

Objective

This fourth seminar in a series of five co-funded by the European Commission on issues related to detention will focus on alternatives to detention, as well as issues surrounding the proper use of Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on probation and alternative sanctions.

Key topics

- Best practice in relation to alternatives to detention
- Viable alternatives, including probationary measures and electronic monitoring
- The application and correct use of Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on probation and alternative sanctions

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, ministry officials and officials from prison administrations, the probation system and prison monitoring bodies.

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Cristina Teoroc, Chief Commissioner, Deputy Director for Education and Social Assistance, Jilava Prison, Bucharest



ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION IN THE EU

Bucharest, 23-24 February 2017
National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)
53 Regina Elisabeta Blvd. sector 5,
Bucharest, Romania

Organiser:
ERA (Ramin Farinpour) in cooperation with the the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM), the National Administration of Penitentiaries, the Council of Europe and the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris)

Language: English and Romanian (simultaneous interpretation)

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Thursday, 23 February 2017

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Roxana Rizoiu, Ramin Farinpour
- I.** **ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION IN THE EU**
Chair: Ramin Farinpour
- 09:10 **Alternatives to detention: the big picture and the various means that constitute actual alternatives**
Antonius Maria van Kalmthout
- 09:45 **Legislative reform to enhance the role of alternatives to detention: the example of Romania**
Raluca Morosanu, Simona Lazar
- 10:15 **Are prisons and alternatives to detention compatible? – An overview of policy and best practice in EU Member States**
Peter van der Sande
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **The role of probation services and officers in preventing (re)incarceration: help on release, conflict resolution and working together with the authorities**
Sue Hall
- 12:15 **Restorative justice as a viable alternative: victim-offender-community mediation within and outside prisons**
Bart Claes
- 12:45 Discussion

13:15 Lunch and coffee break

II.

PRISON VISIT

14:15 Pick-up by bus in front of NIM

15:15 Arrival at Jilava Prison

An introduction to the Romanian penitentiary system and Jilava Prison
Cristina Teoroc

15:45 **Prison visit**

Split into three groups and rotate (30 minutes for each location including transfer):
Group 1 – therapeutic community/reinsertion centre
Group 2 – section no. 1
Group 3 – 13st fort

17:15 Concluding remarks

17:30 Departure back to NIM

18:30 Arrival back at NIM and end of first day

20:00 Dinner

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Friday, 24 February 2017

III.

FRAMEWORK DECISION 2008/947/JHA ON PROBATION AND ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS AND EXPERIENCES IN MEMBER STATES WITH ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

- 09:00 **Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA and its implementation: state of play and overcoming legal and practical problems – case studies and the concept of mass supervision**
Ioan Durnescu
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 **Alternative sanctions for drug offenders and those with mental health issues**
Núria Baqué Cazorla, Marina Lisa Descamps
- 10:30 **Technology as part of a viable alternative to detention: the use of electronic monitoring in practice and future outlook**
Koos Bergwerff, Eric Staal
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 12:00 **Simultaneous workshops**
- **Probation services and their work with judicial and other authorities: effective means and methods** (*Sue Hall*)
 - **Applying the Framework Decision on Probation and Alternative Sanctions in practice** (*Ioan Durnescu*)
 - **Effective implementation and application of restorative justice** (*Bart Claes*)
- 13:30 **Workshop reports and participant discussion on identifying important features to enhance trust on the basis of participants' own experiences**
- 14:00 End of the seminar and lunch