



## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLATFORM EUROPE (CJPE)**

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### **Introducing the Platform**

**Our vision for the coordination of professional organisations in the field of criminal justice in Europe is:**

'to reduce reoffending and the impact of crime and to improve methods of working with victims, communities and offenders throughout Europe.'

Our special focus for 2014 and 2015 is on the protection of victims of crime.

### **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.

Confederation of European Probation (CEP) – Marc Ceron, President  
The European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) – Peter van der Sande, Treasurer  
European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) – Michael Kilchling, Chair

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## What is the Platform?

It is a partnership of three network organisations. 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 Platform's members are equally represented. It is a non-statutory collaboration. The Ministry of Justice in Catalonia supports the Platform and provides meeting and administration resources in the Centre for Legal Studies, Barcelona.

### How was it started?

In October 2011 a workshop was held in Rotterdam for senior representatives of organisations representing probation, prisons, restorative justice and victims. It was decided to create a new method of collaborating. The Platform was launched in 2012 with a programme of regular meetings to coordinate activities.

### What are its aims?

- To provide strong leadership and cooperation for criminal justice organisations by:
  1. learning from best 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 the European Union](#)
- 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 members' work
- To achieve financial sustainability for members' pan-European work



## Platform Priorities 2014-2015

- Implementing - EU Directive on the rights, protection and support of victims of crime, including the restorative justice arrangements
- Focusing - on strategy and practice issues relating to Framework Decisions 909/2008, 829/2008, 947/2008, radicalization and drugs crime
- Leading and developing – on the implementation of EU initiatives
- Sharing - information and knowledge between the three organisations and their members
- Advising European institutions - on future direction and initiatives based on practice and evidence
- Making visible – benefits of joint work and thinking

## Current Activities

- At least 3 Platform Events a year
- Workshop on implementation of the Victims' Directive
- Seminars on new developments and approaches
- Attendance and contributions to international conferences
- Developing communication strategy and ways of sharing information and decisions
- Joint approaches and communication to European institutions

## Contacts

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