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## **REGIONAL SEMINAR ON DANGEROUS OFFENDERS**

### **PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME**

19-20 January 2015  
Yerevan  
Armenia

## ***Background and objectives***

Council of Europe member States apply quite different mechanisms when dealing with the phenomenon of dangerous offenders and many states have developed different concepts of what may be considered to be forms of "secure preventive detention" and/or "preventive supervision".

With a view to giving policy guidance to national authorities on the main rules to follow when dealing with dangerous offenders in line with new international and Council of Europe standards, including those regarding the treatment of offenders in custody and the European Prison Rules, the Committee of Ministers adopted on 19 February 2014 the recommendation CM/Rec(2014)3 concerning Dangerous Offenders.

The main objective of the recommendation is to strike the right balance between the protection of public safety and the rights of offenders, particularly in relation to secure preventive detention. Indeed these considerations have been given further weight by several European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) judgments, in particular *Maiorano and others v. Italy* and *M. v. Germany*.

The recommendation acknowledges that "dangerousness" is not a clear legal concept. It is also vague in scientific terms, in so far as the assessment of criminological dangerousness and individual risk of reoffending in the long term lacks sufficient supporting evidence to ensure an accurate measurement of dangerousness.

In order to strengthen the use of the concept of dangerousness in this particular context, the recommendation stresses the importance of risk assessment and risk management to reduce risk and uphold proportionate durations of detention. The recommendation also regards assessment and management procedures as interrelated, because they have to be repeated at suitable intervals and must adjust to each other when changes in the offender's situation occur.

## ***Aim of the workshop***

The aim of this regional seminar is to promote and raise awareness among legal professionals, law enforcement and other professionals working in the field the recommendation adopted by the Committee of Ministers. Whenever a member state does apply such mechanism to deal with the phenomenon of "dangerous offenders" it should take into account the rules contained in the recommendation.

## ***Target audience***

The target audience of the regional seminar includes legal professionals, representatives of judicial and enforcement authorities as well as State Prosecutors, Prison Administration staff, researchers, etc.

## ***Speakers***

Details of speakers are listed in the appendix of this programme.

## **Organisation**

*Venue:* "Tufenkian Hospitality" Hotel


*Registration*  13h30

*Coffee break*  (see Programme)

*Lunch*  (see Programme)

*Diner*  (see Programme)

*Interpretation*  Simultaneous interpretation (English/Russian) for all sessions

*Proceedings*  The proceedings will be published

## **Tuesday, 19 January 2015**

**12.00 a.m. – 13.30 a.m.** ☕ **Lunch**

**13h30**      **Registration of participants**

**14h00**      **Welcome address and opening remarks**

- TBC , CDPC representative
- TBC, Armenian representative(s)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION 1</b> <b>GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE RECOMMENDATION</b> Chair: TBC</p>
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**14h30**      **Origin and purpose of the Recommendation**

Mr Oscar Alarcón, Co-Secretary of the European Committee of Crime Problems, Council of Europe

**14h50**      **Innovative aspects of the Recommendation**

Ms Svejzdana Simundic, member of the ad-hoc drafting group on Dangerous Offenders, Head of Unit for Follow-up on Implementation of Inmates' Rights in the Head Office of Prison System Directorate, Ministry of Justice, Croatia

**15h10**      **Definitions and basic principles**

Mr Carlos María Romeo-Casabona, Member of the group of experts of the drafting group on Dangerous Offenders, Professor in Criminal Law, University of the Basque Country, Spain

**15h30**      Discussion

**15.45 p.m. - 16.15 p.m.** ☕ **Coffee break**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION 2</b> <b>CURRENT LEGAL TRENDS ON DANGEROUS OFFENDERS</b> Chair: TBC</p>
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**16h15**      **General trends on dangerous offenders treatment in Europe**  
TBC

**16h35**      **Dangerous offenders in the Armenian Penal Code**  
TBC, Armenian representative(s)

**16h55**      **Dangerous offenders in the current Armenian Penal Code reform**  
TBC, Armenian representative(s)

**17h15**      Discussion

**20.00 p.m.** ☕ **Diner**

**Wednesday, 20 January 2015**

**SESSION 3**  
**RISK ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**  
Chair: TBC

- 09h30**      **Risk assessment principle and Risk management**  
Mr Václav Jiříčka, Psychologist, Directorate General of the Prison Service, Czech Republic, member of the ad-hoc drafting group on Dangerous Offenders
- 10h30**      **Risk assessment principle and Risk management**  
TBC, Armenian representative(s)
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. ☕ Coffee break*
- 11h15**      **Treatment and conditions of imprisonment of dangerous offenders. Monitoring, staff and research**  
Mr Rait Kuuse, Tallinn, Estonia
- 12h15**      **Discussion**
- 12.45 a.m. – 14.00 a.m. 🍽️ Lunch break*

**SESSION 4**  
**JUDICIAL DECISIONS FOR DANGEROUS OFFENDERS**  
Chair: TBC

- 14h00**      **The Court case M vs Germany and its consequences**  
TBC
- 14h30**      **Secure preventive detention and Preventive supervision**  
TBC (Armenia)
- 15h00**      **Secure preventive detention and Preventive supervision**  
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- 15h45**      Discussion

***16.00 p.m. - 16.15 p.m. ☕ Coffee Break***

**16h15      Secure preventive detention and Preventive supervision**  
TBC

**16h30      Discussion**

## **CLOSING SESSION**

**16h45      Closing remarks**

- TBC , CDPC representative
- TBC, Armenian representative(s)

**17h00      End of the Seminar**