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**COUNCIL FOR PENOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION**  
**(PC-CP)**

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**SUMMARY MEETING REPORT**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DECISIONS TAKEN

### The PC-CP WG:

- Welcomed the National delegations and the Representatives of the Observers as well as the Scientific experts (see List of Participants at Appendix II).
- Adopted their Agenda (Appendix I) and Order of Business and had no comments to make to the Summary meeting report of the 12th PC-CP Plenary meeting [Document PC-CP(2022)7].
- Took note of the information provided by their Chair and by their Secretary regarding the last CDPC Plenary meeting and the decisions taken regarding the PC-CP activities [Document CDPC(2022)9].
- Took note that the CDPC adopted the White Paper regarding the management of persons with mental disorders by the prison and probation services at their last plenary meeting and that the Committee of Ministers took note of the document 1456th meeting, held on 8 February 2023 [[Document CM\(2023\)3-add](#)] and also took note of the request to disseminate and promote the White Paper at their national level.
- Took note that the Committee of Ministers approved the PC-CP proposal to draft a Recommendation on the same subject which should be finalised by the end of 2024.
- Considered the scoping paper of the future Recommendation prepared by Katharine Wright (Scientific expert), expressed gratitude for the work and made some additional comments and suggestions for redrafting.
- Took note that the document will be revised and ready for further consideration for their meeting in April 2023, agreed to invite Professor Dirk Van Zyl Smit to take over the work from Katharine Wright as of April 2023 and thanked Ronald Gramigna (Switzerland) for having accepted to be one of the Scientific experts on Mental Health.
- Took note with interest of the information provided by Kristian Bartholin, Secretary of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) regarding the advancement of the negotiations of a Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, which will set the general legal framework and the expected finalisation of the text by mid-November 2023.
- Considered further the draft Recommendation on the Ethical and Organisational Aspects of the Use of AI by the Prison and Probation services and made additional proposals for amendments and additions. The PC-CP also welcomed the fact that the three experts will have a separate face-to-face meeting with the Chair and the Secretariat on 23 February to redraft the text following the comments and proposals made.
- Took note of the information provided by the German delegate and the Secretariat regarding the state of preparation of the 28th CDPPS (6-7 June 2023, Berlin, Germany), considered and finalised the draft programme and made specific suggestions regarding speakers and organisation of the workshops.
- Took note with great interest of the information provided by Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Division, Secretariat of the CPT regarding the latest findings and reports of the CPT and by Kresimir Kamber, Lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the latest caselaw of the Court regarding prisons and prisoners.
- Took note with great interest as well of the PRI work on alternatives, namely the Europe wide comparative study on non-custodial sentences and outcomes of several European projects run by the PRI and had a very lively discussion afterwards on ways of improving the use of alternatives and of reducing prison overcrowding in Europe.

- Took also note with interest of the Slovenia Juvenile Justice project which helps promote the Council of Europe standards in this area, including the CM Recommendation (2008)11 on the European Rules for Juvenile Offenders subject to Sanctions and Measures.
- Took note of the information provided by one of its members, Vivian Geiran (also member of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation - IPPF) regarding the meeting of IPPF event in Geneva, Switzerland in September 2022, at which Annie Devos (the PC-CP Vice-Chair) made a presentation on behalf of PC-CP, and where various other presentations were made, including by PRI. The event was a networking opportunity organised by IPPF, of which Professor Mary Rogan is now President. Vivian Geiran advised the PC-CP that given the current work by IPPF on developing a new organisational strategy, there is likely to be increased opportunities for further synergies and productive collaboration between PC-CP and IPPF.
- Took also note of the informed provided by Vivian Geiran regarding a meeting that Dr. Nicola Carr and himself have been invited to by UNODC to draft a UNODC Handbook on the establishment and sound operation of probation services, paying particular attention to designing a clear and practice-oriented guide that is suitable for criminal justice practitioners, policymakers and legislators. The Handbook is based on an in-depth review and analysis of the most recent research findings and promising practices at international level. It will not encompass children in conflict with the law, the specific situation of whom is governed by an additional set of legal considerations and obligations. Took also note of the invitation for inputs and suggestions that might contribute to the handbook.
- Took note of the information provided by Nadya Rakdovska, PC-CP Chair about the meeting organised in Portugal at the end of January 2023 by the IPS Innovative Prison Systems “PO21 Project - European Prison Officers for the 21st Century supports the education and training of European prison officers”. The Policy Recommendations on recruiting and training of correctional officers. The meeting was attended by experts, representatives of prison services and training academies and trade unions. The participants discussed a holistic Training Curricula (initial and ongoing training); an online Knowledge repository; case studies.
- The gender mainstreaming rapporteur noted that there were 31 participants (see the List of Participants); out of these 15 are women. The Chair, Vice-Chair, the Secretariat as well as 5 out of the 9 elected members of the PC-CP WG are women.
- Took note that the gender mainstreaming rapporteur was not able to attend the training of all gender mainstreaming rapporteurs of the different Council of Europe committees which took place at the end of November 2022. However, she considered the documents and presentations delivered after the training.
- She suggested some ideas following this: to include in the agenda of one of the following meetings the participation of a representative of GREVIO (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence), other committee members should present good examples from their country during the next meetings (gender balance in prison and probation settings); it is necessary to take into account the gender perspective in all the items of the agenda of the committee and also to use the Council of Europe Gender Equality Glossary for language recommendations both in English and French. It was noted that the gender perspective was taken into consideration during this meeting under the different points on the agenda.
- The PC-CP WG was reminded that their next meetings will be on 3-5 April and 19-21 September 2023 and the date of the plenary meeting will be 10-12 October 2023 (in Paris).

**AGENDA**

	<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>
	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda and the order of business</b>
PC-CP(2022)7	<b>3. Summary meeting report of the 12th PC-CP Plenary meeting (25-27 October 2022)</b>
CDPC(2022)9	<b>4. Information provided by the Secretariat</b>
PC-CP(2021)17Rev7 Draft CM Recommendation	<b>5. Artificial Intelligence and its use by the prison and probation services</b>
	<b>6. Round table discussion regarding the possible scope and structure of a CM Recommendation concerning dealing with persons with mental health disorders in prisons and under probation</b>
<u>Presentation by:</u> Kresimir Kamber	<b>7. Latest relevant information related to the work of the European Court of Human Rights and the CPT</b>
	<b>8. 28th CDPPS (Berlin, 6-7 June 2023)</b>
<u>Presentation by:</u> Tanja Dejanova, PRI Project Coordinator	<b>9. PRI work on alternatives, Europe-wide comparative study on non-custodial sentences and outcomes of several European projects run by PRI</b>
<u>Presentation by:</u> Zaruhi Gasparyan	<b>10. Slovenia Juvenile Justice project</b>
	<b>11. Feedback from participation in other meetings</b>
	<b>12. Gender mainstreaming</b>
	<b>13. Any other business</b>
	<b>14. Dates and agenda of the next PC-CP WG meetings</b>

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