Where are we going to?
WHY & WHAT & HOW

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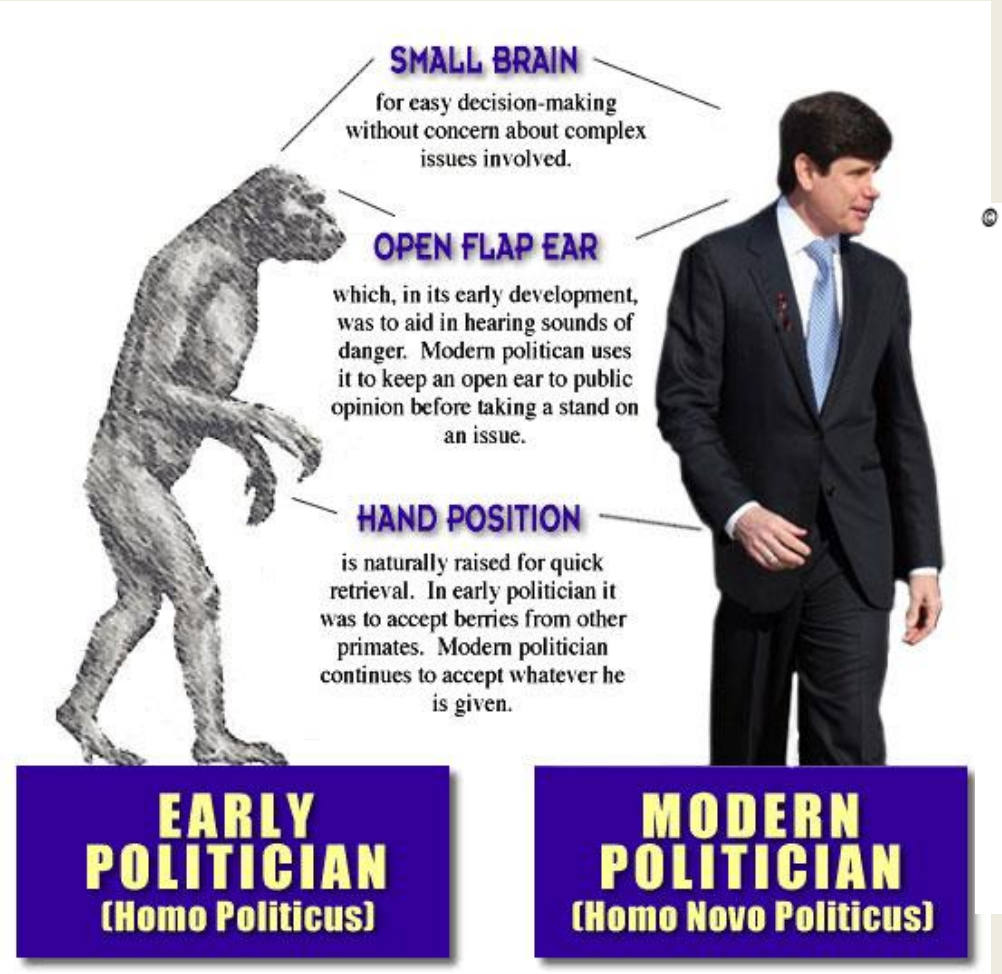
WHY ?

