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News from CEP Office: Leo Tigges leaves position of Secretary General



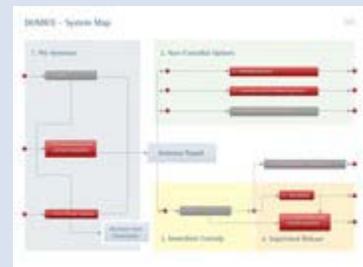
An important change is taking place in the Office of CEP. Our Secretary General Leo Tigges has informed us that he will be taking up a new position and therefore leaving CEP as of 1st May 2012. Leo Tigges has been Secretary General of CEP for nearly 8 years. CEP and the sector of probation have gone through great developments during his tenure. Leo Tigges talks about his time with CEP and responds to a few questions. CEP President Marc Cerón has also a contribution.

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DOMICE website launched: impressive resource on case management

The DOMICE project, also known as *Developing Offender Management in Corrections in Europe*, focused on case management in correctional work in Europe and delivered in depth research of the European criminal justice systems. The project has now officially closed and launched its website, where it offers an authoritative and comprehensive library of case management.

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Criminal Justice Social Work Project kick-off: The Latvian perspective



In Europe, probation services are professionalising and education is distinct component of this development. The project 'Criminal Justice Social Work' (CJSW) is a response to the need for teaching materials for probation workers. The Latvian Probation Service is a partner in the project, together with a number of European partners. Anvars Zavackis, senior researcher of its Training & Research Unit, comments on the motivation for Latvia to participate.

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Probationers, mental health problems and substance misuse

Much scientific research has been completed on mental health problems in prisons. "But, surprisingly enough, we have found very little literature on the mental health status and substance misuse amongst offenders under probation supervision", states Charlie Brooker, professor of Mental Health & Criminal Justice at the University of Lincoln. Over the last five years professor Brooker and his team have tried to fill this gap doing research in the county of Lincolnshire. "Our results show that the mental health problems are widespread and the barriers to effective help high."

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Body sculpture Croatia-style



Like Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey before it, Croatia is in the early stages of establishing a national Probation Service. The legislative framework is now in place; the current stage of development involves managing the delicate balance between setting up the infrastructure of staff, offices, desks, phone lines, databases and transport on the one hand, and gradually expanding demand for probation work on the other.

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EuroVista issue on the Offender Engagement Programme

The latest issue of *EuroVista - Probation and Community Justice*, was dedicated to one specific topic: The Offender Engagement Programme (OEP). This programme is an initiative of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) in the UK. The intention is to develop ways to improve the engagement between offender and probation practitioner on a one-to-one-basis. This pilot project started early 2010 and can be relevant for probation services and academics across Europe. The NOMS research seminar on OEP of September 2011 provided the contents for this issue of EuroVista.



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Miscellaneous News



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