

**Criminal Justice Platform Europe**

# **Criminal Justice Summer Course**

**Criminal Justice in a Polarised Society**

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## Your bag, result of a local project

The bag you have in your hands has been made by inmates of the Quatre Camins prison (see page 7) out of recycled street banners. The manufacturing of these bags and other goods is part of a curricula implemented by CIRE with the goal of training and employing inmates in prison as well as minors who are in educative centres in Catalonia. CIRE is a public company of the Generalitat de Catalunya whose mission is to foster the reintegration in the labour market of this target group.

# Bienvenidos/as a Barcelona!

The members of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE) are happy to welcome you in Barcelona for this 3rd edition of the International Criminal Justice Summer Courses!

This year's Summer Course focuses on the main theme: **Criminal Justice in a Polarised Society**. The course offers a unique opportunity for criminal justice colleagues from different jurisdictions to reflect on what impact polarisation is having upon crime. Extremist views in the media attract huge attention; reactions across society can create extreme anxiety and anger; some ignore widening divisions in society. Politics and religion seem more divisive than ever and professionals in the criminal justice system have to find a way to engage with diverse offenders and try to prevent paths that may lead to further violence.

In this course, each organisation member of CJPE will address this topic from a different but complementary angle in one of the 3 parallel workshop sessions:

- ♦ The **European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services** (EuroPris) will focus on how to manage violent extremist offenders in prison settings;
- ♦ The **Confederation of European Probation** (CEP) will explore how to encourage social inclusion in a polarised society;
- ♦ The **European Forum for Restorative Justice** (EFRJ) will look how to engage communities and transform conflicts in polarised societies.

By sharing ideas and considering the very latest research and programmes, participants will be stimulated to engage with the debate on polarisation and to make a positive contribution back home. Methods will include training, presentations, discussions among the participants as well as local visits. The aim is to examine key practice issues, inspire new thinking, promote cross-fertilization and build new networks to **improve services and practice in prisons, probation and restorative justice**. Among the participants, you will find expert practitioners, subject specialists, masters' students with practice experience, project development leaders, practice managers, trainers, academic practice teachers and researchers interested in the fields of prison, probation and/or restorative justice. The **variety of the group**, coming from different European realities, will provide further opportunities to learn and engage in criminal justice issues.

We would like to thank all people and supporting institutions who helped us in the organisation of this event, especially our local host CEJFE, the Centre for Legal Studies and Specialized Training of the Justice Department of the Government of Catalonia, and the Justice Programme of the European Union.

Making a difference is our aim. The issues are complex. The challenges for criminal justice workers are immense. We hope you will enjoy the course and further build your professional network with colleagues from all over Europe and beyond!

**The CJPE team**

# Programme

## Tuesday 2 July

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| AM          | Travel to Barcelona                                    |  |
| 13:00–14:00 | Registration   |  |
| 14:00–14:30 | Welcome  |  |
| 14:30–15:30 | Plenary: Introduction of the topic by Christophe Busch |  |
| 15:30–16:00 | Break  |  |
| 16:00–17:30 | Workshops: Session 1                                   |  |
| 17:30–19:00 | Reception  | Gran Hotel Havana<br>Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 647 |

## Wednesday 3 July

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| 09:00–11:00 | Workshops: Session 2 |  |
| 11:00–11:30 | Break                |  |
| 11:30–13:00 | Workshops: Session 3 |  |
| 13:00–14:30 | Free time for lunch  |  |
| 14:30–16:00 | Workshops: Session 4 |  |
| 16:00–16:30 | Break                |  |
| 16:30–17:30 | Workshops: Session 5 |  |
| 20:00       | Joint Course Dinner  | Restaurant Dolça Herminia<br>C/ de les Magdalenes 27 |

## Thursday 4 July

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| 09:00–12:00 | Visits                          |
| 12:30–14:00 | Free time for lunch             |
| 14:00–15:30 | Seminar on workshops' themes 1* |
| 15:30–16:00 | Break                           |
| 16:00–17:30 | Seminar on workshops' themes 2* |

## Friday 5 July

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| 09:00–10:30 | Workshops: Session 6 |
| 10:30–11:00 | Break                |
| 11:00–11:45 | Workshops: Session 7 |
| 12:00–12:30 | Closing Plenary      |

\* Reflection on what has been presented and discussed in the other two workshop sessions.

