



Improving Detention Conditions at EU Level

Best Practice, Legislation and the Follow-Up to the European Commission's Green Paper

Trier, 1-2 June 2017

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Key topics

- Follow-up to the EU Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention
- State of play of EU action in the field of detention
- Best practice in relation to supervision of detention conditions
- Good practices in prison management
- Update on the proper implementation of Framework Decisions 829, 909 and 947 and the European Arrest Warrant in relation to detention

Languages

English, German
(with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number

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Organiser

ERA (Ramin Farinpour) in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris), the Polish Commissioner for Human Rights and the German National Agency for the Prevention of Torture



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Thursday, 1 June 2017

8:30 Arrival and registration of participants

9:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Ramin Farinpour

I. IMPROVING MEASURES RELATED TO DETENTION CONDITIONS AT EU LEVEL

09:10 **Managing prisons and developing appropriate policies on imprisonment: where do EU Member States fit within the global picture and in the context of the World Prison Brief?**
Catherine Heard

09:45 **An overview of the latest prison policies in Europe:**

- initiatives in effective prison management
- national monitoring bodies of prison conditions and the European standards
- dealing with overcrowding and implementing alternatives to imprisonment

Alessio Scandurra

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **An overview of findings from two reports from the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA):**

- Criminal detention and alternatives: fundamental rights aspects in EU cross-border transfers
- Rehabilitation and mutual recognition – practice concerning EU law on transfer of persons sentenced or awaiting trial (prison and detention)

Jonas Grimheden

11:45 **State of play of EU action in the field of detention**
Jesca Beneder

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

II. GOOD PRACTICES IN PRISON MANAGEMENT

13:30 **Healthcare services and psychological well-being of prisoners**

14:00 **Effective training of prison staff and ensuring education of prisoners**

14:30 Discussion

15:00 Coffee break

III. THE ROLE OF NATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEMS IN DEALING WITH DETENTION ISSUES AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS

15:30 **The role of National Preventive Mechanisms and case studies in Poland and Germany**

- Polish Commissioner for Human Rights
- National Agency for the Prevention of Torture

16:30 Discussion

Objective

This final seminar in a series of five co-funded by the European Commission on issues related to detention will focus on the follow-up to the EU's Green Paper on detention and the ongoing debate and developments surrounding it, as well as the move towards possible new EU legislation in the field of pre-trial detention.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, ministry officials, and officials from judicial training institutions, prison administrations, the probation system and prison-monitoring bodies.

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Save the date

Summer Course on European Criminal Justice

Trier, 19-23 June 2017

Annual Conference on Border Management 2017

Trier, 28-29 September 2017

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IV. MOVING FORWARD: BETTER PRISON MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING IN EUROPE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE RELEVANT FRAMEWORK DECISIONS AND EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT

17:00 **Findings from the ERA-BIM Study on the future of mutual trust and the prevention of ill-treatment: how to improve judicial cooperation and the engagement of national preventive mechanisms**
Gerrit Zach

17:30 Discussion

17:45 End of first seminar day

19:30 Dinner

Friday, 2 June 2017

09:00 **The practice of pre-trial decision-making in the EU and its effects: latest developments**
Ralph Bunche

09:30 **Framework Decision 909 on the transfer of prisoners: an update on issues, processes and practices in relation to its use**
Katja Dogovic

10:00 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Framework Decision 947 on probation and alternative sanctions and Framework Decision 829 on the European Supervision Order: latest developments in relation to their use and overcoming practical issues**
Antonius Maria van Kalmthout, Ioan Durnescu

11:30 Discussion

11:45 **Simultaneous workshops:**

- **Applying the Framework Decision on the transfer of prisoners (FD 909) in practice**
- **Applying the Framework Decision on probation and alternative sanctions (FD 947) in practice**
Antonius Maria van Kalmthout
- **Applying the Framework Decision on the European Supervision Order (FD 829) in practice**
Ioan Durnescu
- **Effective tools in prison management, monitoring and treatment of prisoners**
National Agency for the Prevention of Torture

12:45 Workshop reports and participant discussion

13:15 End of seminar and lunch

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

Speakers

Jesca Beneder, Legal Officer, Procedural Criminal Law Unit, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels

Dr Adam Bodnar*, Commissioner for Human Rights, Warsaw

Ralph Bunche, Regional Director – Europe, Fair Trials, Brussels

Katja Dogovic, Criminal Sanctions Agency, Finnish Prison and Probation Service, Helsinki; Co-chair of EuroPris FD 909 Expert Group

Dr Ioan Durnescu, Professor, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest; Confederation of European Probation (CEP) Member

Dr Jonas Grimheden, Senior Policy Manager, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna

Catherine Heard, Senior Research Fellow; Programme Director of the World Prison Brief, Institute for Criminal Policy Research (ICPR), Birkbeck College, University of London

Dr Antonius Maria van Kalmthout, Lawyer, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Tilburg

Alessio Scandurra, Coordinator, Antigone (Observatory on Prison Conditions in Italy), Rome; Coordinator, European Prison Observatory

Gerrit Zach, Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna

National Agency for the Prevention of Torture*, Wiesbaden

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Registration

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Chosen seminar language: ☐ English ☐ German

☐ Evening programme: I shall attend the dinner on 1 June 2017 (at no extra charge).

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