



### CEP General Assembly in May 2010

It was one of the last acts at the CEP General Assembly (GA) in 2007 in Tallinn: the Home Office of the Spanish Government and the Justice Department of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia offering to organise the next GA in October 2010. This spring however, the organisation committee has decided to reschedule the date of the GA, which has now been fixed on the 27th of May 2010, in Malaga. The advantage of this new date is that the conference that traditionally follows the GA can now take place within the framework of the Spanish presidency of the EU. As such the conference can count on more political clout and more media attention, which is beneficial for the profile of probation in Europe. The topic of the conference will be "Community Sanctions: an effective and proportionate alternative to reduce recidivism".

[Read more](#)



### SPACE II: towards reliable statistics on probation

How many offenders have been sentenced to which community sanction in your country in 2007? The answer to this question may seem easy to give, but formulating a questionnaire on this topic isn't easy at all. Professor Marcelo Aebi of the University of Lausanne knows this better than anybody else. "Probation services in Europe use different terms and definitions for the same community sanctions, or the same terms for different sanctions and measures. You must formulate the questions very carefully in order to be able to get answers that can be compared."



[Read more](#)

### Vision on values

What is the common denominator of the all the present and future members of CEP? In order to give a clear-cut answer to this question the CEP member organisations mandated the CEP Board at the General Assembly in Tallinn to draw up common values. A draft of these values has recently been sent to all (full) member organisations for their comments. "On the basis of their reaction, we will adapt the paper, so the values can be adopted in October", informs Mary Anne McFarlane, CEP Board Member.



[Read more](#)

### Recap: Conference on Funding, Cambridge

The expression 'Follow the money' is generally more associated with the world of crime investigation than with the probation sector. From the 25th – 27th of March 2009 though, this would be in a sense the theme for the CEP Conference "Funding Innovation and Collaboration in Probation", held in Cambridge, UK. 75 delegates representing over 15 European countries shared their experiences and best practices on acquiring public, private and EU funding for probation projects. Martine Parmantier, Manager of the Criminal Justice Funding Programme of the EU Directorate General Justice, Liberty & Security (DG JLS), was one of them. "My message to the sector of probation is to apply as much as possible for EU funding. And really, applying is not that difficult."

[Read more](#)



### Recap: Expert Meeting Capacity Building, Sofia

It may seem like a paradox: capacity builders building capacity on capacity building. Nonetheless it was reality on the 26th - 27th February when 15 senior consultants and probation managers with extensive experience in capacity building and bilateral training projects came together in Sofia, Bulgaria to share their experiences. "The meeting has produced very rich, very useful content which has the potential to result in a framework for capacity building", says Steve Pitts, one of the organizers of the Expert Meeting.

[Read more](#)

### 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 conferences on Restorative Justice and on Victim Support, the Recommendations of the Council of Europe in the field of criminal justice, and more.

[Read more](#)



**Visit our website:**

[www.cep-probation.org](http://www.cep-probation.org)

**Contact us?**

Postbus 8215  
NL-3503 RE, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
[info@cep-probation.org](mailto:info@cep-probation.org)

If you don't want to receive this newsletter, please reply to [info@cep-probation.org](mailto:info@cep-probation.org)

No virus found in this incoming message.

Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Version: 8.5.339 / Virus Database: 270.12.52/2153 - Release Date: 06/03/09 18:00:00