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Alternatives to detention:
The big picture and the various means that constitute actual alternatives

Professor Anton van Kalmthout
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* First attempt took place at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century by the Modern Movement (Internationale Kriminalistische Vereinigung), headed by Von Liszt, Hamel and Prins,

*Reasons: 1) One dimensial sanction systems with only 2 penalties: imprisonment and fine,
2) Overcrowded prisons, many fine defaulters,
3) High recidivism rates,
4) Little trust in rehabilitative effects of imprisonment, especially regarding short term prison sentences,
5) Increasing interest in the person of the offender, influenced by new social sciences (psychology, psychiatry and sociology).
This international movement resulted in the following changes in the sanction-systems:

* Introduction of the double track sanction system (penalties and measures),
* Special sanctions for juveniles and mentally-ill offenders,
* Introduction of new sanctions or sanction modalities:
  1) Suspended, conditional sentence and conditional release,
  2) Day-fine system, based on financial capacity,
  3) Community Service, especially for fine defaulters,
  4) House arrest,
  5) Withdrawal or restriction of certain rights.
In 1970s-1980s of 20th Century a new international movement searching for alternatives came up:

Reasons:
* Many of the ideas of the former Modern Movement remained a dead letter, because the lack of an adequate infrastructure,
* Economic crisis in many European Countries,
* Increasing crime rates,
* Detention circumstances and Prison overcrowding,
* High proportion of pre-trial detention,
* Decreasing trust in the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems,
* Increasing interest in Human Rights issues (ECHR)
The development of alternatives to deprivation of liberty has got a strong impetus by the role of international organisations, such as:

1) United Nations
2) Council of Europe
3) More recent: The European Union

and NGO’s, such as

4) CEP (Conférence Internationale de Probation)
5) Penal Reform International
Important international documents on alternatives to imprisonment

1. United Nations:
   Standard Minimum Rules for non-custodial Measures (Tokyo Rules) (1990),

2. Council of Europe:
   a) Recommendation No. R. (92) on Community Sanctions and Measures, to be revised in 2016 by CM/Rec (2016),
   b) Recommendation CM/Rec (2010) on the Council of Europe Probation Rules,

3. European Union:
   a) Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on Probation Measures and Alternative Sanctions,
   b) Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on Supervision Measures as an alternative to provisional detention.
The main question is:

What do we understand by the term “Alternative Sanctions”?
1. **UN. Tokyo Rules use the term ‘Non-Custodial measures’**: “They include a wide range of non-custodial measures, from pre-trial to post sentencng dispositions” (Art.2.).

   a) Pre-trial stage: 1) discharge, 2) noncustodial measures imposed by the prosecutor, 3) alternatives to pre-trial detention,

   b) Trial stage: 1) Verbal sanctions, 2) Conditional discharge, 3) Economic and Monetary penalties, 3) Suspended or Deferred sentence, 4) Confiscation, 5) Compensation to the victim, 6) Probation as sanction in its own right, 7) Community Service, 8) Referral to an attendance Centre, 9) House Arrest, 10) Any other mode of non-institutional treatment, 11) Combination of these non-custodial measures.
c) Post-Sentencing stage: 1) Furlough and half-way houses, 2) work or educational release, 3) various forms of parole/conditional release, 4) pardon.
2) Council of Europe uses the term ‘Community Sanctions and Mesures’, i.e:

“Sanctions and measures which maintain offenders in the community and involve some restrictions on their liberty through the imposition of conditions/and or obligations. The term designates any sanction imposed by a judicial or administrative authority, and any measure taken before or instead of a decision on a sanction, as well as ways of enforcing a sentence of imprisonment outside a prison establishment”. (Glossary under 1)
3) European Union:

a) FD 947 uses the term: “Probation Measures and alternative sanctions”.

- Alternative sanction is defined as: a sanction, other than a custodial sentence, involving deprivation of liberty, or a financial penalty, imposing an obligation or instruction” (art.2.4),

- Probation measure is defined as: “obligations and instructions imposed by a competent authority, in connection with a suspended sentence, a conditional sentence or a conditional release”

NB: FD 947 deals only with alternative sanctions and measures that are based on a judgment, i.e. a final decision or order of a court.
3) European Union:

b) FD 2009/829/JHA of 23 October 2009 on “Supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention uses following definitions:

- Decision on supervision measures:
  “an enforceable decision taken in the course of criminal proceedings by a competent authority imposing, as alternative to provisional detention, one or more supervision measures, (art. 4a),

- Supervision measures:
  “Obligations and instructions imposed on a natural person” (art 4, c)
Main difference between the non-custodial Measures (UN), Community Sanctions and Measures (CoE), ,Alternative Sanctions and Probation Measures (EU) and Supervisory Measures (EU):

1) non-custodial Measures (UN) refer to all stages of criminal procedure (pre-trial, trial and post trial) and do not exclude any alternative,

2) Community Sanctions and Mesasures (CoE) do not include a)financial, b)monetary or c)verbal alternatives to custody, d) alternatives to pre-trial detention. Emphasis lies on sanctions or measures imposed by competent authorities with a strong involvement of the community.
3)

a) **Alternative sanctions and probation measures (EU)** include only sanctions and measures (attached to a suspended/conditional sentence or conditional release), that are based on a judgment of a court. This means that sanctions during the pre-trial phase are excluded. Excluded are also **custodial sentences or measures** (FD 909) and **financial penalties** (FD 214) and **confiscation orders** (FD 783).

b) **Alternatives to pre-trial detention**, as far as they can be qualified as supervision measure are dealt with in FD 829.
In general alternatives to deprivation of liberty can be divided in:

1) Alternatives to pre-trial/provisional detention
2) Front-door Alternatives (pre-trial sanctions and measures, which can be imposed by competent authorities, other than courts),
3) Sentencing Alternatives (sanctions and measures, that can be imposed by courts or execution judges)
4) Back-end alternative sanctions and measures
1) Alternatives to pre-trial/provisional detention in the EU -1-

1) Restriction on movement (available in 27 MS), Such as: L Prohibition from leaving the national territory, prohibition from leaving the designated premises (house arrest), prohibition on entering certain locations),
2) Restrictions on communication with specific persons (available in 24 MS),
3) Duty to report/Mandatory registration (available in 18 MS),
4) Financial Surety, such as bail (available in 16 MS)
5) Medical rehabilitation schemes (available in 10 MS) 
   Such as: Psychiatric treatment, outpatient treatment programms, treatment programms for addiction to alcohol or narcotics
6) Social rehabilitation schemes (available in 4 MS) 
   Such as: Programms on youth rehabilitation, social integration, citizen training, road traffic training, violent behaviour treatment programms.
7) Electronic Monitoring (available in 10 MS),
8) Strict measures, supervised by the probation service (available in 11 MS),
9) Seizure of documents (available in 6 MS),
10) Other restriction on liberties (available in 5 MS)

