



## Criminal Justice Platform Europe - International Seminar

### INVITATION

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, 10.00h – 13.00h**

at the Government of Catalonia. Delegation to the EU  
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat, 227 | B- 1040 Brussels

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF FRAMEWORK DECISIONS

2008/909/JHA, 2008/947/JHA and 2009/829/JHA – covering:

“The mutual recognition of judicial decisions on custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty”, “Probation decisions and alternative sanctions” and “Supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention”

Many European national governments have detention issues high on their agenda and have to deal with budget cuts, overcrowding and recidivism rates. Each year tens of thousands of EU citizens are prosecuted for alleged crimes or convicted in another EU Member State. The Framework Decisions are a package of coherent and complementary legislation that addresses the issue of detention of EU citizens in other Member States. They have the potential to reduce pre-trial detention, overcrowding (improving at the same time detention conditions) and to facilitate social rehabilitation of prisoners.

Framework Decisions are binding and have to be implemented by Member States. But the national authorities have to choose the form and method of implementation. Non-implementation of the Framework Decisions is problematic since those Member States who have properly implemented cannot benefit from their co-operation provisions in their relations with those Member States that have not properly and timely implemented.

Currently, respectively 25 (909), 22 (947), 19(829) Member States have transposed the Framework Decisions. As of 1 December 2014 the Commission as well as Member States are entitled to launch infringement proceedings against those Member States that have not implemented at the EU Court of Justice.

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Three organisations joined together in 2012 to form **the Criminal Justice Platform (CJP)** in order to address Criminal Justice issues in Europe. The three are working in the fields of detention ([EuroPris](#)), Probation ([CEP](#)) and Restorative Justice ([EFRJ](#)). With the Platform their focus in 2015 is on the implementation of the EC Victims Directive, on Radicalisation and the Framework Decisions 909/947/829.





### **Purpose of the seminar**

The Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJP) invites Members of European Parliament, European policy makers, representatives of the EU, Member States and Nongovernmental Organisations to receive an update on the implementation of the three Framework Decisions throughout Europe. The seminar will focus on:

- status of implementation
- actual use of the Framework Decisions
- issues and concerns in the use of the Framework Decisions
- future expectations.

The CJP will also use the seminar to provide a short overview of their work in the course of 2015 and the planning for 2016.





## PROGRAMME

- 9.30 – 10.00      **Registration**
- 10.00              **Welcome remarks**
- **Amadeu Altafaj Tardio**, Representative, Government of Catalonia, Delegation to the European Union.
  - **Jesca Beneder**, European Commission DG Justice(TBC)
  - **Hans Meurisse**, President EuroPris (Chair)
- 10.15 – 10.45      **Work of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe in 2015 / 2016**
- **Framework Decisions**, Kirsten Hawlitschek, EuroPris, Executive Director
  - **Victims Directive**, Annemieke Wolthuis, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Vice-chair
  - **Radicalisation**, Willem van der Brugge, Confederation of European Probation, Secretary General
- 10.45 – 12.15      **Expert speakers on the status of implementation of the FD s**
- **Graham Wilkinson**, NOMS on FD 909
  - **Ioan Durnescu**, University of Bucharest on FD 947 and 829
  - **Vicky de Souter**, Board member EFRJ on Restorative Justice in relation to FD 947
- 12.15-12.45      **Round Table Panel - Questions and answers**
- 12.45              **Concluding remarks and thanks**
- **Marc Ceron**, President of the Confederation of European Probation
- 13.00              **Lunch (buffet) – Opportunity for further discussion**

