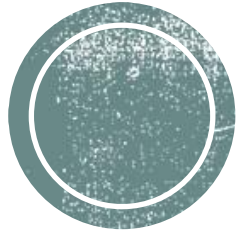


Education & training of Probation staff during Covid-19

Managing Road Traffic Offenders

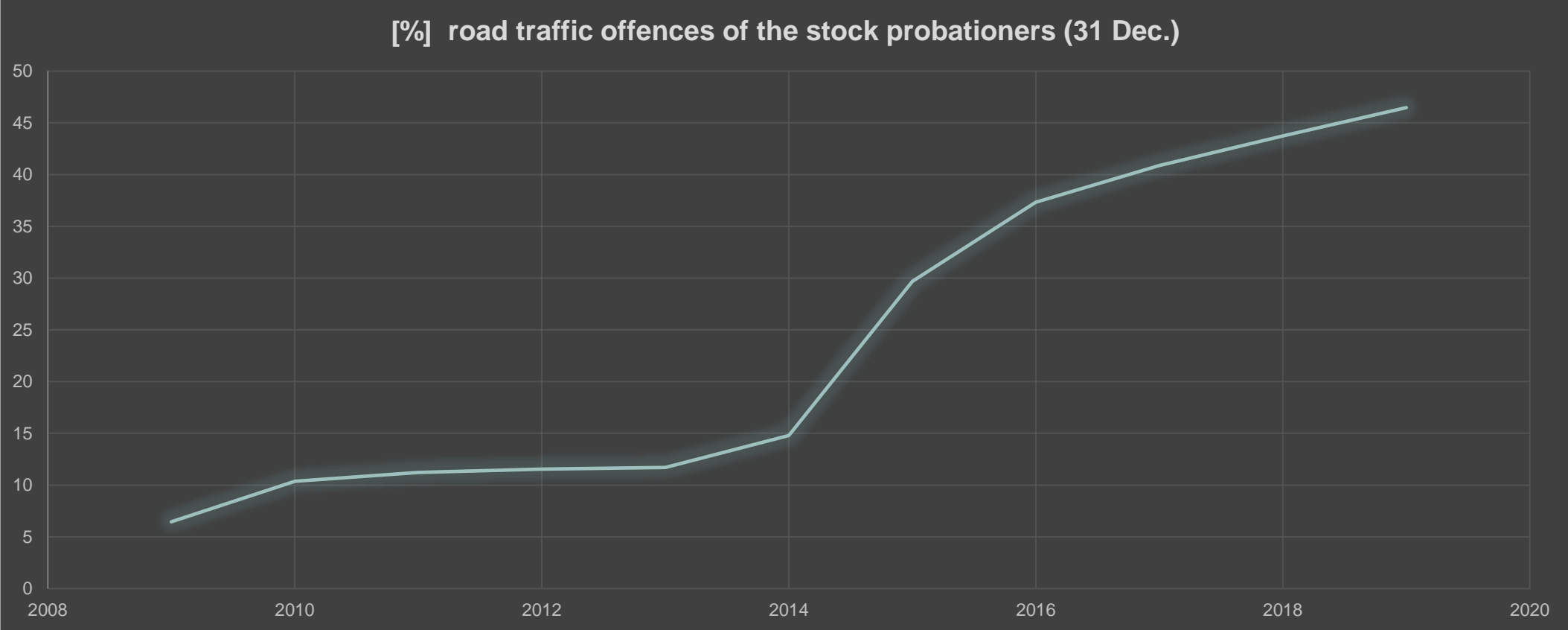




Prevention programme for
probationers which have committed road traffic offences

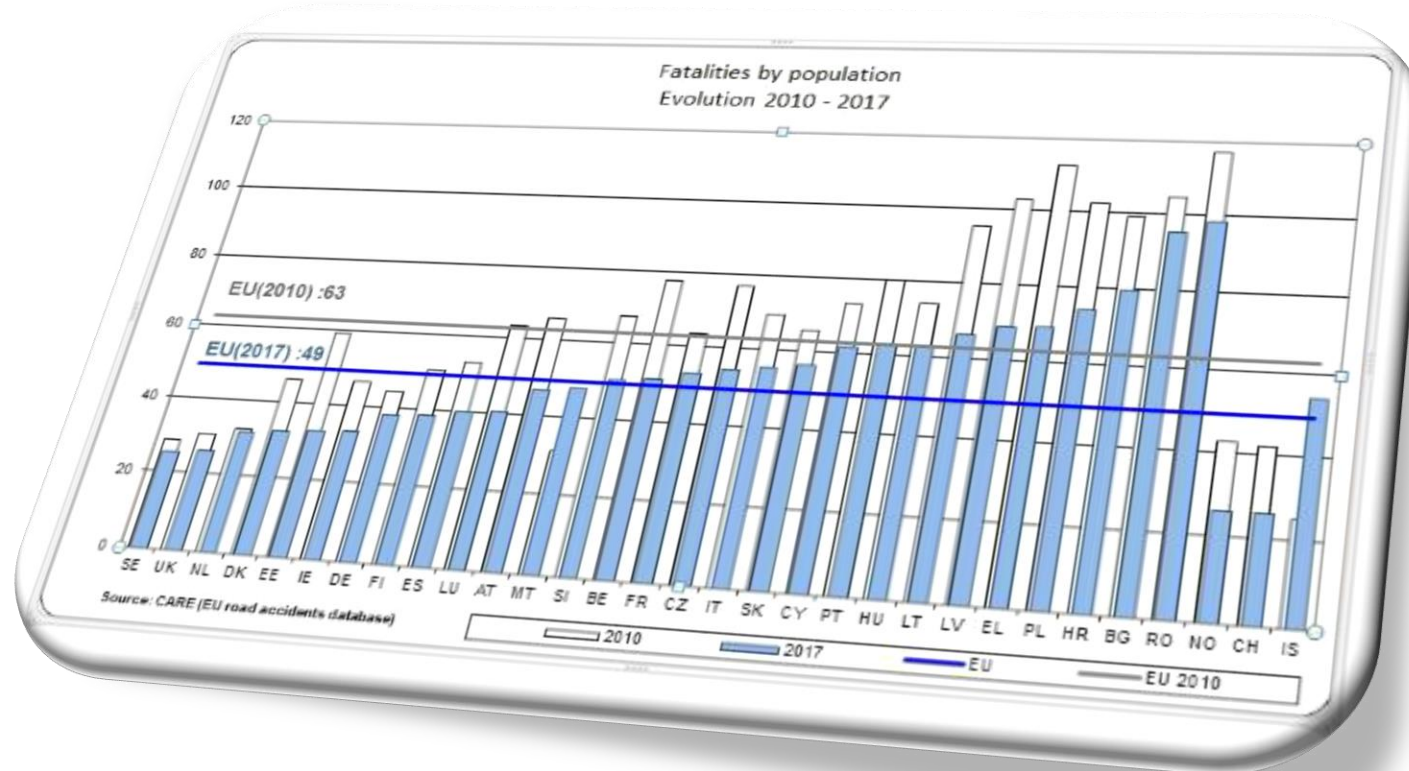
STOP the road traffic offences!

Evolution of the road traffic offences – percentages of the stock probationers



Fatalities per million inhabitants by country – evolution 2010-2017

source: European Commission - Fact Sheet, 10 April 2018, *2017 road safety statistics: What is behind the figures?*



Managing the road traffic offenders

- Driving a vehicle under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or other substances
- Drink & Drive Programme
- Driving a vehicle without a driving license
- Stop the Road Accidents! Programme
- Registering a vehicle as fit for traffic or driving an unregistered vehicle
- Refusing or avoiding to provide biological samples
- Leaving the scene of an accident or change or deletion of traces of the accident



Driving a vehicle under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or other substances

- (1) Driving, on public roads, a vehicle for which a driving license is required by law, by an individual who, at the time when biological samples were taken, has a blood alcohol concentration exceeding 0.80 g/l shall be punishable by no less than 1 and no more than 5 years of imprisonment or by a fine...



