



AGENCY FOR JUSTICE & ENFORCEMENT

SAFE AND EQUITABLE



Agenda

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Flemish Probation
Service: specific
approach on violent
extremism/terrorism

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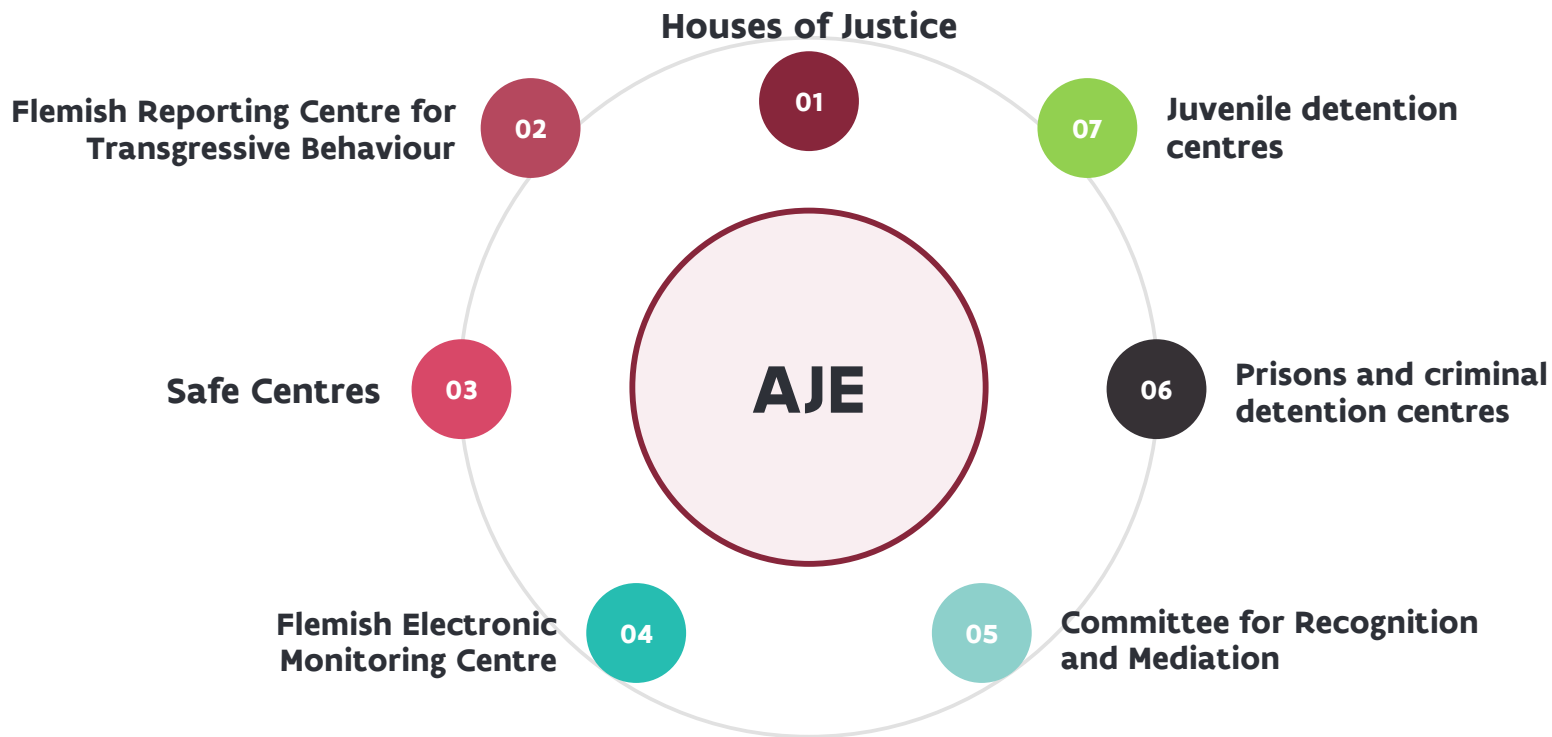
Electronic Monitoring
in Flanders

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EM and VE/T

AJE brings together seven departments

ONE AGENCY · SEVEN DEPARTMENTS



**Specific approach VE/T in probation
(Flanders – Houses of Justice)**

Why a specialized team?



Setup - Team ExTRa



10 experts probation
services 50 %

1 expert FCEM (+ back
up)

Team leader

1 Psychologist

Organisational
support

4 pillars





When does our specialized team intervene?

