



# PRISON HEALTH IN EUROPE: MISSIONS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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# WHY EUROPRIS ?



- ▣ International Roundtable on Correctional Excellence (1998)
- ▣ Platform for exchange
- ▣ Limited number of countries
- ▣ Limited to highest management level

# THE FIRST STEPS



- ▣ Founding meeting in Edinburgh October 2011
- ▣ Registration in the Netherlands December 2012
- ▣ Funding from the European Commission
- ▣ International board and secretariat
- ▣ Annual General Meeting November 2012
- ▣ 18 member countries (Full and Affiliate)

# WHAT DO WE WANT TO BE?



- ▣ Recognised authority on prison practice and expertise
- ▣ Voice of prison professionals
- ▣ Promoter of rights based imprisonment

In order to:

- ▣ Improve detention standards and practice
- ▣ Reduce re-offending
- ▣ Advance professionalism of staff

# Strategic plan 2013-2016



## VISION

- ▣ Improved public safety and security through improved detention standards and practice in Europe, through reduced re-offending and through advanced professionalism in the correctional field

## MISSION

- ▣ Being the recognised authority on prison policy and practice in Europe.

## OBJECTIVES

- ▣ European network centre for prison services and related organisations
- ▣ Credible representation of European Prison Services
- ▣ Self-sustaining/self-financing entity with a consolidated Secretariat
- ▣ Enhance practitioners' cooperation, networking, exchange of information and best practice
- ▣ Be an advisory, practice-based resource for policymakers in Europe (EC, CoE)

# WHAT DID WE DO?



- ▣ Relations with European Commission
- ▣ Relations with Council of Europe
- ▣ Relations with other prison related organisations and initiatives
- ▣ Collaboration with CEP and CJP
- ▣ Organisations of conferences and workshop
- ▣ Setting up expert groups
- ▣ Contacts and expert database
- ▣ Website [www.europriis.org](http://www.europriis.org) and bi-monthly newsletter
- ▣ Participation in international cooperation projects
- ▣ Annual General Meeting and Conference

# Result 1:

**Be the source of information and contacts on all European prison matters**



- ▣ Updating contact database
- ▣ Establish project database
- ▣ Establish new contacts and cooperation with organisations/initiatives working in the prisons arena: European Judicial Training Network, Eurojust, Europol, International Juvenile Justice Observatory
- ▣ Maintain contacts and participate in events of partner / network organisations: CJP, EPEA, EPTA, EPRF, RAN

# Result 2:

**Consolidated broad stable and cross Europe membership**



- ▣ Actively contact non members
- ▣ Encourage underrepresented regions to become a member
- ▣ Implement Annual General Meeting and Conference



# Result 3:

## Consolidated operational plan on financial and capacity level



- ▣ Securing Operational Grant from the European Commission
- ▣ Explore opportunities for alternative funding
- ▣ Develop internal rules and procedures for generating income

# Result 4:

**Enhance practitioners' cooperation, networking and exchange of knowledge and best practice**



4 (A) Procedure for consulting members established (KMS)

4 (B) Register of experts established and maintained

4(C) Acting as partner in European cooperation projects

# Result 4:

Enhance practitioners' cooperation, networking and exchange of knowledge and best practice



## 4 (D) Organisation of events for exchange of knowledge and best practice

- Organise expert group meetings on:
  - ICT
  - Framework Decision 909 on transfer of prisoners (FD 909)
  - Benchmarking and Statistics
  - Staff training and development
  - Foreign Nationals
  - Victims
- Organise workshops on:
  - Forecasting
  - ICT
  - Foreign Nationals (in cooperation with CEP))
  - FD 909 (in cooperation with European Commission)
- Organise half day conference preceding the Annual General Meeting

# Result 4:

Enhance practitioners' cooperation, networking and exchange of knowledge and best practice



## 4 (E) Digitalized collection and benchmarking of statistical data

- Introduction of the European Prison Information Tool (EPIS)
- Use of data from the Knowledge Management System for the Prison Information Tool

## 4 (F) Develop outcome based partnerships across the Criminal Justice sector in Europe

- 4 meetings of the members of the Criminal Justice Platform
- Close cooperation with Confederation of European Probation (CEP)

# Result 4:

Enhance practitioners' cooperation, networking and exchange of knowledge and best practice



## Result 4: (G) Effective communication structure through various media

- Further development of the website
- Link new expert groups into the Yammer network
- Issue bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- Publication of expert group reports
- Publication of project information and outcomes

# Result 5:

Be an advisory, practice based resource to policy makers in Europe



## 5 (A) Platform for exchange of up to date information

- Regular meetings with / participate at meeting of the EU
- Regular meetings with / participate at meeting of the CoE/PC-CP/CDAP/CDPC
- Publish relevant EU/CoE information on EuroPris website

## 5 (B) Contribute to implementation of EU legislation

- Publish continuously up-to-date information on the implementation of Framework Decision 829, 947, 909 on EuroPris website
- Organize expert meeting/workshop and publish report on FD909 implementation
- Contribute with Criminal Justice Platform to implementation of EU Victims Directive

## 5 (C) Impacting on EU/CoE policy development

- Inform members of European Parliament about EuroPris objectives and activities

# THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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