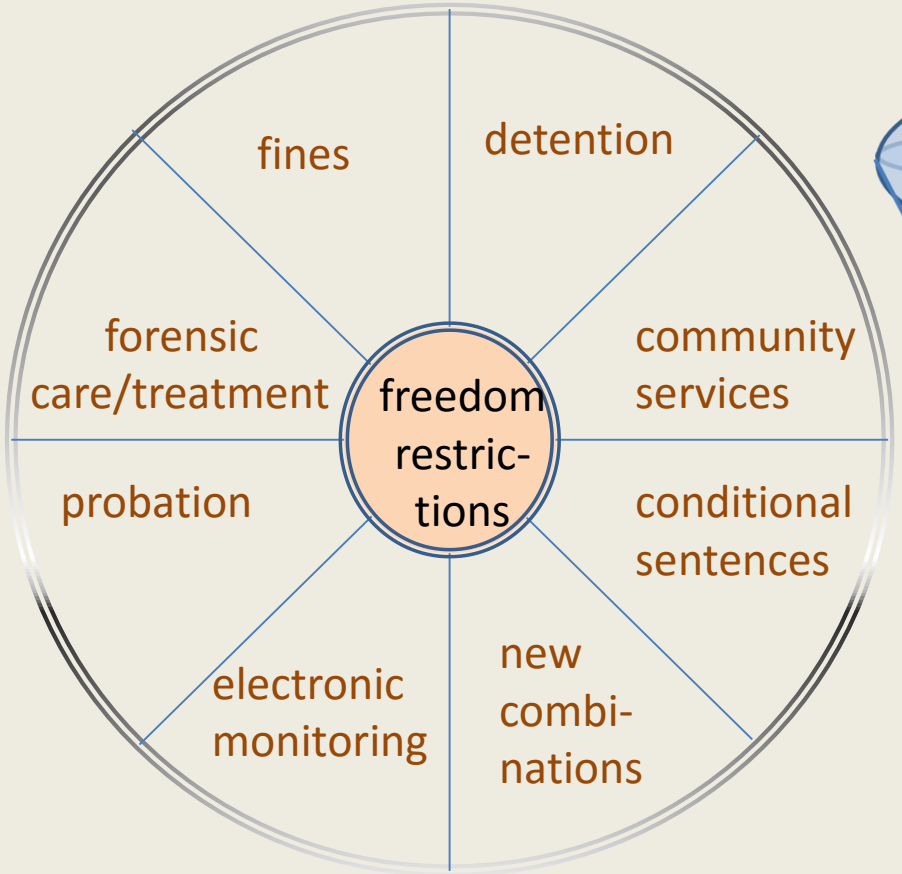


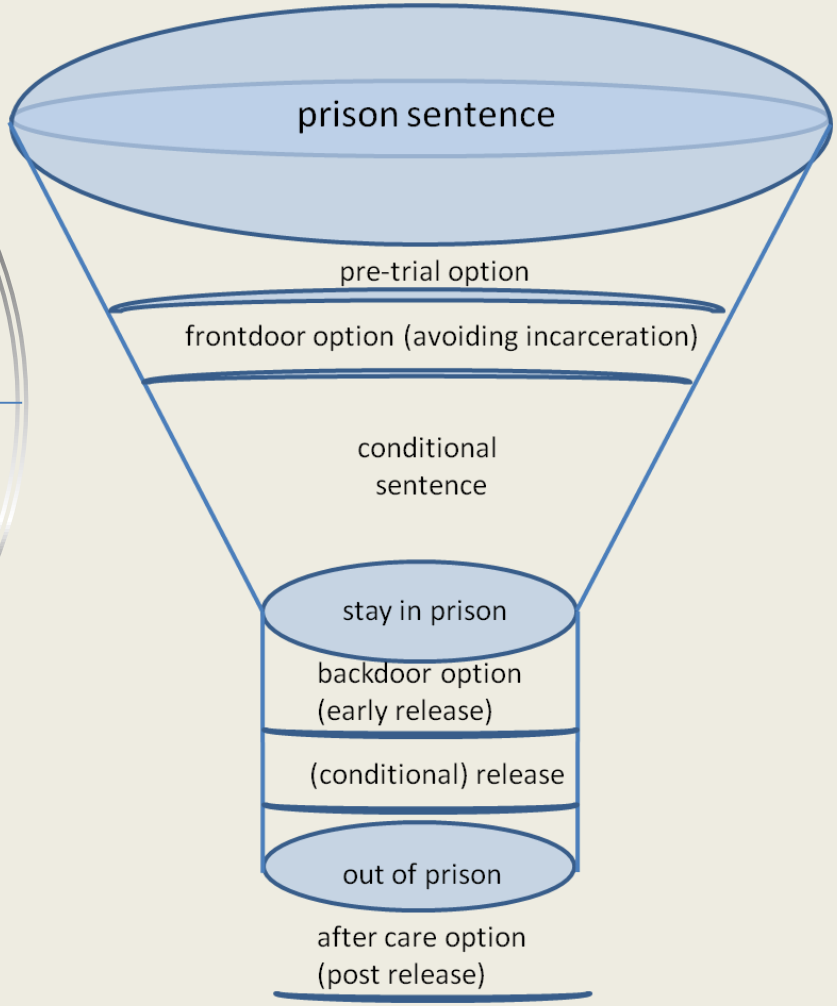
Science EXCHANGE

Connecting policy, practice & science

- 5 national teams and CEP
  - a scientist, a policy maker, an expert prison & probation practice
- an expert team
  - Alison Liebling, Eric Maes, and Bas Vogelvang
- 3 working sessions
  - Trends in prison & probation practice since the year 2000;
  - Promising practices: electronic monitoring; COSA; prison cloud
  - Criteria and innovative options for the future
- Final working conference, organized by EuroPris

WHAT:
alternative sanctions modalities of execution



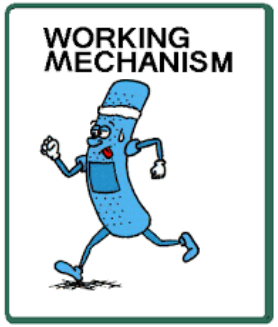


WHAT: modes of application

- Light/severe, open/closed, basic/plus, intra-/extramural, high/low care, high/low security
- Pre-trial, post-trial
- Frontdoor, backdoor, prerelease, release, postrelease/aftercare
- Target groups
- By volunteers and/or professionals
- Different domains of life (working, family, care/treatment, leisure, education, social network)

HOW to use in practice?

- Concept or theory-in-use behind application
- Taking into account basic principles
  - *Human dignity*
  - *The avoidance of further damage or harm*
  - *The right to develop the self*
  - *The right to be important to other people*
  - *A stable and professional organization*
- Taking into account different perspectives
- Taking into account different contexts



HOW does it work out in practice?

What do you think?

offences
experiences
Person (offender)
risks
needs
vulnerabilities
strengths
friends
peers, collegues
Social network
neighbours
family
volunteers
partner
school
care
local community
housing
work
Institutional context
leisure
professional standards
governance
Professional context
political situation
penal system
sanctions
Criminal Justice law
debates on other issues
safety issues
Societal context

Why& What & HOW:
future of prison & probation practice

keys

opportunities

analysis of what is going to happen

What to take into account

clues

Where are we going to?

challenges

Lessons learned

'toolkit' of options

CONCERNS

PREDICTIONS