Such as: *Ban on driving, ban on writing cheques, ban on carrying alcoholic beverages.*
1) Front-door Alternatives

- Front-door alternatives are also called: out of court settlements or diversionary measures. They include sanctions and measures that are imposed by a public prosecutor or investigating judge in order to avoid further prosecution of the case.
- Front-door alternatives can especially be found in countries where investigating judges or public prosecutors are invested with sentencing powers, such as in the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany.
- In most cases the front-door alternatives are based on the expediency or opportunity principle of expediency.
- In some countries also mediation with consent of the victim can avoid further prosecution by the public prosecutor (eg. Bulgaria, Romania).
Main Front-door alternatives:
• Financial transactions/ penal orders by the public prosecutor,
• Mediation,
• Community Service,
• Conditional waiver of the prosecution, with obligations/instructions,
• Educational and therapeutic treatment programs,
• Diversion of the case with probation.
• House arrest
• Electronic monitoring
• Compensation to the victim
• Controlled freedom
# Front-door Alternatives -2-  

## The Netherlands as example

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Sentencing alternatives are those sanctions and measures that can be imposed by the sentencing judge or in a later stage by the special executing judge (eg. Belgium, Sweden, France, Italy).

To these sentencing alternatives belong:

- Warning,
- Fine and other financial sanctions,
- Confiscation,
- Suspended/conditional sentence
- Suspended/conditional sentence with supervision,
- Mediation,
- Probation,
Sentencing Alternatives -2-

- Withdrawal of rights,
- Compensation to the victim,
- Training/learning programmes,
- Community Service,
- House arrest,
- Electronic monitoring,
- Semi-liberty
- Combination (punishment) orders
To the back-end alternatives belong:

- Conditional release/parole/early release
- Pardon/amnesty
- Probationary Assignment to the social/probation service
- Semi-liberty/semi-detention/weekend detention
- Prison reduction by labour or study
- Penitentiary programmes, carried out outside the prison

NB: Most of these alternatives are not really alternatives but hybrid alternatives, because they are in fact execution modalities that replace/reduce only a part of the custodial sentence
Concluding remarks
The use of alternatives can be improved by:

1) Paying more attention has to be given to alternatives to pre-trial detention and front-door alternatives,
2) Making the ESO and FD 947 more flexible and less complicated,
3) Creating an alternatives-friendly infrastructure (Probation Service),
4) Creating more awareness of civil society, but also of judges, public prosecutors and lawyers,
5) Not excluding foreign nationals/(ir)regular immigrants from alternatives,
6) By more co-operation between probation service, other agencies (schools, work, housing, health and treatment) and local communities, especially with respect to special categories of offenders,
7) Investing in research and collecting factual data on alternatives.
The following 3 dia’s, that are based on the latest SPACE 2 report show how important data collection and data analysis is. From many countries no information on alternatives to detention (Community Sanctions and Measures/ Probation/Supervision) is available and the figures mentioned in SPACE 2, provided by the national authorities are far from correct.

To quote FRA opinion 2 in the report: “Criminal detention and alternatives: fundamental rights aspects in EU cross-border transfers, page 34:

“Information on how the three instruments are being used needs to be gathered and data collection needs to be improved, standardised, and Consistently used for the feedback and improvements”….Central authorities in EU Member States should also work together to improve the consistency of such data and information collection across the EU".
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Legislative reform to enhance the role of alternatives to detention: the example of Romania

Probation in Romania– short history

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Legislation before 1989 – alternatives to detention

- Parole (even since 1874)
- Criminal code 1968 – Suspension of service of a sentence (conditional)
- 1973 – Correctional work
- Supervision of minors (supervised freedom)
Legislation 1989 - 2014

- Law 104/1992 introduces in Criminal code suspension of service of a sentence under the supervision of a judge or another institution) = for penalties of maximum 3 or 4 years of prison for a period from 5 to 9 years
- Possible obligations:
  - to carry out an activity or to attend a course of education or qualification;
  - not to change domicile or residence or not to exceed the territorial limit established, except on the conditions established by the court;
  - not to frequent certain places established;
  - not to come into contact with certain persons;
  - not to drive any vehicle or certain vehicles;
  - to submit to measures of control, treatment or care, in particular for rehabilitation.
Legislation 2014 - today

• Postpone of penalty enforcement
• Suspension of service of a sentence under supervision
• Parole (Conditional release), in certain situations
• 4 non-custodial measures for minors
• Release from the detention center in the situation of minors
Probation – the beginning

- 1997 Arad – the first experimental centre, by order of Ministry of Justice
- 1997 Găești, Focșani
- 1998 Gherla, Dej, Cluj, Iași
- 1999 Pitești, Târgoviște
- 2000 București
- Programms funded especially by the Government of Great Britain
- Prosecutors, judges, prison officers
Experimental centres

- Promoting probation among prosecutors, judges, local authorities and public
- Cooperation with courts – evaluation of defendants
- Cooperation with local public and private institutions
- Working in prison – psychological consiliation, drug problems, social abilities
Legislation – the beginning

- O.G. nr. 92/2000 probation centers
- September 2001 – establishment of 27 probation centers, working inside district courts
- December 2002 – another 14
2001 – 2013

- **Law 278/2006** – probation centers as alternatives to judges supervision
- Supervision for minors, alternative to parents
- Consiliation for crime victims (starting 2005)
New codes: 2014 – today

- Criminal Code art. 116 – evaluation of minors
- Criminal Code art. 83, art. 93, art. 101 – **supervision of convicted persons**
- Criminal Code art. – art. 117 – 121 C.p. coordination of supervision of minors in non-custodial sentences

- **Law 252/2013** – Probation Law
- **Law 253/2013** – execution of non-custodial sentences
- **Law 254/2013** – executions of custodial sentences
The probation system

NATIONAL PROBATION DIRECTORATE

42 PROBATION SERVICES

- **Central level** – National Probation Directorate - 37 employees
- **Local level** - 42 probation services: 377 probation staff, graduated in social sciences, law, psychology, sociology or pedagogy out of which 42 are probation chiefs
The New Probation System

- Extended competencies for probation staff
- Increased decision power
- We encourage organizations to involve beside us in the process of the execution of noncustodial measures and sanctions
- Sustainable strategy for external financing programs
- The Romanian probation system continues to be separately organized from the penitentiaries administration, but there is a very good communication between us and a genuine partnership
Organization

Old organization

- Probation Department within the Ministry of Justice (16 positions)

- 42 probation services supported from the budgets of the courts (280 probation counsellors)

Current organization

- National Probation Directorate (NPD) within the Ministry of Justice (90 positions)

- 42 probation services supported from the budgets of the NPD (380 probation counsellors)

- In 2017 – 187 new probation counsellors
The change

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## The change - reports

### Old attributions

**Report - in the prosecuting, court judgment and executional stage**

- preparing the assessment reports/pretrial for the accused minors - Prosecution;
- preparing, the presentence reports for the minor or adult offenders - Court;
- preparing the supervision reports for the convicted minor or adult offenders, at the request of the Court, in case that they break the obligations and measures imposed on them.

