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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLATFORM EUROPE (CJPE)

### Message from the leaders of the Platform

It is a pleasure to introduce the Criminal Justice Platform Europe. The Platform consists of three established network organisations of European professionals who work with victims, offenders and communities. Uniting in the Platform has given us the unique opportunity to link three organisations with different roles in the criminal justice chain: probation, restorative justice and prison services but with a joint goal to cooperate and to bring a new focus to addressing the problems caused by crime.

In times when budgets are tight, we believe it is particularly important to share the latest knowledge and best practice. We are committed to joint initiatives which can improve the professionalism and impact of our members' work. Together we want to provide better services and a stronger voice to combat the negative effects of criminality and protect the victims of crime.

Gerry McNally, President CEP

Michael Kilchling, Chair EFRJ

Peter van der Sande, Board member EuroPris

### The joint vision of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe is:

***Reducing reoffending and the impact of crime through improved methods of working with victims, communities and offenders throughout Europe.***

Our special focus 2015-2017 is on the implementation of EU Framework Decisions 947, 909, 829 and the EU Victims Directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime by prison and probation services and through restorative justice.



## What is the Platform?

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The Platform is a partnership of three network organisations engaging in a non-statutory collaboration. The three organisations are equally represented in the Platform. Each of them – [CEP](#), [EuroPris](#) and [EFRJ](#) - has a wide membership of organisations from across Europe comprising public authorities, non-governmental organisations, academic institutions and individual experts. The Ministry of Justice in Catalonia supports the Platform and provides meeting and administration resources in the Centre for Legal Studies, Barcelona.

## Why was it started?

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All three organisations have a different focus in the criminal justice chain: probation, prisons and restorative justice. In 2011 it was decided to explore the value and commitment to cooperate on issues that are of relevance for all three organisations. As a result the Platform chose the implementation of the EU Victims Directive as one of the main shared points of attention and started its joint work in 2012.

## Platform Priorities 2015 -2017

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- Implementing EU Directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, protection and support of victims of crime, including restorative justice arrangements
- Focusing on issues relating to the implementation of EU Framework Decisions 909, 829 and 947
- Preventing Radicalization
- Addressing joint issues in the field of Drug treatment, Family relations, Mental health and Rehabilitation
- Sharing information and knowledge between the three organisations and their members
- Advising European institutions on future direction and initiatives from the practitioners point of view
- Making benefits of joint work and thinking visible

## What are our aims?

- To provide for effective cooperation of the three Platform organisations by:
  1. Learning from good practice and what works
  2. Sharing events, evidence and resources
  3. Ensuring effective representations to European bodies, in particular: [European Commission](#), [European Parliament](#), [Council of Europe](#)
- To develop a joint understanding of the chain of needs and responsibilities
- To have a commitment to shared human rights values
- To increase respect and understanding for each other's work
- To become sustainable European network organisations

## Current Activities

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- Annual expert meetings on the implementation of the Victims Directive
- Seminar for Members of European Parliament and European policy makers on Framework Decisions 947, 909, 829
- Seminar on Radicalization
- Developing communication strategy and ways of sharing information and decisions
- Attendance and contributions to relevant international conferences
- Joint approaches and communication to European institutions

