



Register now: CEP conference on Funding

From the 25th-27th of March 2009, the CEP conference 'Funding Innovation & Collaboration in Probation' will take place in Cambridge, UK. The European Union and other institutions offer various possibilities to probation services to finance projects concerning capacity building, practice development, and more. While some probation services already make use of these funding possibilities regularly, others have gained experience in this matter only recently. At the conference experts will present best practices and funding opportunities in order to enable the sector of probation to take full advantage of the existing funding possibilities.



Registration for this conference is open now.

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Register now: 6th conference on Electronic Monitoring in Europe

From the 7th-9th of May the bi-annual CEP conference on Electronic Monitoring (EM) will be held in Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands. Now that many countries have over a decade's worth of experience with it, EM no longer can be called 'new'. However, it remains one of the more exciting and challenging areas of criminal justice policy making. European probation services can learn much from each other's use of EM – and from developments around the world. Gains have already been made, but greater benefits are yet to be reaped.

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EU officially enacts Framework Decision on probation

In December 2008, the EU Framework Decision (FD) on non-custodial sanctions and measures came into force. This FD stipulates that ultimately on the 6th of December 2011, offenders who have been sentenced to a non-custodial sanction in another EU member state than where they live, can serve their sentence in their home country. And all EU countries have to take the necessary steps to create this situation before the deadline. The implications for probation services are many. Therefore, CEP outlines what the FD is

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EU consultation round: CEP dedicated to put probation on EU agenda

Each year all stakeholders can contribute to the formulation of priorities for the Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission. If Ministries of Justice and executive NGOs in the realm of justice, freedom and security convey their own priorities for the coming year(s), the Commission is better able to formulate European policies. Last year CEP participated for the first time in this consultation round, naturally after having consulted the CEP member organisations before. CEP recommendation number one: formulate a separate priority (including funding of projects and organisations) relating to work with offenders.



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Coming up: CEP Expert Meeting 'Sharing Experiences in Capacity Building'

The last decade saw many countries in transition undergo significant changes in their justice systems, reforming the very philosophy of their penal policies. A large number of Central and Eastern European countries embraced the idea of community sanctions, and established their own probation systems and practices. In all steps of this complicated process assistance was given by agencies and experts from countries where community justice has been in existence for decades. In order to share the experience in capacity building CEP organizes the expert meeting 'Sharing Experiences in Capacity Building' in Sofia, Bulgaria, from the 25th -27th of February.

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Recap: Directors General Meeting, Strasbourg

The 2008 edition of the annual meeting of Directors General of Probation Services in Europe, held on the 27th and 28th of November, truly could be called 'European' in every respect. First, the venue was the Palais de l'Europe in the European capital Strasbourg, France. Second, the

programme consisted of the leading themes and challenges in the coming years. "Notably the workshop on the upcoming EU Framework Decisions was an eye-opener to me", reacts Annette Esdorf, Deputy Director General of the Department of Prisons & Probation of the Danish Ministry of Justice.

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Official presentation of *Probation in Europe*

At the 19th of December, the book *Probation in Europe* was officially presented to the Dutch state secretary for Justice Nebahat Albayrak, and to Jeppe Balkema, member of the Dutch supreme court. Respectively they represented the Dutch Ministry of Justice and the NRA Foundation, which have made the publication of the book financially possible. "With the upcoming EU Framework Decision on the transfer of non-custodial sanctions and measures, this book comes at the right moment", reacts the secretary of state.

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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 recent publications, upcoming conferences and training opportunities in the field of probation.

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