### Current attributions

**Report - in the prosecuting, court judgment and executional stage:**

- preparing the assessment/pretrial reports for the accused minors – Prosecution;
- Preparing the presentence reports for the minor or adult offenders – Court;
- preparing the report in the executional stage:
  - in order to change the obligations;
  - in case of breaking the obligations and measures;
  - for the minors released from prison and obliged to follow the daily assistance measure
  - for the minors conditionally released from detention centers or educative centers
The change - minors

Old attributions

1 noncustodial measure under probation supervision:

- educational measure of liberty under surveillance

Current attributions

4 noncustodial measures:

- civic education programme
  - supervision
  - consignment during the weekend
  - daily assistance
Entries and exits reports

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# The change - supervision

## Old attributions

- Supervising the manner in which the convicted person respects the measures and obligations imposed on them by the court during the probation period.

- The probation services *can* run specialized reintegration programmes for the convicted persons maintained in liberty if they request to be assisted.

## Current attributions

- Supervising the convicted persons to respect the measures and obligations imposed by the court during the probation period.

- Supervising the obligation to perform an unpaid activity in an institution of public interest (only for adult offenders);
  - restriction not to leave the country without the judge’s permission;
  - to participate in a specialized reintegration program.

- The probation services *have to* run the reintegration programs for the convicted persons if they request to be assisted.
Supervision

- Constant increasing of probation activity
Confederation of European Probation

- Established in 1981 by 10 countries
- Today – 60 member organisations in 34 countries and 38 jurisdictions – the largest probation network in Europe

- Goals:
  - To unite probation organisations and individual professionals throughout Europe
  - To professionalise the probation sector in Europe
  - To promote the social inclusion of offenders through community sanctions and measures
What is Probation?

• Probation means different things in different countries:
  – Alternative to custody
  – Community sentence in own right

• Range of organisational forms:
  – Degree to which run by the state
  – Participation of charities and not-for-profit
  – Level of privatisation

• Tasks and responsibilities vary across Europe:
  – Pre-trial work / pre-sentence work
  – Community sanctions
  – Resettlement post-custody
  – Victim-offender mediation
  – Risk assessment and public protection
What is Probation?

- Probation – ‘not a single or uniform intervention of an easily defined sort’. It can include a range of approaches:
  - Individual supervision
  - Groupwork
  - Cognitive behavioural programmes
  - Community service
  - Electronic monitoring
  - Drug treatment programmes
  - Restorative approaches
  - Skills development (e.g. literacy, employability)
  - Risk assessment and management

- Essence of probation ‘less in its tasks or organisation than its values’
Principle (1)

Probation agencies shall aim to reduce reoffending by establishing positive relationships with offenders in order to supervise (including control where necessary), guide and assist them and promote their successful social inclusion. Probation thus contributes to community safety and the fair administration of justice.

European Probation Rules, Council of Europe (2010)
Role of Probation

- Reduce reoffending
- Public protection – risk management
- Enforce sentence of the court – penalties for non-compliance
- Balance offender focus with victim focus
Reducing Reoffending - What Works!

• Last 30 years – revolution probation’s role in reducing reoffending. Much greater evidence base – which sentences more likely to be effective?
  – Growth in use of cognitive behavioural groupwork programmes.

• RNR
  – **Risk**: match the level of service to the offender’s risk of reoffending
  – **Need**: assess criminogenic needs and target them in treatment
  – **Responsivity**: maximise the offender’s ability to learn from a rehabilitative intervention by providing cognitive behavioural treatment and tailoring the intervention to the offender’s learning style

(Andrews and Bonta)
Desistance Research

- Desistance - the process of abstaining from crime amongst those who had previously engaged in a sustained pattern of offending

- What helps?
  - Getting older and maturing
  - Strong supportive family relationships
  - Recovery from addiction
  - Employment
  - Hope and motivation – motivated offenders are more likely to succeed
  - Restoration - something to give – opportunity to enhance lives of others
  - Having a place within a non-criminal social group
  - Not having a criminal identity – seeing self as ex-offender
  - Being believed in

(Maruna, 2010)
The zig-zag journey towards desistance

Influence of family / social bonds
Social environment - norms
Employment opportunities
Accommodation

Social capital
Social networks & opportunities

Age and levels of maturity

Human capital
Personal resources
Motivation
Identity – how see self
Problem solving skills
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Implications for Probation Practice

• Individualised assessment which is holistic and targets criminogenic needs

• Relationship with probation worker

• Motivation and hope
  – The message needs to be constantly reinforced that the offender is responsible for his/her own life, that change is possible and that there is hope

• Agency and empowerment
  – The offender needs to be actively engaged in planning and making decisions about their own future and to be held to account.
Resettlement

- Prisoners already marginalised before their prison sentence – more likely to have experienced unemployment, homelessness, health problems, disrupted family relationships

- ‘Even the best custodial treatment programme is often only an island of structure and support in a stream of instability and deprivations during life’ (Loesel)

- Very high re-offending rates for ex-prisoners – particularly those who have served short sentences
Principles of Successful Resettlement

- The same principles as for community sanctions but added element of managing the transition from custody
- Plan for re-entry from the start of the sentence
- Individually tailored plan
- Getting the basics for survival in place.
- Continuity of services ‘through the gate’ – e.g. supervising officer, drug treatment etc
- Support through transition - engage people important to the prisoner
Public Protection – Risk Management

- Risk assessment and management:
  - What is the likelihood that someone will reoffend?
  - What will be the impact if they do?
  - What can be done to mitigate the most serious and harmful impact?

- Who should go to prison? Who could be managed reasonably safely in the community?
  - Offender’s history – circumstances in which they offended in the past
  - What level of restriction is compatible with fair justice?

- Multi-agency approach – probation, police, local authorities, prisons
Victim Work

• Majority of European Probation Services see themselves as having a responsibility in relation to victims
  – Provision of information
  – Ensuring the victim’s voice is heard in court reports / Victim Impact Statements
  – Victim-Offender Mediation - direct meeting between offender and victim with 3rd party mediating

• The opportunity to ‘pay back’ can have a powerful impact in reducing reoffending
Restorative Approaches

• Important to ensure restorative initiatives are integrated. It is more of a challenge for more established probation services to move from offender-orientated service to victim orientated.

