



THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION OF  
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## NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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Dear Colleagues,

The first month of the New Year is already halfway, still I would like to use this opportunity to send you my best wishes for 2015. May personal health and happiness also lead to professional inspiration and success.

We are now entering the 4<sup>th</sup> year of EuroPris and I am proud to say that we have made good progress in the last year, which is also reflected in the intention of 5 new prison administrations that committed to become a new member of EuroPris in 2015.

A number of important events are planned for this year. One of them being the Global Corrections Digital Technology Conference that we are organizing in cooperation with CEP and ICPA on 28/29 May in Barcelona. In the center of our attention will also be the support to the implementation and use of the EU Framework Decision 909 on the transfer of prisoners through the organisation of expert meetings.

Unfortunately, the New Year also saw a terrifying start with the recent tragic events in Paris. This puts the issue of radicalization and terrorism and how to deal with it in prisons on the top of our agenda. EuroPris will respond to these developments and take this pressing issue up in our annual conference in Bucharest on 8<sup>th</sup> June, in our support to the Radicalization Awareness Network and in other events still to be organized this year.

I would like to invite you to follow our planned and implemented activities in our bi-monthly newsletter and on our website.

Thank you very much for the support and trust you have given us in the past three years. We are looking forward to making 2015 another year with many valuable activities for prison practitioners and we look forward to do this in cooperation with you.

I hope to meet you at one of our events.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Meurisse

President of EuroPris