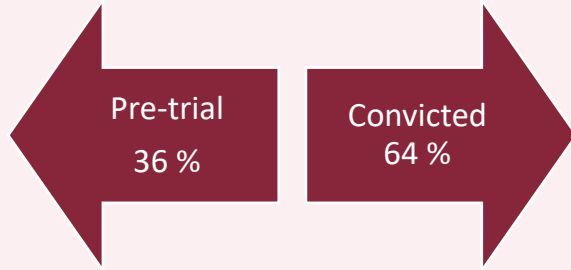




VE/T caseload | 2016–2026

732

**VE/T related cases (court
advice + follow up)**



362

individuals



Current caseload probation

123

VE/T related cases



109

individuals

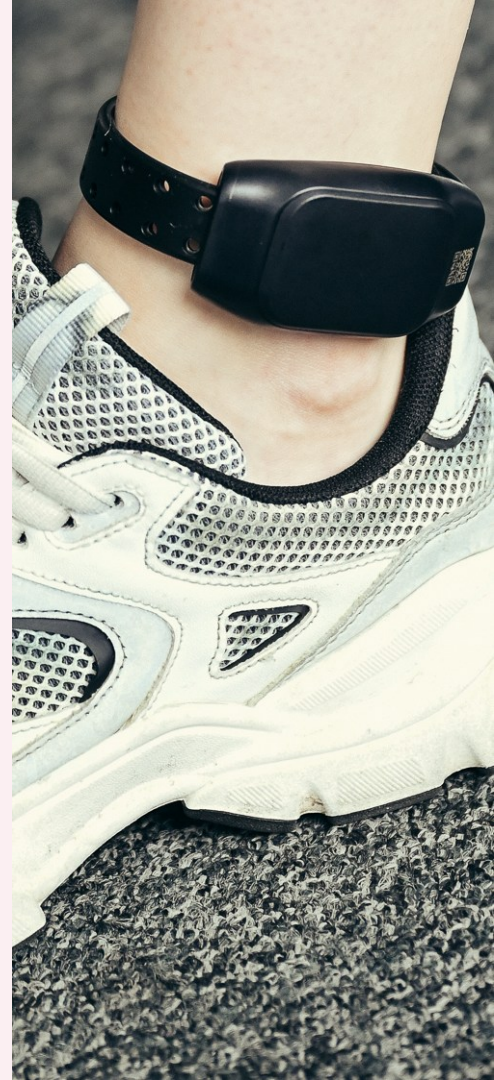
- Profiles are very divers
- Landscape VE/T changes



Flemish Electronic Monitoring Centre

The FEMC is responsible for

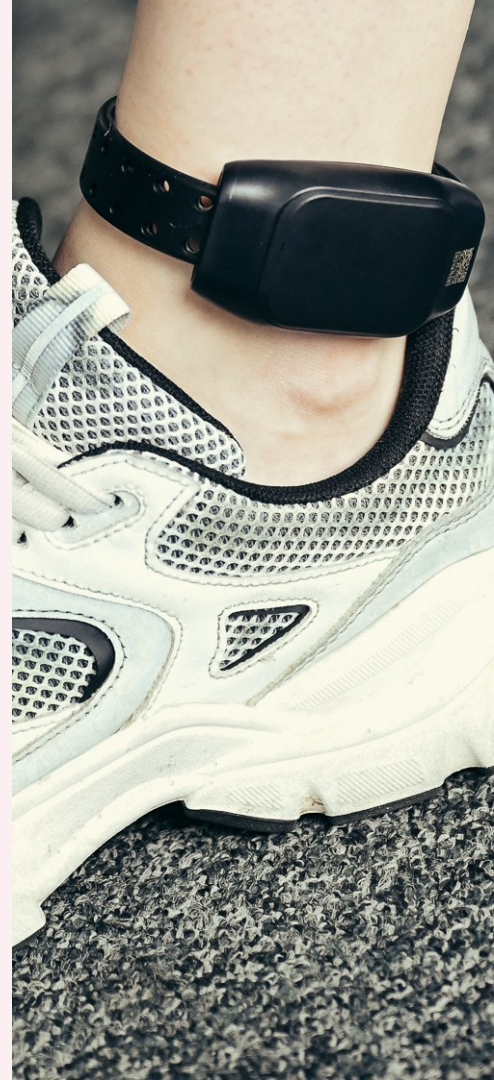
- ▶ The installation, implementation and supervision of the electronic monitoring of offenders.
- ▶ Making decisions regarding the implementation of electronic monitoring.
- ▶ Providing guidance to offenders under electronic monitoring.
- ▶ Victim protection using electronic monitoring



What is EM?