# Visits

## Thursday 4 July

**09:00–12:00**

Participants of this Summer Course will have the opportunity to visit one out of the eight locations described below. When registering for the course, you will be asked to indicate your two most preferred field visit options. The Passport or ID details are required for the security checks that need to be undergone in advance at all locations. Please note that participants can be relocated in the field visit marked as a second option when the first option does not reach a minimum of 5 participants or exceeds the maximum capacity of 10/15 participants (depending on the location). All of the visits will depart from the CEJFE at 9:00, except for that to the Prisons outside Barcelona, which departs at 8:00h. For more information, please contact Clara Casado.

### 1 | **Women's prison**

#### **Centre Penitenciari de Dones de Barcelona**

Pre-registered participants will be able to visit the facilities of one of the 2 prisons for women in Catalonia which is located in the city of Barcelona and can be reached by metro. This prison hosts up to 600 women who are in closed and semi-open regimes. Despite being an old facility, it conveys a positive atmosphere due to the rehabilitation programmes that are being implemented with female inmates and the fact that it is home to a unique unit for mothers and their children.



## 2 | Institution for young offenders

### Centre Educatiu Can Llupià

This educational centre for juveniles, who are on remand custody or are serving a custodial sentence, is located in the city of Barcelona. Pre-registered participants will visit the facilities which can host up to 95 minors, boys and girls, who live in smaller units of 15 to 20 people, and will also have the opportunity of being briefed by in-house professionals about the Juvenile Justice System in Catalonia and the specific role that the centre plays within the existing educational centres' network.

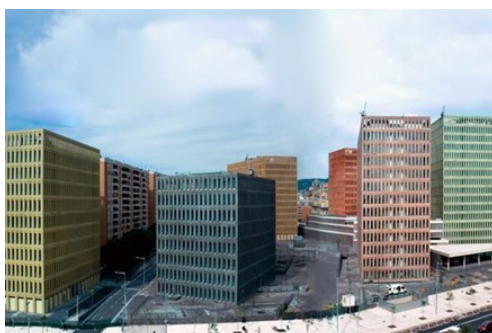


## 3&4 | City of Justice

The City of Justice is a complex that consists of eight buildings, seven of which host the courthouses of the civil, criminal and juvenile justice jurisdictions. It is also home to other related services such as the Victim Support Office, restorative justice services, pre-trial advisory teams, probation teams and the family mediation services amongst others. Pre-registered participants will have the opportunity to visit some of the judicial facilities and will choose from one of the two following options:

**Probation teams:** one probation officer of adult offenders and one of juvenile offenders will provide an overview of their work and the specificities of their respective schemes.

**Restorative justice teams:** practitioners of the adults' and juveniles' schemes will introduce how the respective programmes work, the type of crimes referred as well as the restorative practices mostly used.





## 5&6 | Prisons outside Barcelona

These two different prisons are next to each other in a small town within 45' by car from Barcelona. A bus service will be organised to take participants to this location departing from the CEJFE. Once arrived to the location, the group will be divided into two smaller groups, which will visit one of the two following prisons:

### Centre Penitenciari de Quatre Camins

The prison of Quatre Camins was set up in 1998 and was the first prison centre built by the Generalitat de Catalunya which in 1984 assumed the devolved powers for criminal justice enforcement (including probation and prison). It can host up to 1594 adult male inmates who are mostly in a closed life regime and open regime. The Building was renovated in 2003 and in 2006.



### Centre Penitenciari de Joves

This prison was set up in 2008 exclusively for young adults between 18-21 years old as this is considered to be a critical age for personality development. Such a framework makes it possible to provide young adults with assistance and programmes tailored to their specific needs. The architecture of the prison, which can host up to 388 young adults, is functional and less rigid to foster education of the target population in different fields including formal education subjects, vocational training, sports, arts, film or environmental subjects amongst others. The prison internal layout mirrors that of a village hence it is structured with streets, avenues and a square. Moreover, the structure within each unit is prepared to host smaller groups of inmates.



