CV Marjorie Bonn, March 2019

Majoiry (Marjorie) Bonn is a member since 1994 and a former chair of the CDPC. During her chairmanship in 1996-1999 she put already the detention conditions on the agenda of the CDPC.

She is senior legal adviser to the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands and an expert on international criminal law and European law. She has a long standing experience in developing legal instruments on the cooperation in criminal law matters between Council of Europe member states and between European Union member States. In the Netherlands she was closely involved in the development of alternative sanctions in a period where the Ministry of Justice had to cut its budget seriously. She experienced the shortage in prison capacity when she was seconded to work as a public prosecutor. Since 2009 she serves independently from the Ministry as a deputy judge in the criminal law section of the Court of Appeal in The Hague in the Netherlands.

In the Council of Europe she is involved in the updating of the European prison rules and many resolutions relating to treatment of prisoners, the probation service as well as on alternative sanctions. Developing and improving instruments for the transfer of sentenced persons is a subject she works on within the Coe and the European Union but also with other countries on all continents of the world. She visited prisons in many countries and uses her international contacts to discuss the possible use of alternatives to prison sanctions.