

## Finnish and Chinese probation services continue to cooperate to improve community sanctions



Finland and China, two completely different countries, with different cultures and criminal justice systems. Despite all these differences, the cooperation between their probation services goes back 22 years. The Finnish Criminal Sanctions Agency was one of the first European probation organisations that started working together with the Chinese probation service. After all those years, the connection between them is still very strong. The Finnish and Chinese probation services recently started a four year project for the improvement of community sanctions in the countries.

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## Conferences you shouldn't miss!

### [11th Electronic Monitoring Conference Zagreb, Croatia](#)

CEP organises the 11th edition of the European Electronic Monitoring Conference 'Blurring boundaries: making and breaking connections', which will be jointly organised with the Probation Service in the Republic of Croatia. The conference will take place in Zagreb, Croatia from the 16th of April until the 18th of April 2018.

### [2nd International Criminal Justice Summer Course, Barcelona](#)

The Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE) is organising the second edition of the International Criminal Justice Summer Course in Barcelona from the 3rd until the 6th of July 2018 in the Centre for Legal Studies and Specialised Training, C/ Ausiàs Marc 40, Barcelona. Registration opens on the 21st of February.

### [Reframing Sexual Abuse: Practical Directions, Riga](#)

The conference 'Reframing Sexual Abuse: Practical Directions' will be held in November 2018. The conference will be facilitated by the CEP and spearheaded by the Latvian Probation Service and the Latvian Prison Administration. It is aimed at practitioners, mainly probation staff.



## Probation Service Georgia brings offenders in contact with family members via video conference service



It is important for inmates to maintain contact with family members, but if an inmate is placed in a prison on the other side of the country, it can be too expensive for the family members to visit them. The National Probation Service Georgia found the solution for this problem. Together with the prison department, they set up a video conference service for prisoners. Since 2011, inmates can video call with friends, family members or relatives, if they are not in the position to visit them in person. Irakli Chitanava, Deputy Head of the National Probation Service, explains how the system works.

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## Evaluating a multi-agency approach to working with prolific offenders in the UK – providing a responsive approach in a 'what works' framework

This article outlines the findings of an evaluation of an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) approach in one English county. IOM brings together agencies to work more effectively with prolific, often acquisitive and drug-addicted offenders. The article shows how mechanisms identified as underpinning IOM allow it to provide a responsive approach through the skills of probation and other criminal justice professionals, to offenders in particular contexts.



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## EU's cross-border instruments on criminal detention could improve social rehabilitation and more



The 2002 European Arrest Warrant is relatively well-known in the EU, this is much less the case for the three somewhat similar instruments adopted in 2008–2009 (see Criminal detention and alternatives): the Framework Decisions on transfer of prisoners (2008/909), probation and alternative measures (2008/947) and the so-called European Supervision Order (2009/829), that all were to have been implemented by late 2012. Actually it took several more years to implement them, and the actual application to date has not been that significant, even though the usage is increasing. There are several reasons for the slow implementation and low usage but rather than focusing on these, the listed four points on potential gains will briefly be explored.

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## Save the date! The CEP Awards are coming!

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. Soon 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 published in the last 5 years which has had a major impact on probation practice.
5. Innovation in probation - an award for the most promising probation practices.



Check our [website](#) and social media channels regularly for the latest updates about the second edition of the CEP Awards!

## A portrait of a small probation organisation: Service Central d'Assistance Sociale Luxemburg



Every probation organisation in Europe is different from the other, although most of them have a lot of similarities. There are some that are different from all the others. I'm talking about the smallest member organisations of the CEP. In this special series of articles, you can read about what makes them special, how they function, about the positives of working in a small organisation and about the difficulties that are sometimes faced. In this edition we take a look at Service Central d'Assistance Sociale Luxemburg. Probation Officer Claude Kettel tells us about the organisation.

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## New case management system maps online now!

To understand the ways in which different European jurisdictions arrange and deliver the case management of accused persons and convicted offenders within correctional systems, the CEP has created case management system maps. This month we uploaded a new system map of England and Wales. Designer Tony Grapes: "Those in European probation services will know that the probation system in England and Wales is the biggest in Europe (and, since the major reorganisation of 2014, by far the most complex." He will continue with producing the case management system maps. New maps will follow soon!



[Take a look at all the case management system maps on the website >>](#)

## Innovation in probation: a pilot on the feasibility of e-guidance for juveniles



To change criminal behaviour, motivation, time, attention, practice and feedback are the ingredients for success. Especially youngsters can find it difficult to change their behaviour. Many regions in their brain are still developing, meaning they have less cognitive control than adults when it comes to attention, thoughts and behaviour. Mayke Mol and Janine Plaisier, (GGZinGeest & Impact R&D) have conducted a pilot for an innovative automated and personalised computer system that probation officers can use to remind youngsters of their goals and give them exercises. We spoke to Mayke Mol about how they conducted the pilot.

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