• With new services (e.g. E Europe) there is more scope to build into design (e.g. Czech Probation and Mediation Service) or where whole service is re-commissioned (e.g. Austria)

• Must be sufficient resources
Conclusions

• Expansion of probation across Europe – range of forms and structures

• Whilst all have human rights and values at core, different jurisdictions give different weighting to way role is seen:
  – Rehabilitation
  – Enforcement
  – Public protection
  – Victim work / restorative approaches

• Well-targeted and properly resourced, probation can lead to a reduction in reoffending and support social reintegration
Thank you!
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Outline

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1. EFRJ in short

- The European Forum for Restorative Justice **aims to help establish and develop victim-offender mediation and other RJ practices.**
- Every person in Europe shall have **the right of access to RJ services**, at any time and in any case.
- Advise, training, research, cooperation & lobby
- Reaching in Europe: RJ service providers (directly); participants of RJ (indirectly – victims of crime: approx. 200,000; offenders: approx. 180,000), victim support organisations (indirectly), actors of the criminal justice system (indirectly).
2. Restorative Justice

- Harm central
- The RJ triangle:
  - victim
  - offender
  - society
- "The four Rs" of RJ
  - Re-personalisation
  - Representation/participation
  - Reparation/restoration
  - Re-integration
- Forms: VOM, conferencing, circles
- In all stages of the criminal justice system
And does it work?

Meta studies (US/UK/NZ/Eur) show:

• high satisfaction rates
• feeling of justice increases
• taken serious, taking responsibility
• less recidivism
• a new beginning
• Research: Restorative justice: the evidence, Shermann & Strang 2007; Shapland 2008; Claes 2016
3. RJ as an alternative

- Prevention: to stay out of the Criminal Procedure
- Schools, neighborhoods
- Police; Public Prosecutor
- Judge; Enforcement agencies
  - They can all refer to VOM or conferencing

- It can end there, it can also be used in addition to another sanction
- It can lead to: less incarceration, less costs & a more humane, safe society
4. International standards

- 1999 Council of Eur Rec No. R (99) 19 on mediation in penal matters
- 2002 UN minimum standards on RJ practices
- all JJ & most CJ instruments since 1996

> RJ as a priority in the reaction on crime
4. RJ in the EU Victim Directive

**Article 12**
Right to safeguards in the context of restorative justice services

1. Member States shall take measures to safeguard the victim from secondary and repeat victimisation, from intimidation and from retaliation, to be applied when providing any restorative justice services. Such measures shall ensure that victims who choose to participate in restorative justice processes have access to safe and competent restorative justice services, subject to at least the following conditions:

Member States shall take measures to [...] ensure that victims who choose to participate in restorative justice processes have access to safe and competent restorative justice services [...].
4. New CoE Rec

- Draft Recommendation CM/Rec (2016) on the European Rules on community sanctions and measures
- *Aware that with the passage of time, new possibilities for a more effective use of community sanctions and measures emerge and that therefore imprisonment must be used only as measure of last resort;*
- Idea: establish a set of standards to enable national legislators, deciding and implementing authorities and practitioners to provide a just and effective use of community sanctions and measures. This application must take into account the need to protect society and maintain legal order and at the same time support social rehabilitation, while also enabling offenders to make *reparation for the harm* they have caused.
Examples of community sanctions and measures that are commonly in use include:

- alternatives to pre-trial detention
- probation / community supervision as an independent sanction imposed without a sentence to imprisonment;
- suspension of the enforcement of a sentence to imprisonment with imposed conditions;
- community service (i.e. unpaid work on behalf of the community);
- victim compensation / reparation;
- victim-offender mediation;
- other
9. In appropriate cases, and having due regard to the rights and needs of victims of crime, offenders should be enabled and encouraged to make reparation for their offences to the victims or to the community.

This Rule insists that such RJ practices are to be encouraged in suitable cases. Particular care must be taken to make sure that both the offender’s and the victim’s interest and rights are fully respected.
5. RJ in detention

- Working with RJ advocates
- Victim awareness programmes & trainings
- Sometimes also for internal conflicts (prisoner-prisoner / prisoner-staff)
  - in NL/B in youth custodial institutions & several prisons
  - in GER (e.g. Schleswig Holstein prison law) VOM can replace disciplinary procedure and disciplinary measure
  - first aspect that makes it an alternative to conventional imprisonment
- Victim offender mediation in prison (NL/B/UK)
6. Concluding reflections

- International standards: RJ as a priority and as a community sanction or measure
- RJ as an alternative to detention
- RJ in prison
- RJ as a way to change criminal justice
- What to do to get **full access** to RJ?
- Access should be self-determined: part of RJ's autonomy right of parties – mere referral-based access is a clear contradiction/restraint of parties' autonomy
- **Equal balance** between victim-offender-society
The European Forum for Restorative Justice aims to help establish and develop victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices. Every person in Europe shall have the right of access to restorative justice services, at any time and in any case.
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

Research results and reflections
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

• Combining (New) directions in research on Restorative Justice:

1. Focus on the social and moral rehabilitation
2. Focus on the capacity of the intervention to impact positively on the offender
3. Focus on offenders’ likelihood of stopping committing criminal offences
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

• Combining (New) directions in research on Desistance from Crime:

1. Desistance as a process of stopping committing crime
2. Process of “two steps forward and one back”
3. Choice as a decision to give up crime
4. Focus on motivational and cognitive elements
5. Focus on fostering social and human capital
6. Focus on addressing the changing, rehabilitating or reforming potential of the individual prisoner
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

• Combining (New) directions in research on Life in Prison:

1. Focus on restorative justice practice (VOM) in relation to the institution’s structural and cultural elements
2. Focus on the relationship: daily social life – desistance from crime – restorative justice practice (VOM)
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

Comparative qualitative research:

- Prison of Oudenaarde (Belgium) and HMP Leeds (England and Wales)
- Long-term imprisonment (>5 years prison sentence)
- 4-6 weeks of observations on the prison wings (12 hours/day)
- 30 interviews of prisoners who participated in a victim-offender mediation in prison
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene

Victim offender mediation

• “I had a hard life, I still have. Not everything was my choice, that needs to be acknowledged as well. That is important for me. I am not the only one to blame”.

(prisoner, 22, robbery, interview 02/02/16)

• “I did that for me, I want to apologise to the victim, and answer any questions, if I can. I wrote a letter to the victim, 6 pages, my whole life story, and everything that happened that night. (Bart) Have you done that before? (prisoner) No, never, Cathy (mediator), helped me, it took 2 weeks and a lot of thinking (starts laughing)”.

