
- Protect the public
- Rehabilitate offenders

But a large part of its importance lies in the values it represents – especially the belief that people can change and the need for social inclusion



Challenges in many countries (1)

- Gaining the confidence of the public, politicians and judiciary
- Meeting the needs of non-nationals
- Improving services to victims



Challenges in many countries (2)

- Working to ensure that offenders have genuine access to services available to the rest of the community
- Trying to make sure that tougher community sanctions and enforcement do not lead to more imprisonment
- Responding to public demands for tough punishment



EU-Framework Decisions (1)

- Purpose: mutual trust, basis for efficient cooperation in the area of justice, protection of the rights of the defendent, rehabilitation of the offender
- Recognizing each others decisions in cross border criminality
- Framework Decision on transfer of prisoners: December 2011



EU-Framework Decisions (2)

- Framework Decision on transfer of probation supervision: December 2011
- Framework Decision on alternatives to provisional detention: end 2012



Framework Decision 947

Three possibilities:

- Alternative sanction (community service, labour penalty, pay back)
- Probation as condition of the non-custodial sentence
- Probation supervision attached to conditional release at the end of the prison sentence



Framework Decision 947

Conditions to be transferred

- requirement to report a change of residence or work location
- obligation not to enter certain localities
- restrictions on travelling
- instructions concerning behaviour, MSOffice1 the place of residence, education and training, or leisure activities, or containing limitations or conditions regarding professional activity

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Framework Decision 947 conditions to be transferred

- obligation to report to the authorities
- obligation not to contact certain persons
- obligation to avoid contact with certain objects
- financial compensation
- carrying out community service
- cooperating with the Probation Service
- undergoing therapy or treatment for addiction



Framework Decision 947 Conditions for efficient use

- Common basic principles and work methods promote better working together and follow up from one country to another
- Need for a good compendium of Alternative sanctions/probation measures in the EU states (procedures, functionaries involved, conditions, breach procedures, therapies and trainings available)



Framework Decision 947

Cross border operating probation agencies (1)

- Probation organisations in Issuing and Executing States will work more closely together
 - During presentence phase (advising on sentence)
 - During implementation of the sentence
 - In implementing the transfer process



Framework Decision 947 Cross border operating probation agencies (2)

- The probation in the executing State might or will advise the judicial authorities in the Issuing State on the need and possibility to impose an alternative sanction/probation measure
- In any case the probation in the Issuing state will advise their judicial authorities about the possibilities of alternative sanctions/probation measures in the Executing State



Stockholm Programme

- Agreed on December 10th 2009 by EU Council of Ministers of Justice;
- Policy for the period 2010-2014
- DG Justice, Freedom and Security has to implement this policy programme
- Consequence for financial support programmes



Content Stockholm Programme (1)

- “alternatives to imprisonment should be promoted”
- “Finance pilot schemes to test alternatives to prison”
- Implementation and evaluation of FD’s
- Developing statistical tools to measure crime and criminal activities
- Observatory for the prevention of Crime



Content Stockholm Programme (2)

- Establish training and exchange programmes for professionals working in the field of cross border criminal justice
- A substantial number of professionals by 2015 will have participated in a European Training Scheme
- EU and international cooperation aspects should be part of national curricula



Economic crisis

- Prediction: criminality will rise and demand for tougher punishment will increase
- Politicians will struggle with like higher costs as a consequence for more/longer custodial sentences
- Probability that demand for Probation/non-custodial alternatives will grow
- Opportunity and duty for probation sector



Opportunities for Probation Sector/CEP for training & education

- Raising profile nationally and on EU level
- Example: Consultation Round and Framework Decision 947
- European sectoral coordination
- Seizing financial opportunities



Equipment necessary to establish joint curricula & training (1)

Developments CEP 2007-2009

- Growing membership of States and Universities
- Good profile at the Council of Europe (Probation Rules)
- Good profile at the EU (Contact with the Commissioner, DG's on the basis of consultation processes)



Equipment necessary to establish joint curricula & training (2)

Developments CEP 2007-2009

- Active in development of Probation Statistics
- Publication of Probation in Europe
- Extensive website



Equipment necessary to establish joint curricula & training (3)

Developments in coming years

- Project Implementation Framework Decision 947 (Platform and Compendium)
- Building up section of Website on Effectiveness of Probation
- Growing exchange with the scientific community



Equipment necessary to establish joint curricula and training (4)

Developments in coming years

- Panel of Experts: assisting countries with advise and practical help on for instance Implementing Probation Rules
- Statistics Project



Equipment necessary to establish joint curricula and training (5)

Views of the training and education sector

- What are possibilities, challenges and risks?
- What is this sector going to do?
- What does CEP need from sector of training & education to make good plans?
- What facilities does the sector need from CEP?



Structure of Conference (Today)

What do we have in Europe?

- Investigating different models of training & education in Europe: plenary session and workshops on selection, initial and continuous training (representatives of different countries)
- Followed by plenary session on exchange between universities and probation to promote professionalism (The Dutch Model)



Structure of Conference (Tomorrow)

Should we and can we develop a common curriculum?

Can we precise the role of CEP in this regard?

- Plenary session: introduction
- Workshops
- Summary of findings



Structure of Conference

During whole conference:
meeting people,
having fun,
the way to learn!



Your access to the largest
network in probation in Europe!