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COUNCIL FOR PENOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

(PC-CP)

**39th Working Group Meeting
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SUMMARY MEETING REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DECISIONS TAKEN

The PC-CP Working Group:

- Welcomed its attending members and the scientific experts (see the full List of Participants in Appendix II).
- Took note of the opening remarks addressed by Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC). She provided information on the latest work of the CDPC, including the adoption of the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Valletta Protocol), which was opened for signature in Malta on 19 September 2025 and signed by 16 countries. Ms Pastrana further informed about the adoption of the Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law, which will be opened for signature on 3 December 2025 in Strasbourg. She also mentioned that work continues on the topics of the smuggling of migrants, AI and criminal liability, and technology-facilitated violence against women and girls. Lastly, Ms Pastrana introduced Ms Louise Riondel who was appointed Secretary to the PC-CP and Secretary to the Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS) on 1 September 2025.
- Warmly welcomed Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Department on Deprivation of Liberty and Executive Secretary to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT). Mr Chetwynd reminded the PC-CP Working Group that as of 1 July 2025, the Penological Co-operation Unit - also acting as Secretariat to the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) has been transferred from the Criminal Law Division (Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law) to the Department he oversees within the Directorate of Human Rights. He stated that while the intergovernmental oversight of the PC-CP remains with the CDPC, this structural change will ensure greater synergy and coherence in the Council of Europe's work on deprivation of liberty and probation. He announced that the 2026 CDPPS will take place in Valletta, Malta, on 3-4 June 2026.
- Adopted their Agenda (Appendix I) and Order of Business with no amendment and had no comments to make to the Summary meeting report of the 38th PC-CP WG meeting.
- Took note of the information provided by Ms Louise Riondel on the forthcoming elections of several PC-CP Working Group members which will take place during the next Plenary meeting of the CDPC on 25-27 November 2025. The CDPC Secretariat will shortly launch a call for candidates.
- Thanked the scientific experts working on the revision of the Recommendation on Education in Prison for reflecting the written comments received over the summer in the draft Explanatory Memorandum, considered the revised draft and introduced additional changes to it. Formulated instructions to the experts regarding further amendments to be made to the draft Explanatory Memorandum ahead of the Plenary Meeting.
- Thanked the Scientific experts working on the draft Recommendation concerning Foreign National Offenders in Prison or under Probation for their excellent work, considered parts of the draft, particularly the new chapter on Probation, and made suggestions for additions and amendments. Formulated instructions regarding further amendments to be made to the draft text which will be further examined during the 15th Plenary Meeting of the PC-CP.
- Discussed the Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC)'s request for comments on their Draft Template on National Procedures for Supervision of Offenders (ETS No.51) and decided to conduct a written procedure among the Working Group members and to submit potential comments on this document to the PC-OC by 10 October 2025 at the latest.
- Decided to elect Mr Jorge Monteiro (Portugal) as Chair of the PC-CP and Mrs Carla Ciavarella (Italy), as Vice-Chair of the PC-CP for a period of one year (renewable once) starting 1 January 2026.

- Took note of the information provided by their gender rapporteur Ms Danijela Mrhar Prelić, namely that altogether there were 20 participants according to the list of participants. Out of these, 11 are women. Within the PC-CP Working Group, 6 out of 9 elected members are women, and the Secretariat is composed of 2 women. Between the PC-CP Working Group and the Secretariat, 9 women and 5 men attended the meeting. As regards Scientific experts, 2 are women and 4 are men. During the meeting it was agreed that in the current work of the PC-CP, the gender aspect is included in the following items: updating of Recommendation (89)12 on Education in Prison and its Explanatory Memorandum and revising and updating CM Recommendation (2012)12 regarding Foreign Prisoners. During the meeting, it was specifically emphasised that the PC-CP Working Group should discuss the situation of women in prison and consider preparing recommendations that would address the needs of women in the criminal justice system.
- Discussed potential topics to be explored by the PC-CP in the future, including for example the question of women in prison.
- Examined and discussed the draft Agenda of the 15th PC-CP Plenary Meeting and decided to have a presentation on the topic of women in prison and probation rather than on juvenile offenders, in order to assess whether the PC-CP could potentially address this interesting theme in the future.
- Instructed the Secretariat to remind the PC-CP via e-mail that the next Plenary Meeting will take place in Strasbourg on 18-20 November 2025.

AGENDA

	1. Opening of the meeting and welcome addresses
	2. Adoption of the agenda and the order of business
CDPC-BU(2025)01rev CDPC(2025)02	3. Latest CDPC meetings and decisions
PC-CP(2025)7	4. Summary meeting report of the last PC-CP Working Group meeting
PC-CP(2025)6	5. Information provided by the Secretariat
PC-CP(2024)1Rev8 PC-CP(2025)1Rev	6. Draft CM Recommendation on Education in Prison and its draft Explanatory Memorandum
PC-CP(2025)5 Report for 39th PC-CP Working Group Meeting by Daniel Danglades	7. Revision of CM Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)12 concerning Foreign Prisoners and of its Explanatory Memorandum
PC-OC(2025)03	8. PC-OC's Draft template on supervision of conditionally sentenced/released offenders
Draft Programme http://www.coe.int/cdpps2025	9. Final decisions to be taken as necessary regarding the organisation of the 30th CDPPS Conference (24-25 September 2025, Kraków, Poland)
	10. Gender mainstreaming
	11. Feedback from participation in other meetings
	12. Any other business
	13. Dates and agendas of the next PC-CP meetings
	14. Indications to provide to the Scientific Experts related to the redrafting of the text of the Draft CM Recommendation on Education in Prison and its draft Explanatory Memorandum on 24-25 September 2025
	15. Indications to provide to the Scientific Experts related to the redrafting of the text of the CM Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)12 concerning Foreign Prisoners and of its Explanatory Memorandum on 24-25 September 2025

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