(prisoner, 25, violent assault, fieldnotes 23/01/16)
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene
Victim offender mediation

• Role of the mediator
• Practice as a space of trust and openness
• It is about their life story (crime)
• Being able to take up responsibility
• Vulnerability and their own victimisation
• Strong focus on crime and victim
• Less focus on how to deal with the mediation process in prison
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene
Desistance from crime

• “I told you Bart how I want to change, what I feel when thinking about my mistakes. I cannot sleep at night just thinking about what I have caused, not just for me and my family, also for the victims. I did apologise, afterwards, in an encounter in prison. Not easy at all, I was as nervous as for my first fight. Incredible how strong they were, and how small I was. That week was one of the hardest one’s. The encounter took me back to things I have done, it is like a new image of those people burned in my brains. My wife was there as well, that was the hardest thing, seeing her reacting with kindness to the victims, and being there for me as well (silence, he looks down, seems emotionally touched, looks up again). Fuck, it was hard, still is. It changed me Bart.”

(prisoner, 31, home-jackings, fieldnotes 02/06/16)

• “That is one of the things that makes me different in here, I do want to change, that is my decision to make and that is why I asked to do restorative justice.”

(prisoner, 23, violent assault – domestic violence, interview 13/02/16)
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene
Desistance from crime

- Reflecting about choices in life, and effects on their lives and that of others (victims)
- Cognitive shifts – insights / empathy
- Desire to repair the harm caused (context and victim)
- Constructing a narrative (around the decision to stop committing crime)
- Desire to change and the question of HOW
- Talking about their own victimisation
- Talking about remorse, shame and regret
- Seeking closure – future oriented narrative (outcome agreement)
- Expressing hope
- Wishing to desist from crime
- Creating and supporting a ‘community of care’
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene
Life in prison

• “Life in prison is living three lives at the same time. One on the wing, you see the macho’s here walking around, putting on an image that they are strong, fearless. Being on the wing, prison talk is like talking about nothing. And a life, me alone in my cell. That is the hard one, when you cannot escape from yourself anymore, caught up in your own thoughts. And also one when I am talking with my wife, or even my personal therapist, that is when I really can open up. Oh no, sorry Bart, (he starts laughing), 4 lives, one towards the system, where I need to say what they want to hear. Everybody wants to get out of prison (continues laughing). Prison still is a jungle Bart, only the strong will survive, in body and mind”

(prisoner, 49, murder, fieldnotes 21/05/16)

• “You don’t share that (VOM) here, you keep it to yourself. (Bart) Why? (prisoner) Because it is private. You just don’t mention that. If someone asks, I will say it is restorative justice. People don’t care anymore, they are not interested anymore. (Bart) Would you give them more information if they would ask? (prisoner) It depends on who he is.

(prisoner, 29, robbery, fieldnotes 11/01/16)
Fieldnotes - Setting the scene

Life in prison

- Everyday social interactions
- Small networks of relationships
- Set of unwritten rules
- Money talks, informal economy (with/and) drugs
- Masculinity
- Split between life in prison cell and on the wing
- Not in prison talks/discours: victims, regret, shame, change, taking up responsibility, reparation, victimisation
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

Concluding reflections:

• “This (VOM) really helped me in thinking on who I was, who I want to be, and what I will do”
  ➔ VOM as a trigger that produces the desire, the will, the narrative to change
  ➔ VOM as a tool for a (new) social identity

• “To hear that from my victim, it made me more certain that I will not do that again, I can close that bad chapter now”
  ➔ VOM facilitates an augmentation of positive emotions – reintegrative planning
  ➔ avoiding destructive, disintegrating effects of un-channelled emotions of guilt, shame and remorse – self-destructive stigma
Desistance from crime and restorative justice in prison

Concluding reflections:

• “I want to change, I really do, but that is not possible here, life on the wing makes it almost impossible, unless you isolate yourself from life inside”
  ➔ prison environment doesn’t destruct the will to change
  ➔ disabling environment to practice the desire to change

• “Dealing with your crime, I mean, dealing with the emotions, there is no support in prison, that pain cannot be shared. No, not true, a little bit in a mediation, but their focus is mainly on the victim. Or on me in a sense of doing something for the victim.”
  ➔ prison environment blocks emotional transparency
  ➔ linking mediation and moral, social rehabilitation
Alternatives to detention & restorative justice
Bucharest, 23 February 2017

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THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF PENITENTIARIES

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Romanian prison system

- 20,121,641 inhabitants
- Prison population rate: 140 (23rd place in Europe)
- 27,600 inmates
- Female prisoners: 5.1%
- Minors: 1.5%
- Pre-trial: 8.2%
- 45 units of detention
- 12,141 staff
- Prison service is subordinated to Justice Ministry
- Very high dynamic of staff in 2016: (1826 retired/1424 new comers)
Romanian prison system

Total number of functions in prison system: 15,041

Necessary number of staff: 20,000

Steps taken so far:

- Work group set up
- Design the standard unit
- Establishing staff standards on sectors, activities, (closed and high security standards, semi open and open standards, prison hospitals standards, detention centre, education centre)
- Analysed each unit to see the differences
- Reducing the gap - modification of the organigrams. (small steps taken)
17 prisons having open and semi-open regime
17 prisons having close and high security regime
23 units with special sections for preventive arrest
2 detention centers with 540 persons
1 prison for women (plus 6 sections specially designed for women, in other prison units)
2 educative centers with 376 persons
289 foreign inmates from 46 different countries
10,574 recidivists in the system
6,425 inmates with criminal records and 10,599 without criminal records
DETENTION REGIMES

- Preventive arrest – 2315 inmates
- Quarantine - 642 inmates

Executing regimes:

- The set of rules which underlay the execution of the freedom depriving penalties;
- Based on the progressive and regressive systems:
  - High security regime – 1943 inmates
  - Close regime – 7428 inmates
  - Semi-open regime – 10207 inmates
  - Open regime – 4022 inmates
CLASSIFICATION BY TYPE OF CRIME

NUMBER OF INMATES - 1,293  semi open regim – 180 and open regim - 1113

- Theft 197
- Other crimes 533
- Robbery 115
- Traffic and drug use 193
- Murder 116
- Fraud 85
- Rape, sexual perversions 33
- Law 39/2003 concerning prevention of organized crime 19
- Cybercrimes 2

January 2017
CLASSIFICATION BY CONVICTION DURATION

Between 1 and 5 years: 717
Between 5 and 10 years: 394
More than 10 years: 179
Less than 1 year: 8
Life sentence: 6
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OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS

Compliance with European rules on conditions of detention in Bucharest Jilava Penitentiary:

- CPT rule (4 sqm) – 22 detention rooms – 111 inmates
- Internal rule (6 cubic meters) - 43 detention rooms – 389 inmates

Total capacity – 1293 inmates

Capacity on 4 sqm – 678 inmates – overcrowding index 190,70%

Capacity on 6 cubic meters – 1379 inmates – occupancy index 90,92%
THE RIGHT TO BE VISITED

open regime – 6 visits/ month
semi open regime – 5 visits/ month

* 1 visit / quarterly
* additionally intimate visit, as a reward
inmates can request to benefit from their right to visit in this space if they have children aged up to 7 years

it provides a suitable environment for the child's emotional balance
PACKAGES AND SHOPPING

937,50 LEI / WEEK
210 euro

1 PACKAGE / MONTH
+ additional package as a reward
BEING INFORMED

The information are posted on bulletin boards or through the information points within each section.

