

Looking back on the first CEP International Conference on Sex Offender Management



On the 22nd and 23rd of November 2018, delegates from all over the world gathered in Riga for the first CEP International Conference on Sex Offender Management. It was a very successful first edition. A lot of knowledge sharing and networking was done by the participants during these two days. The conference was organised in close cooperation with the Latvian State Probation and Prison Service.

Before the start of the programme on the second day of the conference, a special event took place: the official launch of the Circles Europe Association. Riana Taylor, Audrey Alards, Mechtild Höing and Ann Castrel explained to the participants why they set up the organisation, what their main goals are and finished with inviting them to make a donation and become a member of Circles Europe.

[Presentations are available on the CEP website!](#)

Conferences you shouldn't miss!

[The implementation of community sanctions and measures in Eurasia, Tbilisi, Georgia](#)

On 16-17 May 2019 CEP will organize a conference on the development and implementation of alternatives to detention in the Eurasian region. The event will be held in Tbilisi (Georgia) and contributions are expected from various countries – Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and others.

[CJPE Summer Course 2019, Barcelona, Spain](#)

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[Fourth World Congress on Probation, Sydney, Australia](#)



The Corrective Services NSW has the honour to organise the fourth edition of the World Congress on Probation from the 18th until the 20th of September 2019 in Sydney, Australia. "We are proud to be hosting this event and are looking forward to showcasing how we manage offenders in the community."

A day in the life of a probation officer: Daira Apine



Is the day of a probation officer in Germany similar to the one of someone working in Romania? In the series 'A day in the life of a probation officer', we publish articles written by probation officers from different countries in Europe to see if their days look a like or are very different from each other. This article is written by Daira Apine, probation officer of the Latvian State Probation Service.

How does my day pass? I joke: "I inhale in the morning and exhale in the evening!" The day is usually intensive, hurried, creative, often tense, because a large amount of work needs to be completed in a limited time. I am one of the four senior probation specialists in our team of twelve people and have a high responsibility.

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The Council of Europe published its Annual Penal Statistics about Foreigners in prison and under probation

The Foreign offenders in prison and under probation in Europe report consists of a descriptive longitudinal study that presents the data currently available on the number of foreigners in the prison populations and under the supervision or care of probation agencies in the 47 member states of the Council of Europe.



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CEP Awards - Application opens on the 5th of February 2019



The second edition of the CEP Awards will be presented during the General Assembly in 2019! With the awards, CEP would like to celebrate outstanding contributions to probation. From the 5th of February 2019, you can start with submitting your nominations in the following categories:

1. Rehabilitation in the community - an award for work which is effective in rehabilitating probation clients and reducing reoffending.
2. Social inclusion - an award for work which has made a significant contribution to integrating probation clients into the community.
3. Public protection - an award for making a significant contribution to reducing risk of harm to potential victims.
4. Research - an award for research which has made or has potential to make a significant impact on the ethical and effective development of probation. The research must have been published in the last 5 years (2013 or later). It could include research which helps us better understand probation itself, or the challenges that probation faces, or the effectiveness of probation work or the development of probation services or the profession.
5. Development of national probation services - This award is for CEP members (jurisdictions), who have made significant progress in developing probation services at a national level over the previous 3 years. It is aimed at jurisdictions which are either in the process of establishing a new probation service; or that have introduced significant changes to the way probation is delivered.

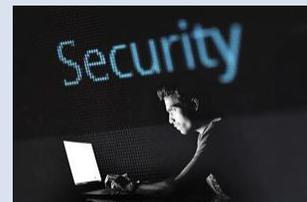
Check [our website](#) for more information about the awards!

Cyber-offenders versus traditional offenders

An article by Dr. Marleen Weulen Kranenburg

Cybercrimes, especially cyber-dependent crimes (like hacking, web defacement, and malware), challenge the way we traditionally explain and prevent offending. The anonymous digital context in which these crimes take place may have changed, for example, situations in which opportunities for committing crime occur, skills and personality characteristics needed to commit these crimes, and perceptions of consequences of offending. In my dissertation research I empirically compared cyber-dependent offenders with traditional offenders on four criminological domains: 1. offending over the life-course (family life and employment/education), personal and situational risk factors for offending, deviance of social ties, and motives for offending. In this text I briefly discuss results and practical implications.

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Animation videos: a new way of communication with probation clients in Belgium

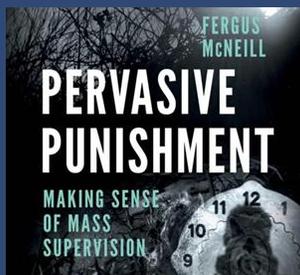
Finding the best way to communicate with your clients through communication materials can be very challenging. Two years ago, the communication department of the DG Houses of Justice (Wallonia-Brussels Federation) have started reviewing the communication materials that are given to the probationers, referred to as "justiciables", at the beginning of their probation period. The aim is to share information about the supervision procedures before the first meeting with their probation officer.



'Are the communication materials used by probation officers right now?', 'Are they helpful?' and 'How can they be improved, following the probation officers' needs?' were questions to which they wanted to find the answers to at the beginning of the project.

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New book: "Pervasive Punishment: Making Sense of Mass Supervision"



On the 16th of November 2018, Fergus McNeill, Professor in Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow and CEP Boardmember, published his new book 'Pervasive Punishment: Making Sense of Mass Supervision'.

Despite its dramatic proliferation and diversification in recent decades, supervisory forms of punishment in the community (like probation, parole and unpaid work) have been largely invisible in scholarly and public discussion of criminal justice and its development in late-modern societies. The long-standing pre-occupation with the prison, and more recent concerns about 'mass incarceration' have allowed the emergence of 'mass supervision' to remain in the shadows.

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