

The International Desk of the Dutch Probation Service

Theory into practice FD 947

The International Desk

- information point for central authority
- information point for probation workers
- clients and their solicitors
- three part-time employees





Theory into practice

The case of mr. X.

- Issuing State: The Netherlands
- Executing State: Romania
- Offence: attempted aggravated assault and destruction
- Sentence: eight months imprisonment with a suspended sentence of three months and a two-year probationary period.
- Probation measures:
 - supervision
 - clinical forensic treatment
 - drugs and alcohol ban



Mentimeter question: What do you think should happen in this case?

1. Don't transfer, too many obstacles!
2. Do transfer, because of language barrier and the importance to undergo treatment!
3. In favour of transfer for another reason...
4. Opposed to transfer for another reason...



Second mentimeter question

How many parties were involved in this transfer?

- Two parties, only the two involved competent authorities
- Four parties, the two competent authorities, the client and also the International Desk
- More than four parties



Relevant parties

1. The issuing state (Netherlands), central authority
2. Local public prosecutor in issuing state
3. The executing state, competent authority
4. Mr X himself
5. The International Desk
6. The probation officer advisory report
7. The probation officer supervision
8. Forensic clinic in the Netherlands
9. Forensic clinic/hospital in executing state
10. The probation service in executing state
11. Foundation that helped with repatriation
12. The Embassy of the executing state

Final remarks

- Importance of good information sources (especially for the probation service employees)
- Importance of maintaining contact during the transfer
- Keep a good overview
- If necessary contact probation in executing state

Final mentimeter question

Can your organization provide a customized approach in (complex) transfer cases?

- Yes we can
- No we cannot
- I am not sure