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16th Plenary Meeting

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

3-5 November 2026

Room G03
Agora Building
Council of Europe

The Draft Agenda and working documents are available on the website: www.coe.int/prison

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1. Opening of the meeting

Opening speech by Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Department on Deprivation of liberty, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and the Order of business

The draft Agenda is contained in document PC-CP(2026)OJ.

The draft Order of Business is contained in document PC-CP(2026)OB.

The PC-CP WG is invited to adopt the draft Agenda and draft Order of Business, subject to any further amendments discussed.

3. Information provided by the Secretariat

The PC-CP is invited to take note of the information provided by its Secretary, Ms Louise Riondel, on activities undertaken since its last meeting as well as recent developments of relevance to the work of the PC-CP.

4. Latest CDPC meetings and decisions

The PC-CP is invited to take note of the information provided by Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), regarding the meetings and decisions related to the work of the CDPC including those of relevance to the PC-CP work and mandate.

5. Draft Terms of Reference for 2028-2031

The PC-CP is invited to examine the proposal of the PC-CP Working Group concerning deliverables to be submitted to the CDPC for the PC-CP's Draft Terms of Reference for 2028-2031.

6. Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics (SPACE)

The PC-CP is invited to take note of a presentation by Professor Marcelo Aebi concerning the 2025 SPACE I and SPACE II Reports published on 19 May and 9 July respectively, as well as the outcomes of the meeting of the SPACE National Correspondents of 14 September 2026.

The PC-CP is subsequently invited to engage in an exchange of views with the SPACE team from the University of Lausanne concerning the future of SPACE in terms of content and format.

7. Outcomes of the 31st CDPPS (3-4 June 2026, Valletta, Malta) and preparation of the 32nd CDPPS (2-3 June 2027, Dublin, Ireland)

The PC-CP is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretary regarding the outcomes of the 31st annual Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS) which took place in Valletta, Malta on 3-4 June 2026.

It is further invited to take note of a presentation by Ms Caron McCaffrey (Ireland) regarding the state of preparation of the 32nd CDPPS which will take place on 2-3 June 2027, in Dublin, Ireland.

8. Revision of CM Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)12 concerning Foreign Prisoners and its Explanatory Memorandum

The PC-CP is invited to take note of a presentation by the Rapporteur Mr Michael Sorger (Austria) and the scientific experts working on this item, Ms Róisín Mulgrew and Mr Daniel Danglades, concerning the draft revised Recommendation and the draft revised Explanatory Memorandum.

The PC-CP is further invited to examine, finalise and approve the draft Recommendation and its Explanatory Memorandum in view of their transmission to the CDPC.

9. Revision of the Council of Europe Probation Rules and their Commentary

The PC-CP is invited to take note of a presentation by the Secretary regarding the work carried out since the last meeting of the PC-CP, including information regarding the revision process completed with the Rapporteurs Ms Danijela Mrhar Prelić (Slovenia) and Ms Iuliana-Elena Cărbunaru (Romania), the methodology adopted and the rationale underpinning the proposed amendments.

The PC-CP is further invited to examine the draft revised text and to make comments and suggestions for possible additional amendments to be taken into consideration in the subsequent work on this document.

10. Co-operation activities in the penitentiary field

The PC-CP is invited to take note of the presentation made by a representative of the Co-operation in Police and Deprivation of Liberty Division (CPDL) of the Council of Europe on the current cooperation activities in the penitentiary field in 16 Council of Europe member States, as well as on the outcomes of multilateral meetings having taken place in 2026, and the upcoming multilateral meeting of 24-25 November 2026 dedicated to the updated Recommendation on education in prison.

11. Gender mainstreaming

The PC-CP is invited to take note of the information provided by the gender Rapporteur Ms Danijela Mrhar Prelić.

12. Any other business

Delegations wishing to raise an issue under this agenda item are invited to inform the Secretariat by 23 October 2026 at the latest.

13. Date and place of next meetings

The PC-CP is invited to agree on the date of its next Plenary Meeting, preliminarily set for 3-5 November 2027 in Strasbourg.

It is further invited to take note of the dates of the PC-CP Working Group meetings for 2027, namely 26-28 January in Lisbon (43rd WG meeting), 6-8 April in Strasbourg (44th WG meeting), and 14-16 September in Paris (45th WG meeting).

14. Approval of the List of Decisions

The PC-CP is invited to approve the list of decisions taken.