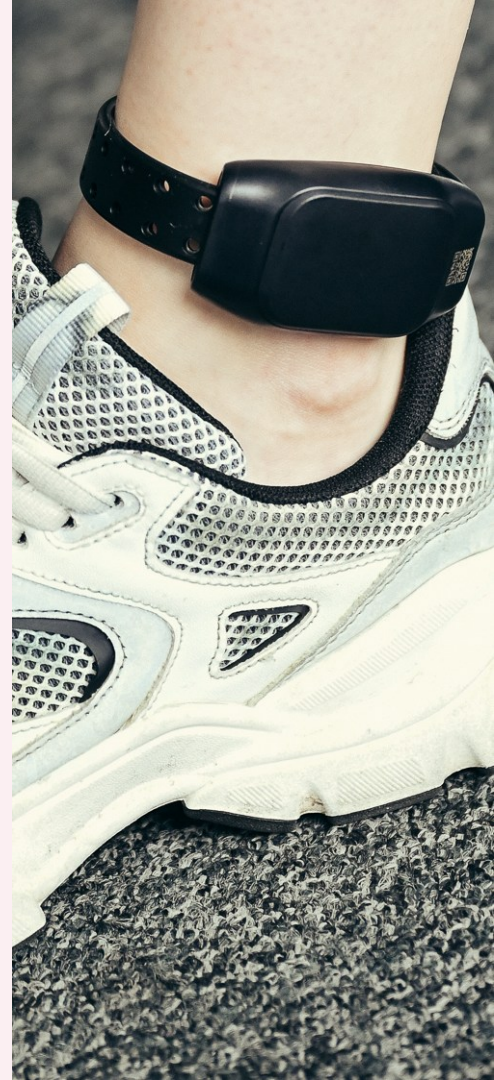
Legislation:

“Electronic monitoring is a method of executing a custodial sentence whereby the convicted person serves the whole or a part of their custodial sentence outside of prison in accordance with a specific implementation plan, the compliance with which is monitored, inter alia, by electronic means.”



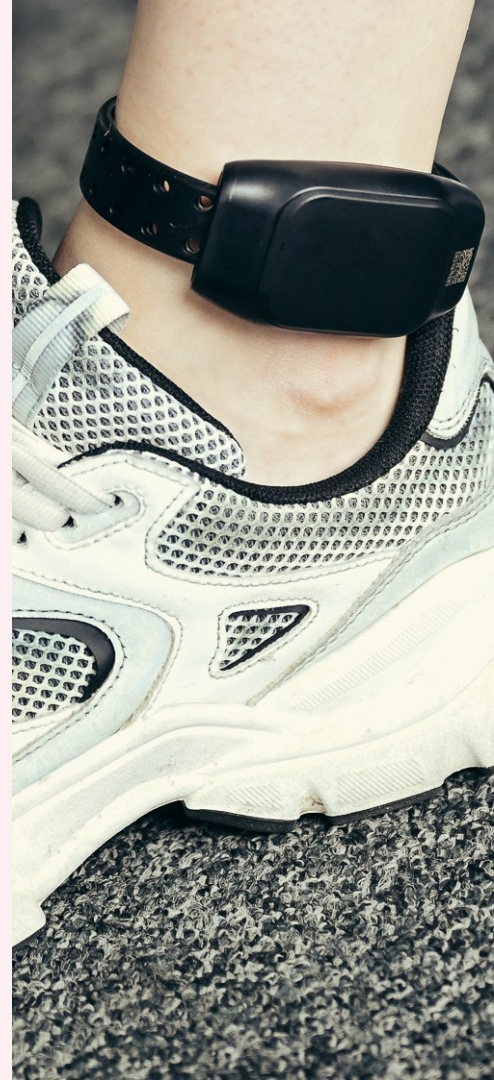
What can be goals of EM?

- *Facilitate reintegration and reduce reoffending*
- *Alternative to imprisonment*
- *Extra security*
- *Protect victims*
- ...