Information about:
- legal situation;
- the number of rewards and sanctions;
- financial status;
- work situation;
- offer social reintegration activities;
- the number of credits accumulated;
- the list of the books from library;
- execional laws etc.
MEDICAL CARE

- permanent healthcare
- consult / admission to Jilava Penitentiary Hospital

2 general doctors
1 stomatologist
1 psychiatrist

9 nurses
1 pharmacy assistant
1 medical registrar
36.66% OF INMATES IS CONSTANTLY INVOLVED IN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES
We are the largest collective for social reintegration in the system.

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The number of inmates is constantly over 1200.
SCHOOLING AND TRAINING

- Primary education
- High school
- The possibility to attend higher education
- IT (ECDL certification included)
- Trainings: sales worker, tailor, hair stylist, typographist, seller etc.
LIBRARY AND SPORT ACTIVITIES

- 14,000 books
- Lecture room/hall
- Access Monday to Friday, from 08.30 to 17.00 and Saturday from 08.30 to 15.00
- 3 sport fields
- 1 gym

Sports competitions between prisons
Program for former drug users

- opened in 2011, with the Norwegian funds
- 24 beds
- in 2016, we provided professional expertise to open a therapeutic centre in Gherla Prison, for women with mental health problems
FORT 13 JILAVA

- a historical monument;
- built just after Brialmont general plans as part of the City of Bucharest, defense belt with forts and batteries that surrounds Bucharest ring;
- it was used as a political prison, the first time after the 1907 uprising, and then after the Second World War;
- many of the personalities of historical, political, cultural wars were here and some have even been late on field execution Valley Peaches (Valley Wailing) near the fort;
- the last prisoners who were imprisoned here were the Revolution of 1989;
- currently, part of the former cells are already arranged memorial museum purposes.
IN THE FUTURE...

- we will continue to organize meetings with former residents of the therapeutic community program in partnership with organizations, the animal assisted therapy and "Respect Section" programmes
- greater involvement with the help of NGO’s in the post release;
- implementing *The Ethnography of the Prisoner’s Transitions*, we want to propose legislative changes in the executional domain, using the research from the project.
Thank you!

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PRESENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK
DECISION 2008/947/JAI
AND
MASS SUPERVISION

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OBJECTIVES:

- To present the main components of the FD
- To critically present the current state of affairs in terms of transposition and implementation
- To look into what mass supervision is and could be for the implementation of the FD
PREMISES

- Increased mobility among EU citizens

- Absence of an effective instruments to deal with people convicted in one state and having the residence in another

- Increased number of foreign prisoners in some states (2013 - 48,6% - AU, 72,2% - LUX)
PREMISES

- One of the objectives of EU – ‘develop the area of freedom, security and justice’

- One cornerstone of this is the principle of mutual recognition of judicial decisions


- Mutual recognition is a process by which a decision taken by one judicial authority in one EU country is recognized and, if necessary, enforced by other EU country as if it was a decision taken by the judicial authorities of that latter state.
ORIGIN

• The precursor of this Framework Decision was the Council of Europe Convention on the *Supervision of Conditionally Sentenced or Conditionally Released Offenders*

• Open for signatures in 1964
• Entry into force in 1975

• Status as of Oct. 2014:
  • signatures not followed by ratifications – 5
  • number of ratifications – 19

• out of 47 states of CoE
THE AIM OF THE FD

- to enhance the prospects of being reintegrated into society, by:
  - Enabling the person to preserve family, linguistic, cultural and other ties
  - Improve monitoring of compliance with probation measures and alternative sanctions
  - Preventing recidivism
  - Paying due regard to the protection of victims and the general public
MAIN PRINCIPLES

- No recognition if objective reasons to believe that the person was sentenced because of his/her sex, race, religion, ethnic origin etc.

- The FD should be applied in conformity with the right of EU citizens to move and reside freely in EU

- Several types of measures and alternative sanctions are obligatory (11)

- Some other may be added on a voluntary bases – EM included

- Forwarding can be to the MS where the sentenced person is lawfully and ordinarily resident

- Can be also to another MS if the executing state consents and social rehabilitation has better prospects: employment, a family member, study or training.

- Subsequent decisions made by the Executing state

- Exceptions in case of conditional and alternative sentence where the subsequent decisions may imply custody – Executing state may make a declaration that it will not take these decisions.
MAIN PARTS OF THE FD

- Introduction – 24 recitals
- 27 articles
- 2 annexes
• **Aim** – ‘facilitate the social rehabilitation ... improving the protection of victims and of the general public, and facilitating the application of the suitable probation measure or alternative...’

• **Definitions for:**
  - Suspended sentence – the execution cond. suspended with measures
  - Conditional sentence – the sentencing deferred with measures
  - Alternative sanction – non privative obligations and instructions
  - Probation decision – conditional release or other measures

• **Each state will designate the competent authority** – judicial or non-judicial (review).
TYPES OF PROBATION MEASURES AND ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS (11)

- Inform – residence and working place
- Not to enter
- Limitations on leaving the territory
- Instructions and limitations on behaviour, residence, education, training, leisure and professional activity
- To report
- To avoid contact
- Avoid contact with different objects
- Obligation to compensate
- CS
- To cooperate with PO or SW
- To undergo treatment for addiction or therapy

- MS can be prepared to supervise more – notify the GS of the Council
CRITERIA FOR FORWARDING

- The competent authority of the issuing state (IS) may forward to the MS where:
  - **The person is lawfully and ordinarily residing** – in cases when they returned or want to return
  - **To other MS** – upon request, if the MS consents (declaration)
PROCEDURE OF FORWARDING

• The certificate – Annex 1

• The comp. authority directly to the comp. authority – written record for authenticity – only to one

• The judgment together

• To establish the comp. authority of the executing state: European Judicial Network - http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/
  • and others !!!
CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ISSUING STATE

• Once the executing state has recognized the judgment and informed – the IS shall no longer have any competence for supervision or subsequent decisions – all go to ES.

• The executing state can refuse or postpone (if the certificate is not completed in the right way)

• The supervision and the application will be governed by the ES law
If the **nature** or the **duration** of the probation measure or the alternative or the **duration of the probation period** are incompatible with the law in the ES, the comp authority may adapt them to the practice for equivalent offences.

The adaptation will correspond as far as possible to that imposed !!!