Issues to deal with

recommendations

THOUGHTS

reflections

WHAT MATTERS MOST?

To have impact in practice

promising practices

future theory-in-use

Making the implicit explicit

1 With regard to your country:

- What is the starting point?
- What are the trends?
  - Are criminality rates decreasing or increasing?
  - Is the use of different sanctions/modalities including imprisonment in/decreasing?
  - What kind of incremental/evolutionary changes?
- Be attentive to the impact of changes in environment
- How to create flexibility?

2 Common ground

- Sanctions & modalities
  - Probation matters most
  - Electronic monitoring is increasing
  - Short time detention (and pre-trial detention) should be avoided
- Standardization & individualization offenders trajectories
  - Vulnerable offenders need matched (forensic) care & control
  - Focus on work
  - Possibilities for prerelease & rehabilitation
- Professional prison & probation service
  - Casemanagement & cooperation with local municipalities and network partners
  - Assessment, monitoring & evaluation (but not too instrumental)
  - Organizing reflection & professional development
- Issues
  - How to deal with relapse, due to societal failures
  - How to deal with foreign offenders?
  - How to deal with ‘tough on crime’ politicians?
  - How to deal with ‘efficiency’ and new public management?

3 Prison concepts

- A non-prison like appearance
- Connection with the local community
- Rooms with a view
- Daylight and positive qualities for living
- Focus on work, cooking, family, restorative justice
- Technology for free walking, e-learning, prison cloud
- Human touch; privacy, face-to-face contacts
- Focus on self-reliance, self-sufficiency and trust
- Involvement of offenders & victims in design process

4 Communication

- Informal talks in cafe setting
- Respect & understanding
  - Be aware of (own) emotions
  - Do not blame the politicians
  - What do you think/experience?
- Reframing
  - Reconciling victims & offenders
- What is in the 'black box' and how to create transparancy?
- Keep our conversation going, even after the project