Improving Detention Conditions at EU Level

Best Practice, Legislation and the Follow-Up to the European Commission’s Green Paper

Trier, 1-2 June 2017

Key topics

- Follow-up to the EU Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention
- State of play of EU action in the field of detention
- Best practice in relation to supervision of detention conditions
- Good practices in prison management
- Update on the proper implementation of Framework Decisions 829, 909 and 947 and the European Arrest Warrant in relation to detention

Languages

English, German (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number

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Organiser

ERA (Ramin Farinpour) in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris), the Polish Commissioner for Human Rights and the German National Agency for the Prevention of Torture

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Thursday, 1 June 2017

8:30 Arrival and registration of participants
9:00 Welcome and introduction
Ramin Farinpour

I. IMPROVING MEASURES RELATED TO DETENTION CONDITIONS AT EU LEVEL

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:10 Managing prisons and developing appropriate policies on imprisonment: where do EU Member States fit within the global picture and in the context of the World Prison Brief?
Catherine Heard

09:45 An overview of the latest prison policies in Europe:
- initiatives in effective prison management
- national monitoring bodies of prison conditions and the European standards
- dealing with overcrowding and implementing alternatives to imprisonment
Alessio Scandurra

10:15 Discussion
10:45 Coffee break

11:15 An overview of findings from two reports from the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA):
- Criminal detention and alternatives: fundamental rights aspects in EU cross-border transfers
- Rehabilitation and mutual recognition – practice concerning EU law on transfer of persons sentenced or awaiting trial (prison and detention)
Jonas Grimheden

11:45 State of play of EU action in the field of detention
Jesca Beneder

12:00 Discussion
12:30 Lunch

II. GOOD PRACTICES IN PRISON MANAGEMENT

Chair: Catherine Heard

13:30 Good governance and supervision by inspecting authorities in relation to prison needs
Christiane Jesse

14:00 Effective training of prison staff and ensuring education of prisoners

14:30 Discussion
15:00 Coffee break

III. THE ROLE OF NATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEMS IN DEALING WITH DETENTION ISSUES AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS

Chair: Gerrit Zach

15:30 The role of National Preventive Mechanisms and case studies in Poland and Germany
- Przemyslaw Kazimirski
- National Agency for the Prevention of Torture

16:30 Discussion
IV. MOVING FORWARD: BETTER PRISON MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING IN EUROPE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE RELEVANT FRAMEWORK DECISIONS AND EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

17:00 Findings from the ERA-BIM Study on the future of mutual trust and the prevention of ill-treatment: how to improve judicial cooperation and the engagement of national preventive mechanisms
Gerrit Zach

17:30 Discussion

17:45 End of first seminar day

19:30 Dinner

Friday, 2 June 2017

09:00 The practice of pre-trial decision-making in the EU and its effects: latest developments
Ralph Bunche

09:30 Framework Decision 909 on the transfer of prisoners: an update on issues, processes and practices in relation to its use
Katja Dogovic

10:00 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Framework Decision 947 on probation and alternative sanctions and Framework Decision 829 on the European Supervision Order: latest developments in relation to their use and overcoming practical issues
Antonius Maria van Kalmthout, Ioan Durnescu

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Simultaneous workshops:
- Applying the Framework Decision on the transfer of prisoners (FD 909) in practice
Katja Dogovic
- Applying the Framework Decisions on probation and alternative sanctions (FD 947) and on the European Supervision Order (FD 829) in practice
Antonius Maria van Kalmthout, Ioan Durnescu
- Effective tools in prison management, monitoring and treatment of prisoners
National Agency for the Prevention of Torture

12:45 Workshop reports and participant discussion

13:15 End of seminar and lunch

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Speakers
Jesca Beneder, Legal Officer, Procedural Criminal Law Unit, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels
Ralph Bunche, Regional Director – Europe, Fair Trials, Brussels
Dr Ioan Durnescu, Professor, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest; Confederation of European Probation (CEP) Member
Ramin Farinpour, Senior Lawyer, Course Director, European Criminal Law Section, ERA, Trier
Dr Jonas Grimheden, Senior Policy Manager, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna
Catherine Heard, Senior Research Fellow; Programme Director of the World Prison Brief, Institute for Criminal Policy Research (ICPR), Birkbeck College, University of London
Christiane Jesse, Head of Prison Services Department, Ministry of Justice of Lower Saxony, Hanover
Dr Antonius Maria van Kalmthout, Lawyer, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Tilburg
Przemysław Kazimirski, Deputy Head, National Preventive Mechanism Department, Commissioner for Human Rights, Warsaw
Alessio Scandurra, Coordinator, Antigone (Observatory on Prison Conditions in Italy), Rome; Coordinator, European Prison Observatory
Gerrit Zach, Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna
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