

Objective

This final seminar in a series co-funded by the European Commission will focus on the EU's Green Paper on detention and the ongoing debate and developments surrounding it.

Key topics

- The EU Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention
- Effective national supervision of detention conditions
- Good practices in prison management

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, ministry officials and officials from prison administrations, the probation system and prison monitoring bodies.

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IMPROVING MEASURES RELATED TO DETENTION CONDITIONS AT EU LEVEL

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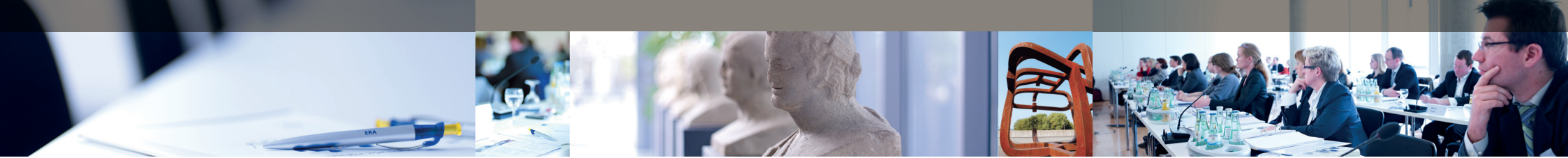
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Thursday, 15 October 2015

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Ramin Farinpour
- I.** **IMPROVING MEASURES RELATED TO DETENTION CONDITIONS AT EU LEVEL – THE NEED FOR CHANGE**
Chair: Ramin Farinpour
- 09:10 **Managing prisons and developing appropriate policies on imprisonment: the work of the Institute for Criminal Policy Research, its World Prison Brief and the need for improvements within the EU**
Helen Fair
- 09:45 **The EU Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention: its objective, an overview of contributions received and the way forward in implementing the relevant framework decisions**
Jesca Beneder
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Standardising legislation in the field of detention and recommending changes in relation to the EAW: the European Parliament's contribution to improving measures**
Wouter Van Ballegooij
- 11:30 **FRA's research study on detention conditions: preliminary findings on pre-trial detention**
Jonas Grimheden
- 11:45 Discussion

II. **GOOD PRACTICES IN PRISON MANAGEMENT** *Chair: Jemima Hartshorn*

- 12:00 **The role of the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) in promoting ethical and rights-based imprisonment**
Kirsten Hawlitschek
- 12:30 Discussion
- 12:45 Lunch
- 13:45 **Healthcare services in prison and the psychological wellbeing of prisoners: the example of a Member State**
- 14:15 **Prison education standards: the need for effective vocational training and academic education**
Lena Broo
- 14:45 **The importance of a functioning selection and training system for prison staff: the example of a Member State**
- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:45 Coffee break
- III.** **THE ROLE OF NATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEMS IN DEALING WITH DETENTION ISSUES AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS: BEST PRACTICE**
Chair: Helen Fair
- 16:15 **The role of National Preventive Mechanisms and case studies in Germany, Poland and Spain**
- *Helmut Roos*
 - *Ewa Dawidziuk*
 - *Esther Pino*
- 17:45 Discussion
- 18:00 End of the first day
- 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 16 October 2015

- IV.** **MOVING FORWARD: BETTER PRISON MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING IN EUROPE**
Chair: Catalin Bejan
- 09:00 **Setting the scene: Fair Trial's research on pre-trial detention in the EU – video case studies**
Jemima Hartshorn
- 09:45 **Material detention conditions, execution of custodial sentences and prisoner transfer in the EU Member States – an IRCP study**
Gert Vermeulen
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Simultaneous workshops on effective tools in prison management, monitoring and treatment of prisoners**
Catalin Bejan & Helmut Roos
- 12:30 **Workshop reports and participant discussion on identifying important features to ensure good prison management, monitoring and treatment of prisoners**
- 13:30 Light lunch and end of seminar

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