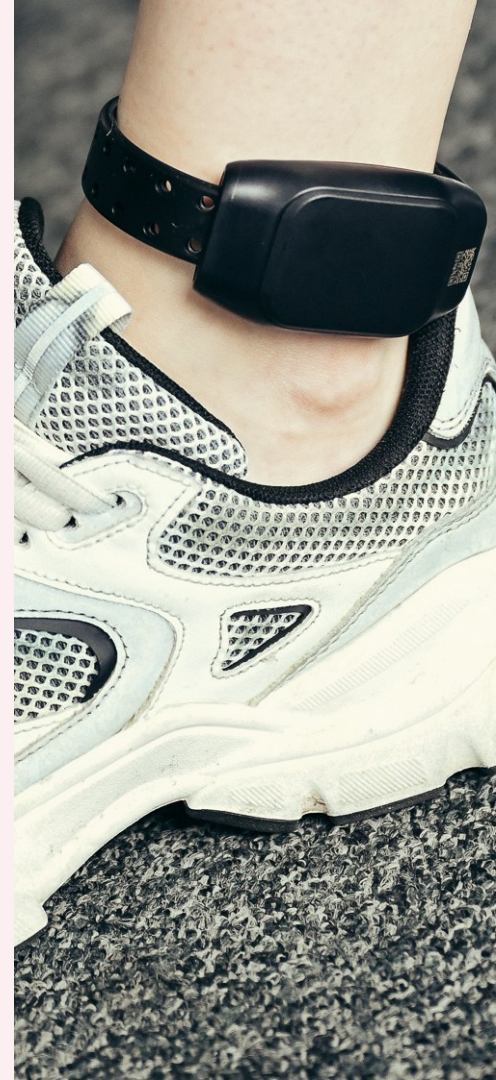
Where EM can be imposed

THREE MOMENTS OF IMPOSITION



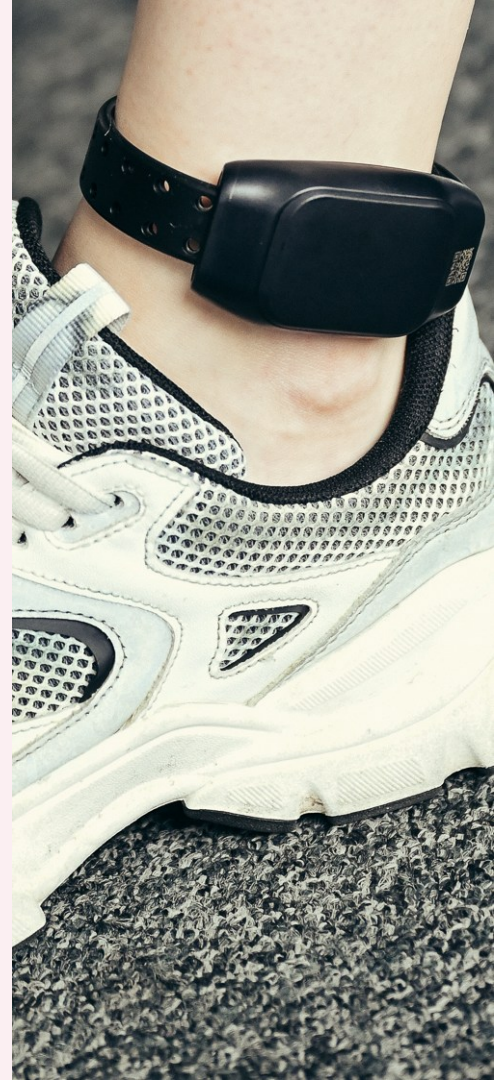
14 different types of EM

- Pre trial: 24/7 – “home detention” – no conditions – only movements with GPS-tracking
- As a criminal sentence (max. 1 year) (no GPS-tracking)
- Post trial: (no GPS-tracking)
 - EM without probation officer (no imposed conditions that imply guidance – schedule that includes time off monitoring)
 - EM + probation officer (imposed condition that imply guidance – tailor made schedule)



