

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
- The European Parliament's proposal to harmonise legislation on detention throughout Europe
- 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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Ramin Farinpour, Course Director, European Criminal Law, ERA, Trier

Kirsten Hawlitschek, Executive Director, EuroPris, The Hague

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Alex Tinsley, Law Reform Officer, Fair Trials International (FTI), London

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S
GREEN PAPER

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Thursday, 13 February 2013

		12:30	Discussion
08:30	Arrival and registration of participants	12:45	Lunch
09:00	Welcome and introduction <i>Ramin Farinpour</i>	13:45	Health care services in prison and the psychological wellbeing of prisoners: the example of an EU Member State
	I. IMPROVING MEASURES RELATED TO DETENTION CONDITIONS AT EU LEVEL – THE NEED FOR CHANGE <i>Chair: Ramin Farinpour</i>	14:15	Prison education standards: the need for effective vocational training and academic education <i>Lena Axelsson</i>
09:10	Managing prisons and developing appropriate policies on imprisonment: the work of the International Centre for Prison Studies and the need for improvements within the EU <i>Peter Bennett</i>	14:45	The importance of a functioning selection and training system for prison staff: the example of an EU Member State
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 <i>Jesca Beneder</i>	15:15	Discussion
10:30	The European Parliament's resolutions on harmonising legislation on detention throughout the EU <i>Wouter van Ballegooij</i>	15:45	Coffee break
11:00	Discussion		III. THE ROLE OF NATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEMS IN DEALING WITH DETENTION ISSUES AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS: BEST PRACTICE ON THE BASIS OF MEMBER STATES' EXPERIENCES <i>Chair: Peter Bennett</i>
11:30	Coffee break	16:15	The role of National Preventive Mechanisms and case studies in Germany, Poland and Spain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christina Hof</i> • <i>Justyna Róża Lewandowska</i> • <i>Carmen Comas-Mata Mira</i>
	II. GOOD PRACTICES IN PRISON MANAGEMENT <i>Chair: Alex Tinsley</i>	17:45	Discussion
12:00	The role of the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) in promoting ethical and rights-based imprisonment <i>Kirsten Hawlitschek</i>	18:00	End of the first day
		19:30	Dinner

Friday, 14 February 2014

	IV. MOVING FORWARD: FINDING WAYS FOR BETTER PRISON MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING IN EUROPE <i>Chair: Ramin Farinpour</i>
09:00	Setting the scene: FTI's report on pre-trial detention and response to the Green Paper – video case studies <i>Alex Tinsley</i>
09:45	Material detention conditions, execution of custodial sentences and prisoner transfer in the EU Member States – an IRCP study <i>Wendy De Bont</i>
10:15	Discussion
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Simultaneous workshops in English and German on effective tools in prison management, monitoring and treatment of prisoners <i>English: Kirsten Hawlitschek, German: Christina Hof</i>
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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