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## Special Issue General Assembly

### Deciding on the future of CEP: challenge management

Of all recurring items on the agenda of a General Assembly (GA), the topic 'goals for the next three-year term' generally generates the liveliest debates. In order to stimulate the debate at the meeting in Malaga, the CEP Board has developed a model which shows the relation between use of resources and the different goals of CEP. "We will present this model at the GA; I think the delegates at the GA may find it very interesting", announces Marc Ceron, representative of the Spanish Probation System in Catalonia in the current Board. "In order to warm-up for this item on the agenda, I may give suggestions about how CEP could evolve on the basis of its development in the last three years."



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### Recap: CEP 2007-2010

With the upcoming General Assembly (GA) in Malaga at the 27th of May, the 10th Board of CEP will step down. Looking back at the mandate which it was given at the GA in Tallinn in 2007, the term 2007-2010 was probably the most ambitious one in the history of CEP. In Malaga CEP President Patrick Madigou will give a presentation on the achievements in this period. As a sneak preview, he already mentions some of the highlights of his presentation in this Newsletter. "An important task of this Board was to develop CEP into a full professional organization", recalls Patrick Madigou. "In the last three years, we have set the first step in this process. And I feel it is a huge step."

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### CEP Finances: how to do more with less?

The presentation on CEP's finances for the period 2011-2013 will be pivotal in the General Assembly (GA) in Malaga. Two contrasting trends are playing at the background. On the one hand the developments in the sector of probation in Europe are as many as before the outbreak of the economic crisis, if not more. On the other hand the member organizations of CEP all face budget cuts and try to save costs. Leo Tigges, CEP Secretary General sheds a light on the CEP's financial developments. "In this situation we have to make concessions to our members. Therefore we will propose budgets in which subscription fees won't be increased, not even for inflation for the first year", he announces. [Read more](#)

### EU: CEP adds another dimension to implementation process FD

In the Board term that started in 2007 with the General Assembly (GA) in Tallinn, CEP has invested much time and effort in forging solid relations with the EU. Of course the implementation of the Framework Decision (FD) on Probation Measures and Alternative Sanctions was pivotal in this development. Now that the GA takes place at almost exactly the middle of the three tree-year implementation period indicated in the FD, it seems to be the right time for a 'mid-term review' and see what the EU Directorate General Justice Freedom and Security (DG JFS) thinks about CEP. Thomas Ljungquist, Legislative Officer at the Criminal Justice Unit and in charge of the implementation of the FD at the DG JFS, gives his personal view. "I think CEP can be a very important partner in the implementation process." [Read more](#)



### CEP Probation values versus Recommendation on Probation of the Council of Europe

Following the professionalization of the CEP, the board designed 18 values on Probation which are to be presented and adopted at the coming General Assembly. These values will be useful in the cooperation with the European Union and the Council of Europe (CoE). The CEP values are in line with the Recommendation on Probation of the CoE which has been adopted recently. The Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) drafted this Recommendation. "The CEP values are aiming specifically at bringing the probation staff closer to the most important principles contained in the Council of Europe Probation Rules on the one hand", explains Ilina Taneva, Deputy Head of the Division of Crime Problems and Secretary of the PC-CP. "On the other hand they have the objective of assisting the staff in understanding and implementing those rules." [Read more](#)

## MoJs Croatia, Slovenia and Greece to enlarge CEP network

At the General Assembly in Malaga the members of the CEP will vote on the membership of almost twenty organizations and individual persons who have applied for the CEP membership over the past three years. Among the candidates are the Ministries of Justice of Croatia and Slovenia. In addition, the Ministry of Justice of Greece also showed interest in becoming a CEP member. Delegates of all three Ministries of Justice will be attending the event in Malaga. In this Newsletter, they already give a brief introduction of their organization.

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## Miscellaneous News

At the offices, CEP regularly receives (e)mail on events, publications and developments in the field of probation in Europe and even beyond. As some of these items may be of interest of our member organizations, CEP brings you a selection of this news. In this article you can read about the free bi-annual e-journal European Journal of Probation, the First International Days of Research in corrections, the first speech of the new EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental rights and Citizenship Viviane Reding, and more.

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