

## International WEBINAR on “Risk and Needs Assessment in Probation”

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00 to 12.45 CET**

In the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> November CEP organizes a webinar on Assessment in the field of Probation, an important topic for both CEP members and the European Commission DG Justice and Consumers.

With overwhelming caseloads, probation officers may need risk assessment tools as they provide an important data point in the effort to identify the risk factors for criminal recidivism, protective factors and needs and assign an appropriate level of supervision. Nowadays, there are a plethora of assessment tools, reflecting the diversity of offending and service users. There are general assessment tools and specialist ones (such as those for sexual offenders, domestic violence perpetrators, extremists, or for the various forms of mental illness and learning disability).

This webinar will bring a focus from different angles, and perspectives. CEP is inviting two European experts from Belgium and The Netherlands, and will also have a Special Guest outside Europe from New Zealand sharing their experience about the Department of Corrections journey with risk assessment in New Zealand and the lessons they have learnt along the way.

### PROGRAMME

#### **11.00 Start of the Webinar**

*Moderation by Jana Spero, CEP Secretary General*

Opening words by Jana Spero, CEP Secretary General

#### **11.15 Presentations**

##### **Presentation 1 – Implementing evidence-based risk assessment and management strategies in Flemish probation and parole services: Opportunities and challenges**

*Dr Katarzyna Uzieblo – Vrije University of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium.*

##### **Presentation 2 – Issues when using risk assessment tool in Probation. The Dutch experience**

*Dr Jacqueline Bosker – University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht, Netherlands.*

##### **Special Guest - Presentation 3 – Understanding Probation risk assessment tool outside Europe . The New Zealand experience**

*Ms Megan Stenswick and Ms Mandi Dodds – Special treatment unit, Department of Corrections, Rolleston, Canterbury, New Zealand.*

#### **12:15 Q&A**

#### **12:30 Closing remarks and end of the Webinar**

