

COUNCIL FOR PENOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION (PC-CP)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: Subordinate Body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME
<p>Pillar: Rule of Law Programme: Action against crime, security and protection of citizens Sub-Programme: Prisons and Police</p>
SPECIFIC TASKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Draft a Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on the assessment, management and integration back into the community of persons who have committed sexual offences. (ii) Organise in 2020 and in 2021 the Council of Europe Conferences of Directors of Prison and Probation Services. (iii) Ensure the collection and publication of SPACE I and SPACE II statistics in due time in 2020 and in 2021. (iv) In the framework of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy for 2018-2022, assist the national authorities in implementing the Guidelines and the Handbook for Prison and Probation Services regarding Radicalisation and Violent Extremism. (v) Examine whether there is a need to review the Council of Europe Handbook for Prison and Probation staff Services regarding Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in order to include the management of right wing extremists and of returning foreign terrorist fighters. (vi) Together with CDCT and the CDPC, on the basis of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)3 and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2396, draft a Committee of Ministers recommendation which aims at enabling the development of tailored strategies to address and counter terrorist narratives within the prison system. (vii) Examine the problems posed in relation to the management of offenders with mental health disabilities and disorders and whether there is a need to develop Council of Europe standards in this area. (viii) Examine the impact and added value of the use of new technologies, including artificial intelligence, on the work of prison and probation services and the management and treatment of suspects and offenders. (ix) Promote among the national authorities of the member States the latest relevant Committee of Ministers' Recommendations, namely the revised European Prison Rules, the European Rules on community sanctions and measures CM/Rec(2017)3; CM/Rec(2018)5 concerning children with imprisoned parents and CM/Rec(2018)8 concerning restorative justice in criminal matters.
COMPOSITION
<p>Members: The Committee shall be composed of one representative per member State, designated by the Government of that State from among officials of the highest possible rank in the relevant field.</p> <p>The PC-CP Working Group shall be composed of 9 members, elected in their personal capacity for a period of two years (renewable), with the following desirable qualifications: high-level representatives of prison administrations, of probation services and of juvenile justice agencies, researchers or other experts having a thorough knowledge of penological questions. The PC-CP Working Group shall elect its Chair and its Vice-Chair by majority ballot among its members for a period of one year (renewable once).</p> <p>The members of the PC-CP Working Group shall be elected by the CDPC at its plenary sessions from a list of candidates drawn up in accordance with paragraph 2 above. When electing these members, the CDPC shall take into account their qualifications and the desirability of giving preference to candidates whose professional obligations and linguistic abilities permit them to take a full and active part in the work of the Penological Council. The CDPC shall also take into account the gender balance and the equal geographical distribution of elected members. No two members may be nationals of the same State. A newly elected member shall not be of the same nationality as one of the outgoing members.</p> <p>The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative per Council of Europe member State at the plenary meeting of the PC-CP as well as the travel and subsistence expenses of the nine members of the PC-CP Working Group.</p> <p>Other member States may also send representatives to the meetings of the PC-CP Working Group without defrayal of expenses.</p>

Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

Participants:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC);
- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT);
- Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI);
- Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE);
- Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE);
- other committees or bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT);
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- Confederation of European Probation (CEP);
- International Centre for Prison Studies;
- Penal Reform International (PRI);
- International Association of Juvenile and Family Court Magistrates (IAJFCM);
- EuroPris.

WORKING METHODS

Plenary meetings:

48 national representatives, 9 members of the PC-CP Working Group, 1 meeting in 2020, 3 days

48 national representatives, 9 members of the PC-CP Working Group, 1 meeting in 2021, 3 days

Working Group meetings:

9 members and 4 consultants, 3 meetings in 2020, 3 days

9 members and 4 consultants, 3 meetings in 2021, 3 days

The Committee will appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Whenever appropriate, it will prioritise environmentally sound working methods, such as virtual meetings facilitated by information technology and written consultations.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION*

	Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €K	Bureau €K	Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2020	1	3	48	53.7		57.3	1 A; 1 B
2021	1	3	48	53.7		57.3	1 A; 1 B

*The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing. These costs are calculated on the basis of the 2020 standard costs.