



EuroPris & CEP Joint Domestic Violence (DV) Expert Group

- ▶ Expert group formed in 2019 and disbanded in 2022
- ▶ Three face to face meetings, one online meeting, and correspondence in between
- ▶ 12 members

EuroPris	CEP
England & Wales	Belgium
Czech Republic	Slovenia
Ireland	Sweden
Finland	Ireland
Slovakia	Catalonia
Malta	Lithuania



Aims of the group

- Promote adoption of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention.
- Raise awareness of DV across European Prison and Probation Services.
- Increase knowledge of how to deal with DV and abuse.
- Be an information resource on DV for the benefit of CEP, EuroPris and relevant parties.
- Contribute to training and briefings for prisons, probation and NGO staff to improve their work with DV.
- Promote cooperation and the exchange of information between national and international agencies.



Achievements

Sharing of information about:

- Statistics relating to DV and abuse
- Legal frameworks
- Risk assessment practices
- Psychological intervention approaches
- Strategies to keep victims safe
- Approaches to multi-agency working and information sharing
- Evaluation activity and other learning from research e.g. from Domestic Homicide Reviews in England and Wales
- Challenges of working with DV during the pandemic

Learning gained from other experiences:

- Experiential visits (Family Justice Center in Limburg and a prison in Slovakia)
- Presentations offered by external speakers (e.g. the work of the European Network for Work With Perpetrators; Applying trauma informed approaches)

Achievements continued...

Outputs

- Delivered a presentation to prison Director Generals about DV and the work of the expert group (2019).
- Published summaries of the psychological interventions used across the member countries (2020).
- Published a special issue EuroPris/ CEP newsletter focused solely on DV and abuse (2020).
- Delivered a 2-day international workshop on DV (2021).
- Delivered a webinar offering different European perspectives on working with DV as part of the Insights Festival delivered by HMPPS in England and Wales (2022).



Questions?