If the duration exceed the maximum – maximum in ES

Never longer or more severe

Inform the IS – withdraw the certificate or agree
DOUBLE CRIMINALITY

• Traditionally, the recognition took place on bilateral conventions if the crime involved was criminalized in both states.

• The FD states that checking for double criminality is not necessary for 32 categories of crimes (e.g. terrorism, human trafficking, computer related etc.)

• As in the other FD

• The council may add more

• The ES may recognize for other offences under the condition that they are criminalized under its law.

• When implementing – declaration if they will check for double criminality for those 32 or not.
GROUND FOR REFUSING RECOGNITION OR SUPERVISION

• If:
  • The certificate is incomplete or does not correspond
  • The person is not willing to return or to go to a third MS
  • The judgment or the decision includes measures that are not among those 11 or accepted by the ES
  • The person has been already sentenced in the ES for the same offence – ne bis in idem
  • When the did is not an offence in the ES and the ES declared that it will check for double criminality – exc. taxes
  • Immunity reasons
  • The person is below the age of criminal responsibility
  • The judgment was rendered in absentia – exceptions
  • The medical or the therapy are not possible to be supervised in the ES
  • The duration is less than 6 months
  • The offence was committed at least partly on the territory of the ES

• Before deciding – communication between IS and ES
• ES may recognize the judgment or the decision but may hold the right not to take subsequent decisions
TIME LIMITS

- The ES shall decide to recognize within 60 days from the receiving date.

- If delays – inform the IS and estimate the realistic date.
SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS ASSUMED

• RULE: in case of non-compliance or new offence the ES will take all the subsequent decisions!
  • To modify the obligations or the duration of the prob period
  • To revoke the suspension or cond release
  • To impose a custodial sentence in case of alternative or conditional sentence

• In this case – inform the IS and consult on the right solution.
SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS REFUSED

• However, the states can declare it will not assume subsequent decisions if:
  • The alternative sanction does not contain the custodial sentence in case of non-compliance
  • In cases of conditional sentence
  • In cases where the judgment refers to an act that does not constitute an offence under the ES law

• In this case – transfer the jurisdiction back!
• ES has the obligation to inform the IS about the circumstances or findings related to revocation or new offence.
• IS has the obligation to inform on the decision
• The person has the right of a judicial hearing (also via video)
AMNESTY AND PARDON

- Can be granted by both states
- Only IS can apply for review of the judgment
END OF JURISDICTION OF THE ES

• If the person is absconding
• If the person has no longer lawful and ordinary residence in ES
• If a new criminal procedure starts in the issuing state
OTHERS

• Language – certificate in one of the ES languages
  - States can decide to accept translations in one of the EU languages
• Costs – on the ES except the costs within the IS territory.
• Other agreements – bilateral but only if they extend or support the FD
• Implementation – by 6th of December 2011
• Review – 6th of December 2014
• The certificate – quite complex and time consuming
THE CURRENT STATE OF ART

• In February 2017 – only 2 Member States did not transposed the FD: Ireland (ongoing) and UK

• Not a clear image regarding the number of transfers but: BE, NL and DE – 81 cases - up to August 2015.

• Observations
  • Still limited application – small numbers
  • Mainly in clusters – e.g. Germany, Holland, Belgium
  • Proportion of foreign prisoners still raising –
    • 2016 – 50,9% AU, 74,5% LUX
  • Information still needs to reach the judiciary and para-judicial staff
  • Lack of informed consent – lack of information regarding how it is like to be under supervision in the ES
  • Lack of concrete procedures – when supervision starts in the ES?
RESOURCES

- CEP - http://www.cep-probation.org
- The Belgian project - http://www.euprobationproject.eu
- ISTEP project - http://www.probation-transfers.eu
SOME SOLUTIONS

- More information available about probation systems – websites – see CEP
- Set up an Observatory at the European level dealing with probation issues – FDs, mass supervision, basic research etc.
- Direct and personal contact between competent authorities between cluster countries.
- Review of the FD by the EC – improving some parts of it.
- Learn from real cases
- More training for judiciary and para-judiciary
- Establish champions in each system that can disseminate information
- Start research on the impact evaluation
MASS SUPERVISION

- Mass probation - coined by Phelps (2013) in 50 states of US – the prison-probation link

- In Europe while the prison population is going down, the probation population is going up:
  - Germany – 2011-55,000 prisoners and 190,000 probationers
  - England and Wales – 2013-83,000 prisoners and 224,823 probationers
MASS SUPERVISION IN ROMANIA

- New Penal Code – 1st of February 2014
SOURCES OF MASS SUPERVISION

**Chart Title**

- **Property offences**
- **Violent offences**
- **Sex offences**
- **Corruption**
- **Traffic offences**
- **Drug related offences**

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DISCUSSION. ROMANIA

- Decrease the prison population with 18% while increasing the probation population by 270%.

- Probation seems to be ‘net widening’ for traffic offences.

- 380 probation counselors (182 new posts from 2017).

- About 157 probationers / 1 probation counselor.

- Probation staff – an elastic resource but is a PC effective working with more than 40-50 cases at once? Time for processing FD requests, informing probationers?
Thanks!

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Electronic Monitoring in the Netherlands

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Bukarest, Februari 23th 2017
Three core tasks Probation

- Advice
  - Early intervention
  - Probation recommendation

- Supervision
  - Probation supervision
  - Behavioural training

- Community service
  - External project site
  - Group project
Constant factor in criminal justice chain

- Early intervention visit
- Recommendation to the magistrate or court chamber
- ASAP
- Probation recommendation
- Suspended sentence
- Police detention/remanded into custody
- Court session/ruling
- Sentence

Supervision
- Community service
- Penitentiary Programme (PP) / Electronic Control (EC) - end of detention
- Follow up / Administrative supervision
- Supervision during probationary supervision
- After (prison) sentence
EM in criminal proceedings

- Suspension of pre trial custody
- (Partly) suspended sentence under supervision
- Prison leave
- As part of execution of prison sentence (penitentiary program)
- Conditional release or conviction
- Conditional termination TBS with special conditions

- Special conditions in legislation
  - location commandment (place offender must be at specific times)
  - Location prohibition (place(s) offender is not allowed to come)

- Special Groups
  - Minors
  - Jihadism/Terrorism
  - Temporary law administrative measure against terrorism (from 1th March 2017)
What is EM?

- EM is a tool to strengthening the control and supervision of the special conditions imposed supervised.

- The strength lies in the combination of supervision and control.
No EM without supervision!

When EM is imposed, there is always supervision with special condition(s) inclusion and/or exclusion zone.

