

*CEP – EUROPRIS WORKSHOP*

*“TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO PROBATION:  
CONTINUITY OF CARE AND CONTROL”*



**REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA**  
Ministarstvo pravosuđa, uprave i  
digitalne transformacije

## **CROATIAN MODEL: PUZZLE FOR A SAFER SOCIETY**

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# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW:**

- 1. INTRO – ABOUT CROATIA AND ABOUT SPEAKER**
- 2. ORGANISATION OF PRISON AND PROBATION SYSTEM IN CROATIA**
- 3. MERGE OF PRISON AND PROBATION**
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# REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



**Population:** 3,9 milion

**Responsible:** Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation

**Sentence policy:** probation/alternative sanctions,  
fine,  
prison sentence  
(long prison sentence up to 50 years)

**Probation service:** in practice since 2011



**S P E A K E R :**

**P E T A R   R U K A V I N A ,  
P R I S O N   D I R E C T O R**



# PRISON SYSTEM IN CROATIA

**PRISON**  
14



**PENITENTIARY**  
6+1

(1 x Prison Hospital)

**CENTER**  
2

- ✓ Diagnostic
- ✓ Training (staff)

**JUVENILE  
CORRECTION  
INSTITUTION**  
2  
(f/m)



# PROBATION SERVICE - BEST

**NATIONAL  
ACCEPTANCE**

**RESULTS OF  
WORK**

**INTERNATIONAL  
PROJECTS**

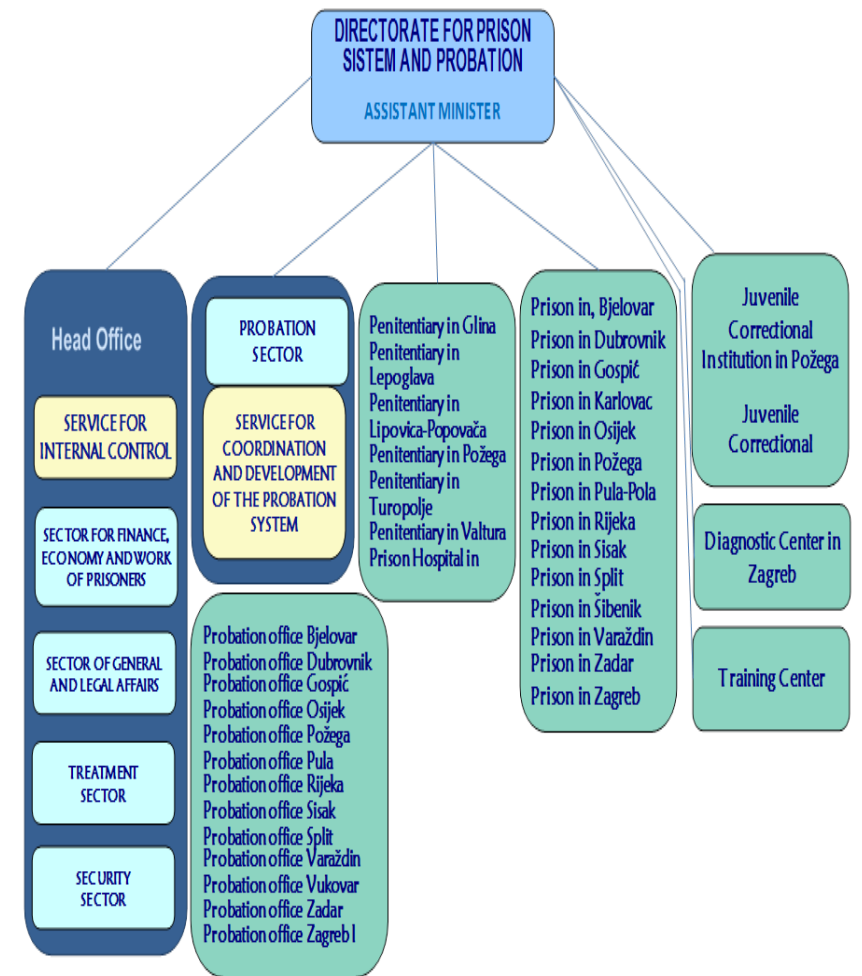
**ONGOING  
DEVELOPMENT**

**INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION**

**AWARDS**



# PRISON & PROBATION - MERGED SINCE 2017





# PRISON + PROBATION

**Same  
director  
general**

**YELLOW  
RIBBON RUN**

**Easy entrance**

**Easy exchange  
of information**

**Training center  
for both**

**New basic  
cours for new  
staff**

**MERGED IT-  
INFORMATION  
SYSTEM**



# NORWAY GRANTS – BEST STEPS IN BRIDGING PRISON AND PROBATION



- Project “Strengthening human rights protection and public safety through improving capacities of the Croatian Probation Service” funded under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014.-2021. (Programme *Justice and Home Affairs*)
- Activity 4      Cooperation between prison and probation system

# TRAINING CENTER

- Trainings for both prison and probation staff
- Basic training
- Specific trainings
- On top of knowledge is getting to know colleagues and their daily work!



# YELLOW RIBBON RUN IN GOSPIĆ

- Over 120 people participated in the race, including former and current prisoners, judicial police officers and other officers from correctional facilities, probation officers, judges, court officials, civil servants of the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Norway to Croatia, prominent athletes, members of the academic community and other local community stakeholders, to point out the importance of social support in the process of reintegration of ex-offenders.

The race was also adequately supported by the family members of inmates, with a special workshop organised for their children.

In addition to the Gospić race, around the same time, races took place in the outdoor premises of the Lepoglava Penitentiary and the Glina Penitentiary, with the participation of the inmates and officers of these correctional facilities.

The race was organized by the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Prison and Probation Directorate, as part of the bilateral project "Strengthening the capacity and visibility of the prison and probation systems", funded by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of Croatia.



# **BRIDGING PRISON AND PROBATION FOR SAFETY COOPERATION ON DAILY BASIS**



**FORMAL  
COOPERATION**

**INFORMAL  
COOPERATION**

# COOPERATION ON PERSONAL LEVEL – FULL PUZZLE

- **GETTTIN TO KNOW COLLEAGUES IN BOTH WORK AND OUT OF WORK ENVIROMETS, CONTRIBUTES TO BETTER TRUST, EASY COMMUNICATION AND FASTER SOLUTIONS**



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONNECTION

- PRISON, PROBATION, COURT AND POLICE – SHARED BUILDING
- EASY COMMUNICATION
- GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF TASKS OF EVERY STAKEHOLDER
- TRUST
- DAILY COOPERATION
- REGULAR MEETINGS
- WORKING TOGETHER, ALWAYS AS A TEAM

**WE ARE  
STRONGER**



# **CASE STUDY: CONDITIONAL RELEASE**

**FROM PRISON**



**WITH THE COURT  
DECISION**



**TO PROBATION  
SUPERVISION**





# **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

