

INVITATION

18.09.2014 | 10.00h – 13.00h

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

Criminal Justice Platform - International Seminar

WHAT WORKS IN EUROPEAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE: JOINT VISIONS FOR A BETTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN EUROPE

Detention related issues are high on the agenda of many European countries for various reasons – budgets, overcrowding, and recidivism. The EC Framework Decisions on the Transfer of Prisoners (FD 2008/909/JHA), on Probation and Alternative Sanctions (FD 2008/947/JHA) and on European Supervision Order (FD 2008/829/JHA) have put rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders at the centre of European Criminal Justice policy together with the varying prison conditions in European countries. Furthermore, neither of these areas can be adequately addressed without considering victims' needs which have become another field of attention by the EU; therefore the Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime have to be considered as well.

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). They have made the attention to victims' issues the main priority for the coming year.

Purpose of the seminar

At the start of a new European Parliament and European Commission, this international seminar provides a special opportunity to set a direction for Criminal Justice Policy across Europe by:

- **Introducing the work of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe – CJPE- and their members.**
- **Highlighting the latest evidence of effective work with offenders victims:**
 - Presenting a unique research on the effects of incarceration on the social network of convicted people and whether changes in the social network explain recidivism.
 - Presenting evidence on why and how offenders stop offending.
- **Providing a round table to answer questions and initiate discussion.**

This seminar, which will take place at the premises of the Representation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU, will bring experts and policy makers together to consider the implications of cutting edge work on desistance and the impact of imprisonment. This important seminar is a timely opportunity to create a shared vision for the Criminal Justice system to work better for European citizens.

Programme follows



PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pere Puig i Anglada, Representative, Government of Catalonia.. Delegation to the European Union.• Michael Kilchling, Chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.
10.15 – 10.45	Work and priorities of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kirsten Hawlitschek, EuroPris, Executive Director.• Kris Vanspauwen, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Executive Officer.• Willem van der Brugge, Confederation of European Probation, Secretary General.
10.45 – 12.15	Expert speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter van der Laan, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement. "<i>The Intended and unintended outcomes of detention. Lessons for policy and practice</i>".• Ioan Durnescu, Lecturer, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work. "<i>Why and how offenders stop offending: the evidence</i>".
12.15-12.45	Round Table Panel - Questions and answers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc Ceron, President of the Confederation of European Probation.
12.45	Concluding remarks and thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Kilchling, Chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.
13.00	Lunch (buffet)