



# Criminal Justice Platform Europe

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS' WORKSHOP

Thursday 3 November 2016

### *'Alternatives to Detention – future direction and methods'*

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### **An Invitation**

You are warmly invited to attend a one day workshop which will enable experts in the field of criminal justice to consider:

1. Future directions of alternatives to detention (community sentences, Restorative Justice etc.) - before and after the prison gate options
2. The content and implications of the draft proposals for new European Rules on Community Sanctions and Measures, recently published by the Council for Europe and to be approved in 2017 and
3. The latest practice developments in alternatives to detention across Europe's prison and probation systems.

### **Workshop Aims**

- To receive a briefing about the purpose, content and potential impact across Europe of the rules
- To consider the implications for policy and practice for prisons, probation and restorative justice organisations
- To share practice initiatives from across Europe which highlight potential developments and benefits of alternatives to detention
- To help set the implementation agenda for the CJ Platform Europe.

### **Target Audience**

Speakers and workshop leaders will be experts in the field – but so too will all participants. The members of the CJ Platform Europe are invited to nominate key

members of their staff whose expertise can be contributed to the event via participation in the workshops. Policy and practice leaders, researchers, senior managers, trainers and people responsible for standards/quality will be especially welcome.

### **Topics to be covered in Workshops**

1. Transition Management in the community – early release, half-way houses, local authority schemes
2. Victim/offender Mediation – compensation schemes, special projects
3. Young Offenders – investing in alternatives, age specific initiatives
4. Front door solutions – interventions to divert from detention
5. Back door solutions – reintegrating outside of prison walls
6. Treatment – mental health options to reduce the use of detention, drugs and alcohol rehabilitation programmes.

### **Workshop Approach**

- There will be a combination of speeches and participative expert workshops
- All workshop presentations and papers will be circulated
- An agenda will be produced on priorities and action points for each sector and the EU.
- Feedback will be given to the Council of Europe on the proposals.