## 7 | Prison and police intelligence coordination group

The prison services in Catalonia belong to the Justice Department. A specific intelligence unit within the penitentiary services in Catalonia together with the intelligence service of the Catalan police (Mossos d'Esquadra) have set up a coordination scheme with the aim of addressing security issues that possibly radicalised inmates could pose. Participants will be able to meet with the liaison officers of police and prison intelligence units involved in the coordination group in order to learn about their sharing information model and exchange experience and expertise. The meeting will take place in the Justice Department buildings located at walking distance from the CEJFE.

## 8 | Radicalisation Community prevention plan of the Municipality of Hospitalet

Hospitalet is a town of the greater Barcelona and has always been a very diverse city. The municipality and in particular the Security and Coexistence Unit has been actively involved in LIAISE 1&2 and PREPARE European funded projects. Ensuing from such projects, community workers of related services of the municipality have drafted a Community Prevention Plan aimed at preventing radicalisation. The drafting process of such plan is based on a multiagency approach and has succeeded in engaging relevant stakeholders at the community level. Participants will be able to meet the community workers of Hospitalet City Hall who, although no case study can

be presented yet, will share how they reached out the different stakeholders in the design of the plan and the coordination model adopted. The group will be accompanied along the short train trip to Hospitalet City Hall.



Plaça Espanyola, in the heart of Hospitalet, is constantly busy and intensely used by different collectives and groups with highly diverse purposes. For this reason, this square is witness to a buzzing community life as well as to the conflict that might naturally derive from it.



# Workshops

## **Managing violent extremist offenders in prison settings**

By Yola Wanders and Katharina Schwarzl. Moderator: John Scott

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How prisoners experience their stay in prison depends largely on the living climate. A positive living climate will have a positive impact on their wellbeing and behavior during and after imprisonment. The climate entails amongst other factors the relations with other prisoners, relations with staff and the prison conditions. However, managing prisoners under a high security regime while protecting their basic (human) rights is a huge challenge. How do risks increase under bad prison conditions? And how to deal with risks, like the risk of contamination? How can the prisoners' rights to work, education and contacts with their family be guaranteed? What are the experiences, challenges and impacts of measures that prison staff is facing in the different European countries? This workshop will deal with such questions in an interactive manner. The trainers will share their insights on these subjects and at the same time the experiences that the participants will bring from their countries and variety of backgrounds will be an important part of the discussions and learnings in the workshop.

## **Doing social inclusion in a polarised society**

By Ioan Durnescu, Håkan Järvå and Esther Montero. Moderator: John Stafford

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The aim of the workshop is to deepen the understanding and develop the skills around post-prison inclusion of former terrorists. The first sessions will be dedicated to understanding disengagement and social inclusion while special attention will be awarded to developing good working alliance. The next sessions will focus on how a pre and post-release program could look like with this special group. Participants will be invited to act as if they are former jihadists ready to be released and therefore will develop 'an inside' and 'direct' understanding of how such a program is felt like. The final sessions will go beyond the individual perspective and will cover issues such as community involvement, reducing stigma, avoiding discrimination and promoting social justice. Participants will be encouraged to develop a more critical approach to social inclusion where individuals are perceived in interaction with complex and, sometimes, hostile social forces. Professor Esther Montero (Spain) and Håkan Järvå (Sweden) will be invited speakers at the workshop to contribute to different topics in order to bring in more and diverse expertise and 'hands on' inputs. This workshop will build on the experience of the previous Summer School and will not duplicate any of the former themes, thus participants in the former Summer Schools are welcomed.

## **Transforming conflict in polarised societies**

By Gian Luigi Lepri and Marieke Arnou. Moderators: Emanuela Biffi & Edit Törzs

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These series of workshop sessions will explore the dynamics of identity, in- and out-group mechanisms and how to work with different people experiencing polarisation, with the aim of engaging communities and making use of differences (i.e. different opinions, world views, experiences) as an opportunity for growth and transformation. The trainers will share ideas, case studies, stories and practical tools for reducing tensions, encouraging participation and inclusion, promoting dialogue and empowering different (vulnerable) groups involved in conflicts in polarised societies, as well as to explore the limits of such restorative interventions. The training is meant for criminal justice professionals, in their role of practitioners or experts in crime prevention and security issues, but also in their role as citizens of the (maybe polarised) communities they live in. The trainers will adopt an interactive methodology, inviting participants to reflect on how these insights can apply to their own professional experiences.

