EUROPEAN PRISON INFORMATION SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION TO EPIS

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EUROPRIS BACKGROUND

- Formed in 2011

- 'Strengthening mutual trust in the European judicial area – A Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention' (Brussels, 14.6.2011, COM(2011) 327

- Network of prison and correctional practitioners across Europe

- Promoting Professional Prison Practice

- 30 member jurisdictions

- Expert Groups, including FD909 Transfer of Prisoners and Foreign National Prisoners

OVERVIEW

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WHAT IS EPIS?

- European Prison Information System (EPIS)

- Enhancing practitioners' cooperation, networking, exchange of information and best practice and to support transparency and knowledge sharing

- Central resource of data related to prisons and corrections across Europe

- Provide insight and answers to commonly asked questions

- Platform as an expandable knowledgebase

WHO CAN USE EPIS

- The service exists primarily to provide information to European Prison Agencies and practitioners

Accessible on a number of levels

- - Public

- - National Agencies Administrators

- - National Agency Personnel

- - Internal

European Prison Data for European Prison Agencies

HOW IT WORKS

- Accounts restricted to authorised users only

- Domain based permissions

- Data can be filtered based on certain criteria

- Comparison functions

- Reporting

SYSTEM FEATURES

Modular system consisting of several components:

- - Organisational and Establishment Profiles
- - Knowledge Management System (KMS)
- - Register of Experts
- - Projects
- - Benchmarking

THE ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

14 Sections, 70 Questions

Section 1: General Information (8 questions)

Section 2: Population (7 questions)

Section 3: Sentencing (10 questions)

Section 4: Healthcare (2 questions)

Section 5: Staffing (3 questions)

Section 6: Outsourcing Services (2 questions)

Section 7: Technology (5 questions)

Section 8: Finance (7 questions)

Section 9: Purposeful Activity (9 questions)

Section 10: Security & Order (7 questions)

Section 11: Welfare and Cultural Issues (8 questions)

Section 12: Throughcare (2 questions)

Section 13: Head Office (6 fields)

Section 14: Head of Service (10 fields)

THE ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE (CONT.)

Records can be created for each facility/establishment (399 to date)

Section 1: General (10 fields)

Section 2: Head of Establishment (5 fields)

Section 3: Establishment Information (7 questions)

Section 4: Welfare (5 questions)

THE KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (KMS)

- Addresses duplicate requests and 'lost' information

- Provides a narrative explanation of prison practices

- Questions relayed via managed process by EuroPris staff

- Average 3 questions per month

- 87 topics on the system (400+ questions, 850 responses)

THE FUTURE

- Providing 'hands-on' training and information workshops to staff

- Further development to support the work of partners and expert groups

- Continue to encourage support for contribution (12 countries complete)

- Link data on EPIS to the e-Justice Portal, part of the Multiannual European e-Justice Action Plan

THANK YOU!

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