

International Office Dutch Probation Service



International Office
Dutch prisoners abroad

International Office – Dutch Probation Service

International Office is part of the Dutch Probation Service (18 employees)

Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (50%) and the Ministry of Security & Justice

Started in 1975 as an experiment with a temporary coordination unit





Volunteers

The probation volunteers are trained, coached and guided by the International Office

- 300 volunteers in 50 countries
- Trained in Motivational Interviewing





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Limit damages detention

Promote reflection on criminal behaviour

Prepare return to The Netherlands





New policy Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Care countries / regular countries
- Regular countries: 1 consular visit per detention.
- FNP should be asked by prison authorities whether the Embassy should be informed (Vienna Convention – art. 36).
- If so, information pack with consent form and Probation intake form is provided by Embassy.



Many FNP's go unnoticed

- Despite the Vienna Convention, it appears that many FNP's are not asked whether they want the Embassy to be notified on their detention.
- The Embassy has no frequent contact with prisons.
- Consequently, there is often no contact between the FNP and the International office.



What can prison staff do?

- Inform the FNP on their options, including Transfer Treaties/Council Framework Decisions!
- Encourage the FNP to fill out the Probation Service Intake form so they get access to
 - Information & Advice
 - Visiting volunteer
 - Study possibilities
 - Assistance in preparing their return after release
 - Help with keeping in touch with relatives

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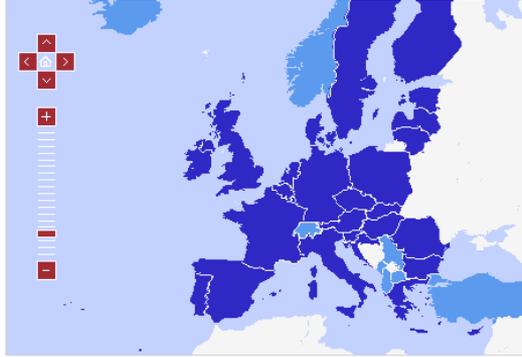


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What's in it for you?

FNP's:

- are well informed
- keep in touch with home front
- Have the tools to prepare for resettlement
- Are visited regularly
- Have a case worker in the Netherlands

In other words:

Less anxious / more relaxed





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