ART. 336,
Romanian Criminal Code

Most of the defendants use the special procedure of guilty plea (with the consequence of a reduction of one-third of the limits of the penalty provided for by law, in the case of the imprisonment penalty)



Driving a vehicle without a driving license

- (1) Driving a vehicle or a tramway, on public roads, without having a driving license shall be punishable by no less than 1 and no more than 5 years of imprisonment.
- (2) Driving, on public roads, a vehicle for which a driving license is required by law, by an individual who owns a driving license which was issued for a different category or subcategory than the one in which the vehicle is included, or whose license has been withdrawn or rescinded or who is not entitled to drive vehicles in Romania shall be punishable by no less than 6 months and no more than 3 years of imprisonment or by a fine.



ART. 335,
Romanian Criminal Code

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Main stages in developing the programme

First stage - 2015, Initial local approach

Specific intervention initiated by Cluj Probation Office together with the Police - Crime Analysis and Prevention's Department

Between 2016-2018 the initiative was extended into 12 probation offices

Study and analyses stage - 2018, Studying the new main group of the Romanian probationers

Probation for Road Traffic Offenders presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology

National stage - 2018 - 2020, Designing our first in-house programme

Collecting these experiences, Methodological and Training Department and Research and Strategic Development Department of the Romanian National Probation Directorate, together with probation counselors and with representatives from police and nongovernmental organization working with road traffic victims, designed a multimodal programme.



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First stages in delivering the programme

Training Stage August – September 2020, 6 online training sessions and 3 in-person training sessions, for 135 probation counsellors from all our 42 counties

Piloting stage, October 2020 – April 2021, 521 probationers from 25 Probation Offices have completed the basic module of the programme (and 38 probationers have abandoned the programme)



Training programme



Target staff training

- *STOP the road traffic offences* is designed to be applied by mixed teams of programme tutors: probation counselor, traffic police officer, prevention criminality analyst and other guests from the community interested in reducing the risk on public roads.
- Modalities of training:
 1. Delivering training on-line (Microsoft Team platform) for probation staff and additional learning by doing for partners
 2. Common course for the teams of programme tutors: probation counselor, traffic police officer, prevention criminality analyst



Training vs structure of the programme

- The **basic module** of the programme is mandatory and contains 4 sessions that aim to support participants to obtain information regarding the traffic legislation, to analyze and understand the mechanisms of behavior and the decisional process on the roads, to analyze some traffic accidents, to be aware of the favorable factors for crimes related to road traffic safety and develop the ability to control these factors.
- The basic module was an important **part of the training delivered**.



Training vs structure of the programme

- To the basic module can add one or more optional module:
 - ❖ **Offence`s deep analysis,**
 - ❖ The victim's perspective,
 - ❖ Reparatory actions for victims and community,
 - ❖ Road traffic courses (for ex: legislation or preventive driving).
- At the moment we have developed just one optional module - **Offence`s deep analysis (part of the training delivered).**

The optional modules provided for the programme could be developed if there are such opportunities at the local community level.



Particularity of the training

- The trainings session proposes an interactive and very dynamic atmosphere with various short films, scenes from traffic, lived experiences (confessions) of ex-probationers proposed to be analyzed and debated during the training as during the delivering the programme.
- Confessions of the ex-probationer (lived or recorded) was well received and enriched with new experiences
- Traffic lights in synergy with CBT methods
- Algorithm of presentation of the cases – starting in a neutral manner such as traffic events/short films from to subjective one with personal point of view of the members of the group, focus of their own offence.



Training feedback

- Training atmosphere - ... *physic I was far away, but affective and intellectual I was in the class...*
- *IT support and initiatives of online training during this time...*
- *Interesting approach ...*
- *Adaptation of the programme to the real probation services training needs...*
- *The collaboration of the tutors who comes from different institutions into delivering of the programme ...*
- *Interactivity and open communication between trainers and trainees...*



Thank you!

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