CEP

Confederation of European Probation

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Confederation of European Probation

Founded - 1981

Aim
knowledge exchange

Concern
Growing number European foreign nationals in national prisons

Today - 2016

60 EU Member organizations
34 Countries
38 Jurisdictions

Organizations and Institutions acting in the judicial field
Universities
Individual members

Challenge
Protect Society + Desistance with a Decreasing budget

Prisons of the Future

CEP launched a consultation process to find the answers of:

- **What are the main developments in probation/alternatives to prison in your country since the year 2000?**
- **Which development(s) do you consider as innovative?**

[17 jurisdictions from all over Europe responded to this call]

Organisation

- Eastern European countries (after 2000) **Probation established by law**: Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Baltic States

- Western European countries **re-defined the mission of Probation:**

Before

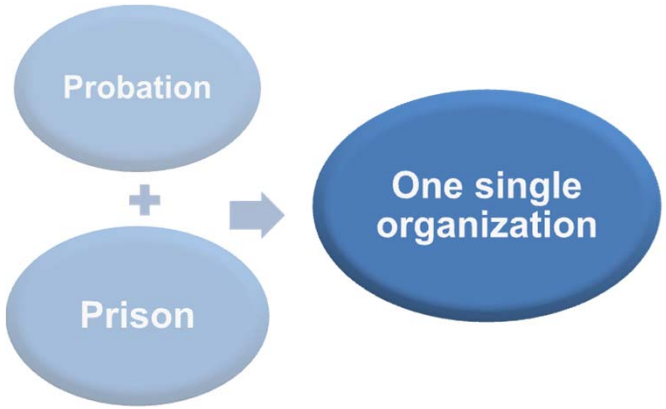
- **"Distributing Welfare"**

Today

- **"Reduce recidivism and promote resocialization"**

Organisation

- **Organisational reform**
  France, England and Wales, Estonia, Switzerland and Italy



- **Connection** between **Probation** services and **“other stakeholders”**

- **Externalization or privatization** of Probation activities
  Austria, Netherlands, Catalonia and England

Probation Practice

- **Information management** → important component in modern daily Probation practice
- Use of general and specific **risk management tools** (OASYS, RISc, LSR, STATIC 99)
- **Intervention programs** on:
  - ✓ Domestic violence
  - ✓ Sexual offenders COSA (Circles of Support and Accountability)
- **Concern for victims:** Family group conferencing **restorative conferences in probation routines** (Czech Republic and Latvia)
- ‘Probationers’ changed **from national to ‘foreign’ national**

Sentencing & Procedure

- Procedural justice elements more and more are introduced in the decision making process

- Probation services implemented more sentences:
  - ✓ **Electronic Monitoring** the most important development after 2000
  - ✓ **Community Service** is also very popular

- Probation services report **high caseloads** → **"Mass Supervision" "Net-Widening"** effect?

- **Conditional release** becomes more sophisticated

- Combination of **early release** + **prison regime** + **electronic monitoring**

Innovative

Innovation refers to initiatives in a particular jurisdiction:

Digital Solutions

- ✓ Introducing EM
- ✓ Apps
- ✓ Integrated IT systems
- ✓ Domestic violence program with technique of “virtual reality”

Innovative

Other innovations worthwhile to be mentioned:

Analogue Solutions

- ✓ New rehabilitation programs
- ✓ Table of Social Participation, Catalonia - Safety houses, Netherlands - Justitiehuizen, Belgium
- ✓ Community Return Program, Ireland
- ✓ Supervision
- ✓ Prison-probation staff joint training

Conclusions

- Probation and prison interplay has the potential to generate a **new form of experiencing imprisonment**
- To explore more **potential of Probation** services to **replace** more **custodial time**
- **Probation service** may fulfil the prophecy of becoming **the 'virtual prison'.** In this case more should be done to ensure the right balance between risk, public safety and rehabilitation

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