# Plenary

## Us versus them: polarisation as political enrichment or social threat

Left vs Right, Islam vs the Western world, ... . As our societies are getting more and more complex there seems to be a growing need for a dualistic interpretation and social categorisation. However we need to politically discuss the many questions that emerge from societal challenges refugee crisis, climate change, Brexit, information storms, globalisation, ... We also need to prevent the dynamics of social polarisation. A demonizing Us versus Them thinking can lead towards social instability and even destroy the social fabric within a community. In a final stage social polarisation can even lead towards collective violence like genocide or terrorism. This lecture explains the difference between political polarisation as an enrichment and social polarisation as a threat, the roles and dynamics of the phenomenon and 4 important game changers to bridge the gap between Us and Them. A focus on the connection between Needs, Narratives and Networks.

**Christophe Busch** has a Master in Criminological Sciences (Ghent University) and a Master in Holocaust and Genocide Studies (University of Amsterdam). He is currently finalizing his PhD research on perpetrator behaviors in collective violence at the University of Amsterdam and follows Terrorism Studies at the University of St Andrews. In 2007 he founded the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education and in 2015 he started with UFUNGU, a network organization of experts on radicalization and polarization. He is a member of the board of the Peace Center Antwerp and chairman of the radicalization expert group of the education and department welfare department. Since 1996 he contributed as curator of different temporary exhibitions (e.g. on the genocide in Darfur, on the Holocaust) for the Peace House of the City of Ghent. As an expert on perpetrators' behavior, offenders' rehabilitation, collective violence, radicalization and (violent) extremism, he is the author of several publications and he has been invited as speaker in several events.



# Workshops outline

| Workshop Session       |   | <b>Managing violent extremist offenders in prison settings</b><br><br>ROOM 3-4   | <b>Doing social inclusion in a polarised society</b><br><br>ROOM 9                           | <b>Transforming conflict in polarised societies</b><br><br>ROOM 6  |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| T u e s d a y<br>2 / 7 | 1 | Introduction of workshop leaders & presentations by participants<br><br><i>Wanders &amp; Schwarzl</i>  | Setting the scene: what works with violent extremist offenders (VEO)?<br><br><i>Durnescu</i> | Introduction of workshop leaders, participants and training program<br><br><i>Lepri &amp; Arnou</i>  |
|                        | 2 | What does society expects what prisons can/should achieve in dealing with VEOs? What can we realistically achieve as professionals in dealing with VEOs in our different jurisdictions/prisons?<br><br><i>Schwarzl</i> | The importance of the working alliance<br><br><i>Durnescu &amp; Montero</i>                  | Who am "I", who are "we", who are "they"? Exploring identities, in- and out-group mechanisms and polarization in diverse societies<br><br><i>Arnou</i> |
|                        | 3 | Challenges of prison governor in detaining VEOs: Case study<br><br><i>Wanders</i>  | International perspective of interventions with VEO<br><br><i>Durnescu</i>                   | Introducing restorative justice principles to transform conflicts in polarized societies<br><br><i>Arnou</i>   |
|                        | 4 | How to shape a living environment in prison that reduces adverse effects of detention and stimulates responsible return to society<br><br><i>Wanders</i>   | Techniques for lessening the grip of ideology<br><br><i>Järvå</i>                            | Community of restorative relation with mafia crime<br><br><i>Lepri</i>   |
|                        | 5 | Input about treatment programmes and activities in Austria<br><br><i>Schwarzl</i>  | Working with metaphors<br><br><i>Järvå</i>   | Applying restorative justice principles to participants' own professional experiences<br><br><i>Lepri &amp; Arnou</i>                                  |
| F r i d a y<br>5 / 7   | 6 | How to prepare for return to society? Case study<br><br><i>Wanders &amp; Schwarzl</i>  | Working with communities<br><br><i>Durnescu</i>  | How to involve citizens and organizations in the management of a conflict<br><br><i>Lepri</i>  |
|                        | 7 | Closing session<br><br><i>Wanders &amp; Schwarzl</i>   | What's next?<br><br><i>Durnescu</i>  | Conclusion. Did we meet the expectations? What's next?<br><br><i>Lepri</i>   |