Goal EM:
- Risk management;
- No new victims;
- Protecting victims;
- Support behavior change.
EM Hardware

Elektronische controlemiddelen

1) RFID

2) GPS
Categories of breaches

GPS
- inclusion zone (timescedule)
- exclusion zone to protect victim (hybrid)
- exclusion zone without victim protection (retrospective)
- sabotage/technical breaches

RFId
- inclusion zone (timescedule)
- sabotage/technical breaches

• Minors
• Jihadism/Terrorism
EM in the Netherlands – chain partners

Order from
- Prosecutor
- Court
- Prison Service

Monitoring

Controlcentre (Tyco)

Probation (3RO)

Transport service and support (DV&O) – S.P.O.C. (Frontoffice & Backoffice)

Connect
Disconnect
Disturbances/reconnection
Functional management
Hardware management

3M (Hard- & software provider)
Softwaremanagement (SSC-i Prison Services)
Simservices ASP4All
Follow-up protocol

- RFId
- GPS
- Minors
- Jihadism/Terrorism

- Level 2
- Level 3 (victim protection)
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Follow-up process

- **Notification**
  - Direct protective action(s)
    - Police
  - Judgment based on protocol
    - Controlcentre (Tyco)
- Determining the culpability
  - Probation (3RO)
- Recovery actions
  - Transport service and support (DV&O) – S.P.O.C. (Frontoffice & Backoffice)

Always! directly or indirectly
Business continuity plan

- Secretary of State
- Director General
- Board Dutch Transport and Support Service
- Board Probation service
- Board SSC-I
- Prison Service
- EM Manager
- National Coordinator Probation
- Service manager SSC-I
- Operational level probation service
- Technical and operational support (SPOC)
- Operational level
- Advise level
- Decision level

- Provider hard and software
- Telecom providers
Role probation officer in breaches

Different agreements in the chain:

- Prayer leave (retrospectiv – except Sabotage/Failure)
- Sanctionframe Penitentiary program
- Professional (customised) approach  
  - Supervisor responds to breaches detected  
  - Information from the software is used in supervision

- Report/Advise (direct-retrospectiv)

- Purchaser decides  
  - Public Prosecution  
  - Court  
  - Prison Services (penitentiary program & leave)
What do we see?
Data for police investigation?

- Demand supply data by prosecutor (Article 126 nd of criminal law)
- Framework letter Prosecution (8 years offences and community-impact!)
Added value EM

- Efficient and effective monitoring of compliance with restricting liberty conditions
- Punitiv character
- Provides structure
- More effective by combining guidance and control
- Prevents damage from detention (conservation of work, house/family, possibility to treatment and so on...)
- Cheaper than imprisonment
Numbers

- **# Notifications violations Monitoring centre**

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<td>1200</td>
<td>14,400</td>
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- **# Assignments/actions breaches DV&O**

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<td>Number of disturbances (including sabotage, moved home-unit and such)</td>
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- **# Bracelets**

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<td>Number conducted EM-connections</td>
<td>1028</td>
<td>1250</td>
<td>2220</td>
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<td>Number daily monitored EM-connections</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>250</td>
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- **# Negativ returns:**

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<td>Number ended prematurely without EM</td>
<td>2959</td>
<td>3462</td>
<td>3518</td>
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<td>Number ended prematurely with EM</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>185</td>
<td>266</td>
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<td>20,9%</td>
<td>22,9%</td>
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<td>14,2%</td>
<td>11,8%</td>
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ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS FOR DRUG OFFENDERS AND THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN CATALONIA

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

• Criminal Code (1995)

• Royale Decree No. 840/2011 of June 17, which establishes how to serve sentences of: unpaid work, permanent location in prison, certain security measures and the suspension of the prison sentences with obligations.

• Multidisciplinary professionals (psychologists, criminologists, social workers...) as a probation officers, territorially organized.
Department of Justice transferred the power to APiP, Intress, and IReS for a framework agreement after a public tender.
CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY & PENAL MEASURES FOR MENTAL DISORDERS/DRUG USER

Offenders

Criminal responsibility

- Full (Without exemption)
- Without (Complete exemption)
- Diminished (Incomplete exemption)

Penal Measures

- Deprivation of liberty
- Security Measure
- Security Measures + Deprivation of Liberty

With mental disorders or drug/alcohol users
SANCTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

Custodial sentences

Suspension

Outpatient mental disorder or drug treatment

Others
METHOD OF COMPLIANCE

- **Security Measure**
  - Deprivation of Liberty
    - Internment in a psychiatric centre
    - Internment in a drug addiction centre
    - Internment in a Special Educational centre
  - Non-custodial measures
    - Submission to outpatient treatment
    - Training programmes
    - Prohibition of certain rights
    - Others
COMPLIANCE CENTRES

NETWORK OF DRUG DEPENDENCY
- Therapeutic Communities
- Centers for Monitoring and Drug Addiction (C ASD)
  - Legal residences
  - Hospital detox units
- Therapeutic apartments

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Mental Health Centers (MHCs)
  - Legal residences
- Specific units of general hospitals
  - Therapeutic apartments

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES NETWORK
- Directorate General of Public Protection, Department of Labour, Welfare and Families
- Intellectual Disability Care Centers (CAD)
  - Residential
    - Legal residences
    - Supervised apartments
  - Occupational workshops
- Hospitalization Unit For People with a Diminished Intellectual Capacity

LABOUR SOCIAL NETWORK
- CIRE, public company, depending of the Justice Department

PRISON
- Psychiatric Unit
THE ROLE OF THE PROBATION OFFICER

- The probation officer supervises the progress of the offender’s treatment while offering him or her socio-educational support aimed to a social integration, ensuring the fulfillment of the conditions established by the sentence.

**Tasks**

1. **INITIAL PHASE**
   - Reviewing the Judicial documentation + Forensic report
   - Interviewing with the offender
   - Searching of an appropriate resource and/or fixing coordination with the professionals of the chosen center.
   - Reporting to the court of the proposed individual plan, in order to be approved by the judge.
2. **FOLLOW UP STAGE**
   - Carrying on interviews with the offender (usually monthly).
   - Establishing professional coordination with the public compliance centre.
   - Reporting to the court (usually quarterly) on:
     - the current situation of the offender
     - The treatment’s progress and the assessment report of the professional of the compliance centre
     - Breaches
   - And proposing:
     - Modifications of the initial work plan content and/or about the center of compliance attending

3. **FINAL STAGE**
   - Carrying on final interview with the offender.
   - Producing final report (offender’s progress and current situation)
STUDY CASE I

- Mr. García (40 years old)
  - Robbery using force  +  Drug dependence =
  - Penalty: **11 month of deprivation of liberty**
  - Suspended sentence → submission to a drug addiction treatment for 3 years
STUDY CASE II

- Ms. Pérez (25 years old)

- Homicide + Mental health issue (paranoid schizophrenia) = Incomplete exemption, diminished criminal responsibility

- 8 years of deprivation of liberty + 8 years of security measure of internment in a psychiatric center
Community Coordination to prevent crime

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