



A Word from the EuroPris President

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Dear EuroPris Members,

In the first EuroPris newsletter of 2018, I would like to wish you a happy new year and take the opportunity to reflect upon EuroPris' recent activities and future possibilities.

2017 was a year full of progress and activities. EuroPris arranged a large number of workshops, expert meetings and conferences, some of them being jointly arranged together with other organisations. Collaborations were for example with CEP on a mental health workshop and a foreign nationals expert meeting and with ICPA and CEP on the Technology in Corrections conference. EuroPris started in 2017 two new events - the Correctional Research Conference co-organised with ICPA and the Summer Course in Barcelona, being a joint initiative with the Criminal Justice Platform. Both will see a second edition in 2018.

A joint EuroPris/CEP expert group on domestic violence will be proposed at the AGM in June. We will also continue developing the partnerships with other networks, such as the European Penitentiary Training Academies (EPTA), which will be supported by EuroPris in their administration and external communication.

One of the strategic objectives for EuroPris is to become the central knowledge hub and point of contact for penitentiary issues in Europe. In the past six years EuroPris has made significant steps in achieving this objective. Effective networking and collaboration are essential on this road that EuroPris will follow also in 2018.

The Swedish Prison and Probation Service has been deeply engaged in EuroPris since its establishment in 2011 and since a few months I am proud to be president of the organisation. The achievements so far are impressive and EuroPris seem to satisfy a demand for knowledge exchange and professional development within the European correctional community. In 2018 we will continue developing the organisation and its activities. I look forward to that development and wish you a successful professional year.

