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## German conference on probation in Europe



The German probation trade association, DBH in cooperation with CEP, Neustart, Prosaj, Bewährungshilfe Liechtenstein and Bewährungshilfe Luxemburg, organise a conference on probation in Europe. The conference "*Bewährungshilfe in Europa, Soziale Arbeit - Risikomanagement - Gesellschaft*" will take place from **1st to 3rd December 2010** in Frankfurt and is conducted in German. Members from all European countries are welcome.

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## STARR: transferring best probation practices across Europe

It has proved to be difficult to transfer good projects or programmes from one probation organisation to another. STARR (Strengthening Transnational Approaches to Reducing Re-offending) has been set up to address this issue in Europe. Last spring STARR organised a conference in Cambridge on the topic 'What works in reducing re-offending'. Professor Friedrich Lösel (Cambridge, Erlangen/Nuremberg) looks back. "At the conference we have, in fact, been stock taking: what do we know about successfully reducing re-offending in the different European countries and what must be done to achieve a better transfer of best practices?"

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## CEP Values statement on probation established



In 2007, at the conference on 'Unity and Diversity in Probation' in Tallinn, Estonia, the CEP Board was asked to articulate a collective vision and a set of basic values on probation.

CEP's previous Board formulated a statement on probation values and principles and the General Assembly of May 2010 in Malaga, Spain, amended the statement. This is the [resulting document](#).

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## More than three years of Aggression Replacement Training in Hungary

Enabling more Hungarian probation officers to deliver Aggression Replacement Training (ART) to young clients. That is the main goal of the project on youth crime that is being carried out in Hungary within the STARR (Strengthening Transnational Approaches to Reducing Re-offending) project, which is well under way. Time for a midterm review. "I think the researchers will find that the ART programmes show good results," says probation advisor Zoltán Bogschütz, a senior official in the Central Office of Justice Probation Methodological Department.

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## British-Turkish twinning project successfully closed in Ankara



The British Minister of Justice and his Turkish colleague met on 28th September 2010 in Ankara, Turkey, to commemorate successful cooperation in the field of probation. The European Commission (EC) had chosen the UK to support the Turkish efforts and funded a 'twinning project' to provide any necessary knowledge. In the space of 21 months, Residential Twinning Advisor and former CEP Board Member Mary Anne McFarlane helped to guide the Turks in their aim to improve victim support and reduce youth offending. "My job," says Mary Anne McFarlane, "was to keep the processes moving. Located at the Turkish MoJ, I was in charge of day-to-day decisions. It was a labour intensive project, but I think we succeeded in creating lasting results."

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## TPVR: What Works in preventing Violent Radicalisation

The London Bombings on 7th July 2007 were committed by radicalized nationals feeling alienated and deprived in their own society. In the aftermath of these attacks Criminal Justice agencies were presented with the situation that a number of people convicted under Terrorist Legislation would receive prison sentences. In order to deal with this group of offenders, London Probation Trust started the European project TPVR. "What we are essentially doing is to compare various intervention models delivered by the voluntary sector to identify the factors of success and models of best practices", clarifies Sara Robinson, TPVR Project Manager. The first results of the project were discussed at the TPVR expert meeting held at 12th May in Berlin, Germany.

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## Miscellaneous News



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