



ERASMUS + COPPER PROJECT - Final Project Conference
**"Cooperation to promote a European volunteering programme
in probation services"**
6 November 2025, The Netherlands

PROGRAMME

Venue: Nutshuis, The Hague, The Netherlands <https://www.hetnutshuis.nl/en>

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Room: Commissarissenzaal

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| 08.30-9.00 | Registration |
| 09.00-09.10 | Welcome
<i>Jana Špero Kamenjarin, CEP Secretary General, Croatia</i> |
| 09.10-9.30 | Why this project?
<i>Rita Lourenco, Deputy Director Aproximar, Portugal</i>
<i>Gerry McNally, Former CEP President, Ireland</i> |
| 9.30-10.00 | Exploring Volunteering in European Probation Systems and beyond
<i>Katharina Swirak and Ute Krenzer, University College Cork, Ireland</i> |
| 10.00-10.45 | Shaping a European Training programme for volunteers in the Probation Services
<i>Marco Brok and Melinda Lewis, Reclassering Nederland, Netherlands</i> |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Coffee break and networking |
| 11.15 – 11.45 | Community Based Organisations capacity-building
<i>Ronan McLoughlin and Tony Swaine, Irish Probation Service, Ireland</i>
<i>Rita Lourenco, Aproximar, Portugal</i> |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Amplifying Impact Through Strategic Communication
<i>Aproximar representative in charge of communications</i>
<i>Hannan Amnad, CEP communication officer, Netherlands</i> |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Lunch time, networking and family picture
<i>Room: Foyer</i> |
| 13.00 – 13.45 | Interactive Discussion: Project Results & Insights
<i>Moderator: Anna Esquerra Roqueta, CEP Policy and Liaison officer, Catalonia – Spain</i>
<i>Participants:</i>
<i>Andrada Istrate, European Strategies Consulting, Romania (tbc)</i>
<i>Joao Melo, Aproximar, Portugal</i>
<i>Reclassering Nederland, Netherlands (Marco or Melinda)</i> |



Ronan McLoughlin, Irish Probation Service, Ireland
Volunteer representatives (Netherlands, Portugal – tbc, Ireland - tbc)

13.45-14.45

Looking Ahead: The Project's Long-Term Impact

Moderator: Gerry McNally, Former CEP President, Ireland

Participants:

Jessica Westerik, Director Operation Dutch Probation Service, Reclassering
Netherland, Netherlands

Geraldien Ganseman, Stichting Exodus Nederland, Netherlands

Ioan Durnescu, Professor at Bucharest University and Director at ESC, Romania

Ana Cristina Neves, Head of Community Sanctions and Measures Division,
Directorate-General of Rehabilitation and Prison Services, Portugal

Steve Pitts, CEP Ambassador, United Kingdom

14.45 – 15.00

Closing

Jana Špero Kamenjarin, CEP Secretary General, Croatia