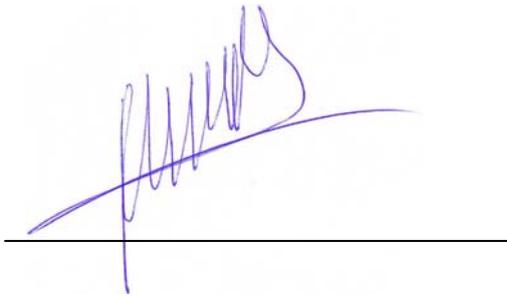


## Final Declaration of Directors General of Probation Conference Dublin Ireland 2011

In Dublin, on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> Directors General of Probation conference co-hosted by the Probation Service in Ireland and CEP agreed with the following:

- I. Probation has a significant role to play within the wider Criminal Justice Systems across Europe. The Probation contribution includes protecting the general public from reoffending by intervening with offenders and for some organisations intervening directly with victims. Sharing values, principles and ways of working between organisations e.g. will contribute to successfully implementing Framework Decisions, especially JHA/947/08.
- II. Probation Services must continue to offer efficient and cost effective community sanctions and alternatives to custody. This is in line with the values of the Council of Europe as outlined in the Probation Rules and in the CEP Values paper as approved at the last General Assembly held in Malaga in May 2010.
- III. Strategic alliances and partnerships in the Criminal Justice sector in Europe are important elements in the approach to penal practice. These may include the prison sector, victim support and restorative justice organisations, representatives for the judiciary and other key players. The EUROPRIS initiative deserves to be supported and the shared priorities for prisons and probation sectors are recognised. The Probation agenda remains central.
- IV. CEP contributes to European bodies such as the Council of Europe and the Council of the European Union to raise the profile of Probation nationally and internationally and to influence corrections policy. Members will actively participate in this process.
- V. CEP takes the lead in relevant EU projects reinforcing its role as a 'voice of Probation in Europe' in addition to playing a co-ordinating role in applications made by members. CEP undertakes to publicise final reports on the website to share and disseminate learning.

- VI. CEP disseminates information and knowledge on probation through its website, newsletters, the EUROVISTA journal and regular updates of “Probation in Europe”. Members are encouraged to participate in the open forum on the CEP website and to create a link to their own websites.
  
- VII. CEP will encourage and support the establishment of special interest groups, in order to stimulate research into probation in Europe and to examine other potential areas for development. A possible expert group could include universities.
  
- VIII. The link member programme facilitates members in contributing and accessing information. It underpins the mutual commitment of both the members and the Board. For this reason it is important to reinforce its progress.
  
- IX. CEP is asked to promote, in conjunction with other worldwide Probation organisations, the development of the first world probation conference to be held in Europe in 2012.
  
- X. The 5<sup>th</sup> Directors General meeting, where a review of the progress of this declaration will take place, is scheduled to be held in the first six months of 2013 in Norway.



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**On behalf of the participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> Directors General meeting**

**Marc Cerón**

**President of CEP**

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