



An tSeirbhís Phromhaidh  
The Probation Service

# Directors General of Probation Conference

*Maximising Probation Resources in a  
Changing European Environment*

**Opening Address**

*Dublin, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011*



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## Introduction

**Series of Director General's meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> meeting today in Dublin**

**Significant event for CEP – milieu for networking, sharing ideas and issues formally and informally**

**Focuses on issues relevant for leaders**

**Open to our partners across the Criminal Justice sector**



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## New Features

Presence of CEP board members- an excellent opportunity to reinforce the **link programme**

Visibility of the former members of CEP as **permanent ambassadors**

Presence of members of **European bodies**

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- **Restrictions on funding and staffing**

*but also*

- **Opportunities for excellence**

- **By building partnerships and networking**

*with whom?*

*for what?*

- **Underpinned by the Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA  
& Probation Rules**

## Declaration

**Mandate from the DGs meeting**

**Arising from dialogue & shared views**

**5 or 6 key priorities**

**Clear message for CEP in Europe**