# Workshop leaders



**Yola Wanders** is the Director of the High Security Prison in Vught, The Netherlands. Yola's career started in 1989 as a guard in the Penitentiary Institution in Hogeveen. After being in a number of management positions, she started in 2009 in the Penitentiary Institution in Vught, with special attention for the very high security (Supermax) and terrorist departments. Since 2012 she is part of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). For 4 years as co-chair of the Prison & Probation (P&P) working group, and now as a core member. Within the Dutch prison administration, she is closely involved in developing the radicalization policies for prisons and the new day program for the terrorist departments (TD). The TD of Vught, in operation since 2005, has a capacity of 42 cells divided into 5 departments. Despite the criticisms about the concentration of detainees who are suspected or convicted of a terrorist offence, working within the TD with small-differentiated groups and keeping a positive living climate for humane detention sorts good results.



**Katharina Schwarzl** has a background in social work and a master level specialisation in International Relations. From 2012 to 2014, she worked at the Vienna-Josefstadt prison with juvenile offenders. Since December 2014, she serves as a consultant at the Directorate General for the Prison Service and Preventive Detention, Department of Care and Services, of the Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria. One of Katharina's tasks is to take care of measures already in place and/or implement treatment/educational training programmes regarding offenders, who are accused and convicted of terrorist crimes. Therefore, she has attended several meetings of RAN, EuroPris, CoE, UNODC, IJJO, etc. to exchange with others but also to get ideas which possible concepts could be implemented in Austrian Prisons to facilitate appropriate treatment for these offenders bearing in mind scarce (staff) resources.



**Ioan Durnescu** has an international reputation as a leading academic on the subject of desistance. A professor at the University of Bucharest, Ioan has conducted innovative research into identifying the skills used by probation officers in daily practice; What Works and also an ethnographic study into desistance following prisoners post release. He is an editor of the European Journal of Probation and Probation in Europe and the author of several influential publications. He has advised the Romanian Parliament on prison and probation policy and has undertaken developmental work in countries as diverse as Jordan, Moldova, Kosovo and Croatia, incorporating desistance theories into training and work with policy makers and practitioners.



**Håkan Järvå** is a licensed psychologist from Sweden. He sits on the board of Hjälpkällan which is a Swedish NGO dedicated to help people who have been damaged by their involvement in religious cults. He is involved in other projects in Sweden aimed at preventing violent extremism and also in working clinically with people leaving extremist movements, both violent and non-violent. Håkan is also a member of the Advisory Council of International Cultic Studies, and a member of the Radicalization Awareness Network pool of experts. He undertakes international work for Hedayah, an international organization based in Abu Dhabi, the purpose of which is to develop capacity building programs for countering violent extremism. Håkan written a needs assessment manual for Hedayah and has been involved in training social workers and psychologists in the use of this manual in Tunisia. Håkan is the author of two books in the Swedish language: one about how to work clinically with people leaving extremist movements and the other on psychological manipulation.



**Esther Montero** Pérez de Tudela is a Professor at the Loyola University in Andalucía and a lawyer in the Spanish Penitentiary Service, from which she is currently on leave. She has a PhD in Criminology from the School of Criminal Sciences at Lausanne University, Switzerland and 10 years' experience as a treatment professional in prison settings as part of the Spanish Probation and Prison system. Esther was formally Deputy Director of Huelva prison with responsibility for treatment services from 2012 to 2017; she has also been involved in many international projects on probation and prison development, including Croatia, Jordan and Moldova. In 2016/2017 she was project leader of a probation project in Croatia which focused on improving the institutional capacity of the probation service. Esther has also implemented training on correctional core skills for staff in several countries, including Kosovo and Moldova and has been a lecturer in the penitentiary training centre in Madrid from 2011 until the present day.





**Gian Luigi Lepri** is an Italian psychologist and psychotherapist. He was honorary judge at the Juvenile Court of Rome (2011-2016). Since 2010, he is the methodological coordinator and supervisor of the counselling service for students of the University of Sassari. He also coordinates the Restorative Justice Team at the same university and he is the vice-chair of the EFRJ Working Group on Restorative Cities, which has as the objective to experiment restorative practices in different community settings, such as schools, families, police forces, tribunals, municipalities, associations. Since 2017, he is in charge of the Clinical Area and of the Legal Psychology Service of CEAS, an educational center for hospitality and solidarity. As an expert in psychology and law, Gian Luigi has been invited as lecturer and trainer in different national and international events and projects, and he is (co-)author of several scientific papers, mostly in restorative justice, legal psychology and deviance.



