



State Probation Service
Republic of Latvia

Latvia

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Some facts about Latvia

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Regained
independence from
Soviet Union in 1991
– 50 years under
Soviet regime

EU member from
2004

Population 1,969
milj.

Territory 64 559 km²

In transition from
retribution to social
inclusion



Prisoners per 100 000 inhabitants:

- 1992 year – 314
- 1995 year – 374
- 1998 year – 410
- 2001 year – 373
- 2004 year – 353
- 2007 year - 287

- 2010 year – 314
- 2014 year - 264
- 2015 year - 224

Source:

www.prisonstudies.org



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Some facts about Latvian Probation Service

- The State Probation Service (SPS) is a public organization under supervision of the Ministry of Justice
- Founded in year 2003
- The SPS has a centralized structure. General policy and standards are made by the headquarters (HQ)
- Probation officers are civil servants
- Any person above the age of criminal responsibility (14 years) can become client of SPS
- Number of staff in 2016: ~400 (HQ= ~50)
- ~20 probation clients per probation officer



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Functions and number of probation clients (*cases*) in 2015

- Community work service – 8 974
- Community supervision - 6 456
- Assessment reports – 1 294
- Victim-offender mediation – 1 090
- Probation programs - 504

Community supervision takes ~60%
of our total workload



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Some info about our tool-box

- RNA:
 - CRNA (adults)
 - Juveniles (adaptation of CRNA)
 - Sexual offenders (Static-99R, Stable-2007, Acute-2007)
- Probation programs:
 - Cognitive behavioral group-work:
 - Sexual offenders (C= ~9 month; P= ~18 months)
 - Young offenders (~9 months)
 - EQUIP (~9 months)
 - Substance abuse management (~3 months)
 - Management of emotions (~3 months)
 - Motivation for change (~3 months)
 - Respectful relationships (~3 months)
 - Rehabilitation programs (1-to-1 possible):
 - Life skills
 - Simply about complex things



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Some info about our tool-box

- Electronic monitoring (RF, back-doors)
- Volunteer programmes:
 - Mentoring for young offenders
 - COSA
- Expertise on restorative justice
- MAPPA
- In-service training system
- In-service research system
- Peer-reviews
- Individual professional supervisions for staff
- Comprehensive digital case management system (*deep integration with other information systems in country*)
- Consultative councils with other public agencies
- Motivational interviewing
- **Likely, best trained probation officers in the world**



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Thank you for your attention!

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