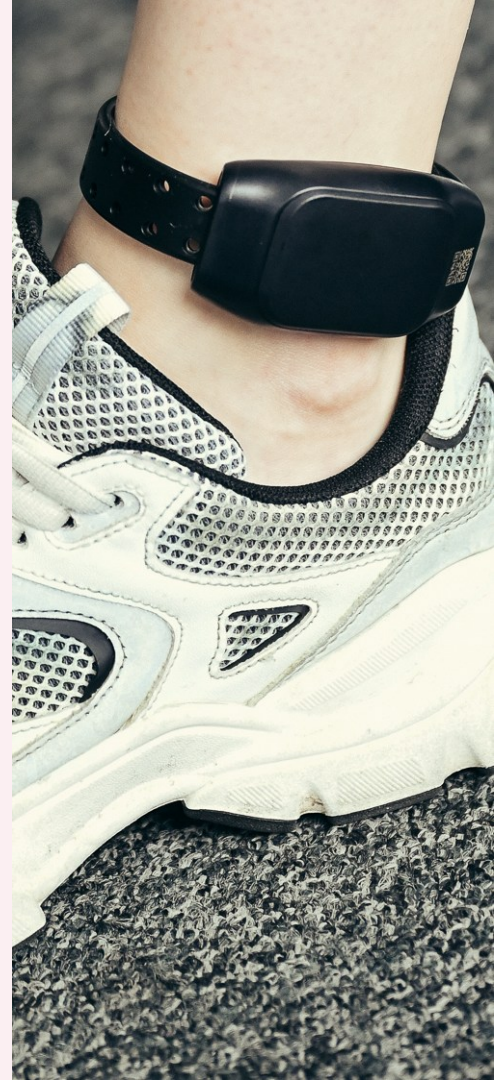
EM in numbers (Flanders)

- ▶ **4510** persons subject to EM **in 2025** in Flanders
- ▶ 50 % pre-trial / 50 % post-trial
- ▶ 91 % = male / 9 % female
- ▶ 8 EM related to VE/T in 2025
- ▶ **2119** persons subject to EM daily base (1/09/2026)



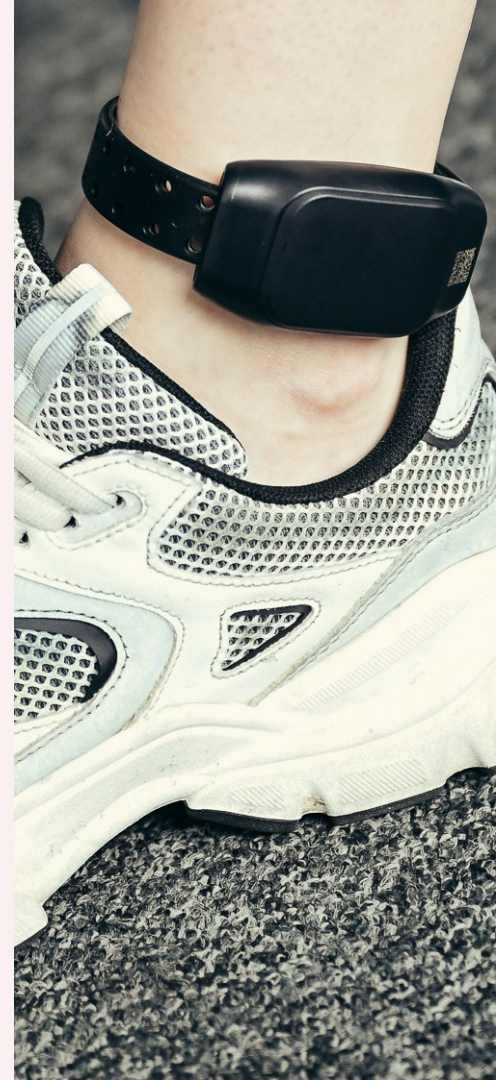
VE/T and EM (Flanders)

- ▶ 148 cases related to VE/T since 2015
- ▶ 40 % pre-trial
- ▶ 30 % after conviction > 3 years prison sentence
- ▶ Court decision



Terrorism excluded for some forms of EM

- EM imposed by prison administration
- EM as criminal sentence
- EM for minors





Can EM be useful in VE/T?

Yes!

For what type of extremist/terrorist can we use EM.

For what risk and for what purpose can we use EM?



EM and VE/T – Yes please

motivation to comply with probation

risks are known → EM can help to limit risks

for example: risk connected to
locations/manifestation/persons



EM and VE/T – Think twice

weak motivation for compliance

ready for violent extremist action

high risk factors that can't be solved with EM

for example: risk mainly in online behaviour – risk enhancing
psychopathology

EM and VE/T – recommendations?



- terrorism not as an exclusion criterium for EM**
- EM-policy should make a tailor made approach possible**
- use of EM supported by risk analysis (f.ex.VERA2R)**

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