

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

42nd Working Group Meeting

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

15-17 September 2026

**Room G05
Agora Building
Council of Europe**

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 9am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and the Order of business

The draft Agenda is contained in document PC-CP-WG(2026)OJ3.

The draft Order of Business is contained in document PC-CP-WG(2026)OB3.

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 WG 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 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.

5. Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics (SPACE)

The PC-CP WG 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.

The PC-CP WG 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.

6. National Focus

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of a presentation by a representative of Estonia concerning their national prison and probation context, including recent reforms, challenges, innovations, or lessons learned from implementing Council of Europe standards.

7. Preparation of the 32nd CDPPS (June 2027, Dublin, Ireland)

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of the information provided by Ms Caron McCaffrey and by the Secretary regarding the state of preparation of the 32nd annual Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS) which will take place in June 2027, in Dublin, Ireland.

It is also invited to discuss potential themes and speakers for the Conference.

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

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of a presentation by the Secretary regarding the work carried out since the last meeting of the PC-CP WG, including information regarding the revision process, the methodology adopted and the rationale underpinning the proposed amendments.

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

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

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of a presentation by the Rapporteur Mr Michael Sorger (Austria) concerning the amendments made to the draft revised Recommendation since its last meeting, and to examine and finalise the text.

It is invited to further take note of a presentation by the 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 examine 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, as necessary.

10. 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 “women in prison and probation”, and other topics of interest such as “older persons” and “prison labor”, in view of the preparation of its Terms of Reference for 2028-2031.

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.

11. Gender mainstreaming

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

12. 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 7 September 2026 at the latest.

The PC-CP WG is invited to take note of a presentation by Mr Jerome Mangelinckx from Penal Reform International concerning their activities related to the topics of prison labor and women in prison.

It is further invited to take note of a presentation by Ms Vasiliki Artinopoulou, Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), concerning the SPT's mandate and its links with the work of the PC-CP.

13. Dates of the next PC-CP meetings

The PC-CP WG is invited to decide on the dates and location of its meetings in 2027.

14. Adoption of the list of decisions

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