

**Council for Penological Co-operation
(PC-CP)**

41st Working Group Meeting

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

14-16 April 2026

**Council of Europe Office in Paris
Room 1**

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

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1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will start at 10am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and the Order of business

The draft Agenda is contained in document PC-CP-WG(2026)OJ2.

The draft Order of Business is contained in document PC-CP-WG(2026)OB2.

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

3. Latest CDPC meetings and decisions

The PC-CP WG 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.

4. Information provided by the Secretariat

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of the information provided by its Secretary, Ms Louise Riodel.

5. National Focus

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair concerning the ongoing preparations for this newly established fixed agenda item.

6. Preparation of the 31st CDPPS (3-4 June 2026, Valletta, Malta)

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of the information provided by Mr Christopher Siegersma from the Correctional Services Agency of Malta and by the Secretary regarding the state of preparation of the 31st annual Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS) which will take place on 3-4 June 2026, in Valletta, Malta.

It is also invited to further discuss the programme, content and overall organisation of the Conference.

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

The PC-CP WG is invited to examine the amendments made to the draft Recommendation since its last meeting, and to subsequently preliminarily agree on the text.

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

The PC-CP WG is invited to hold a first reading of the draft revised Explanatory Memorandum and to make comments and suggestions for additional amendments to be taken into consideration by the scientific experts in their subsequent work on the text.

8. Council of Europe Probation Rules

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of the information provided by its Secretary on the advancement of the work under this agenda item.

9. Topics of interest for the PC-CP

The PC-CP WG is invited to hold an exchange of view on the topics it has identified for its future work, notably the themes of the workshops of the CDPPS, including “women in prison and probation”, “older persons”, and “continuity of care between prison and probation”.

Working Group members are invited to collect relevant experiences and data related to these topics in advance of the meeting in order to share knowledge and perspectives.

10. Gender mainstreaming

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

11. Any other business

Working Group members wishing to raise an issue under this agenda item, for example to share feedback on their participation in other meetings, are invited to inform the Secretariat by 10 April 2026 at the latest.

12. Dates of the next PC-CP meetings

The PC-CP WG is reminded of the dates of the PC-CP meetings to be held in Strasbourg in 2026, namely 15-17 September (42nd WG meeting) and 3-5 November 2026 (16th Plenary meeting).

13. Adoption of the list of decisions

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