**Marieke Arnou** studied African Linguistics and Ethnography at Ghent University (Belgium). She went on to get a Teaching degree and did a postgraduate in Mediation at the same university. She worked for the Belgian Equality Body (2006-2018), first handling cases of (alleged) discrimination and later as trainer and facilitator, developing and implementing training programs and change processes on societal issues such as discrimination, racism, homophobia, Islam in different setting such as police forces, schools, municipalities. She is also active as a voluntary mediator in criminal cases with young offenders. She acted as member of the Advisory Board of the ALTERNATIVE-project (2012-2016), a research project on *Developing alternative understandings of security and justice through restorative justice approaches in intercultural settings* (co-ordinated by KU Leuven; the EFRJ was a partner in the project). She is currently working as Diversity and Inclusion expert at the Belgian Railways. In her work as trainer and facilitator of change processes, she approaches conflict as a possibility for growth and incorporates key elements of restorative justice, aiming at creating time and space for dialogue and bridging the gap between communities.

# Practicalities & Venue

The Centre for Legal Studies and Specialized Training is an autonomous administrative body attached to the Catalan Government Department of Justice. It was created in 1990 and its fundamental mission is the planning and organisation of training for all staff from the Department of Justice in Catalonia. Another of the Centre's activities is the research, focusing on the fields of criminology and the execution of sentences, the administration of justice and Catalonia's own body of laws, with the aim of improving the services provided by the Department of Justice. The Centre also promotes university practicum programmes, has a public library specializing in the fields of criminology, criminal and juvenile law and the administration of justice, and conducts exchanges with teaching and research centres at home and abroad and regularly takes an active part in international exchange and innovation projects. More info at [cejfe.gencat.cat/en](http://cejfe.gencat.cat/en)



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This Summer Course is organised by the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE) in collaboration with the Centre for Legal Studies (Catalan Department of Justice). CJPE is a partnership of three network organisations working in the fields of probation (CEP) detention (EuroPris) and restorative justice (EFRJ). More info: Clara Casado Coronas [clara.casado@gencat.cat](mailto:clara.casado@gencat.cat).



The **European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services** (EuroPris) started its work in 2012. EuroPris is an organisation of and for prison practitioners. Prison Services from jurisdictions in the Council of Europe region can become a member of EuroPris. The organisation has been established to promote professional prison practice through the facilitation of collaboration, sharing of good practices and knowledge between European prison practitioners. This is realized through the organisation of expert meetings, workshops and conferences. But also through the construction of databases and benchmarking tools. In the past six years EuroPris developed into a recognized authority on prison matters in Europe. Currently 29 jurisdictions are a member of EuroPris. More info at [www.europris.org](http://www.europris.org).



Founded in 2000 by a group of academics, practitioners and policy makers, the **European Forum for Restorative Justice** (EFRJ) has the aim to contribute to the further development and establishment of victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices. Every person in Europe should have the right of access to RJ services, at any time and in any case. Among other activities, the EFRJ supports its members in developing RJ across Europe and beyond by building cooperation, publishing research findings, sharing information and knowledge, and organising seminars, conferences, summer schools and events in occasion of the international RJ Weeks. The EFRJ is a membership organisation with about 400 members, including 60 organisations, across Europe and beyond. More info at [www.euforumrj.org](http://www.euforumrj.org)



The **Confederation of European Probation** (CEP) is an umbrella organisation for Probation institutions in Europe. Founded in 1981, CEP brings together practitioners, managers, academics, stakeholders and others working in the field of probation and criminal justice from all over Europe. The goals of CEP are to enhance the profile of probation and to improve professionalism in this field, on a national and a European level. It promotes pan-European cooperation and exchange of ideas by organising conferences, by making reports available, by publishing its digital newsletter and through its website. In addition, CEP participates in academic projects which compile and study effective policy and practice in probation. It thus endorses the start of a 'science' of probation. To European bodies such as the European Union and the Council of Europe, CEP is the spokesperson for the sector of probation, providing expertise and comparative data. CEP is a member-based organisation. In January 2017 it counted 84 members from 44 European countries. More info at [www.cep-probation.org](http://www.cep-probation.org).

