



CEP conference 'Recruitment and Training of Probation Practitioners'

Due to the recent efforts of the EU (Framework Decision on Probation) and the Council of Europe (definition of the Probation Rules) a European probation is truly in the making. There is no doubt that these developments will impact on the required skills and knowledge of probation practitioners. So shouldn't the sector of probation in Europe start to define a common training programme for probation officers? That will be one of the main questions of the CEP conference "Recruitment and Training of Probation Practitioners", which will take place on the 17th and 18th of December in the National penitentiary school (ENAP) in Agen, France. The conference will be an opportunity to learn on one hand about the various practices and the specificities in recruitment and in training in Europe, and in the other hand to develop new common perspectives. Registration is open now.



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Putting probation on the agenda of the Stockholm programme

On the 1st of December, the EU will decide on its priorities in the realm of Justice for the period 2010-2014. These priorities, to be laid down in the so-called Stockholm programme, are currently debated under the Swedish EU presidency. Topics as police and customs cooperation, creating inter-European legal certainty, and strengthening support to crime victims are high on the list. In order to bring probation on the EU agenda too, CEP addressed directly to both the European Commissioner for Justice, Freedom & Security Jacques Barrot and the Swedish Minister of Justice Beatrice Ask. "I am very curious what the Stockholm programme will bring for the development of probation in Europe", says CEP President Patrick Madigou.



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Greece represented in CEP

After a period of almost two years a new country can be added to the network of members of CEP. In April 2009 Greece became the 28th country to be represented in CEP via the membership of Epanodos. "Probation in Greece is still very young; the Greek Probation Service and Epanodos started their work in 2007", explains Michael Mavris, who works as a probation officer for both Epanodos and the



Piraeus District of the Greek Probation Service. "Shortly after Epanodos came into existence, we investigated which organizations could help us with developing probation in our country. On the internet we found the CEP website. After visiting CEP conferences in Strasbourg and Cambridge, we became convinced that CEP is an ideal partner for our development."

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Sector of probation discovers EU funding

In the third quarter of the year, CEP clearly noticed an increased activity of the sector of probation in applying for EU funds. An important reason for this may be the fact that in August 'probation' was, for the first time, mentioned explicitly as a priority in a EU funding programme call for project proposals. Nevertheless also other funding programmes have attracted the interest of the sector, given their funding applications. "CEP is convinced that there are many opportunities", says CEP Secretary General Leo Tigges. "Therefore CEP will try to support any organisation active in probation which applies for European funding."



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