



Probation and alternative sanctions as means of dealing with radicalised individuals, de-radicalising, preventing radicalisation and assisting with rehabilitation: the European (CEP) Perspective

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Probation and Community Sanctions



Probation: relates to **the implementation in the community of sanctions and measures**, defined and imposed by law. It includes a range of activities and interventions, which involve **supervision, guidance and assistance** aiming at the social inclusion of an offender, as well as at **contributing to community safety**.

Community sanctions and measures: means 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.



Confederation of European Probation



Is the largest European Network Organization for Probation
Founded in 1981

Mission:

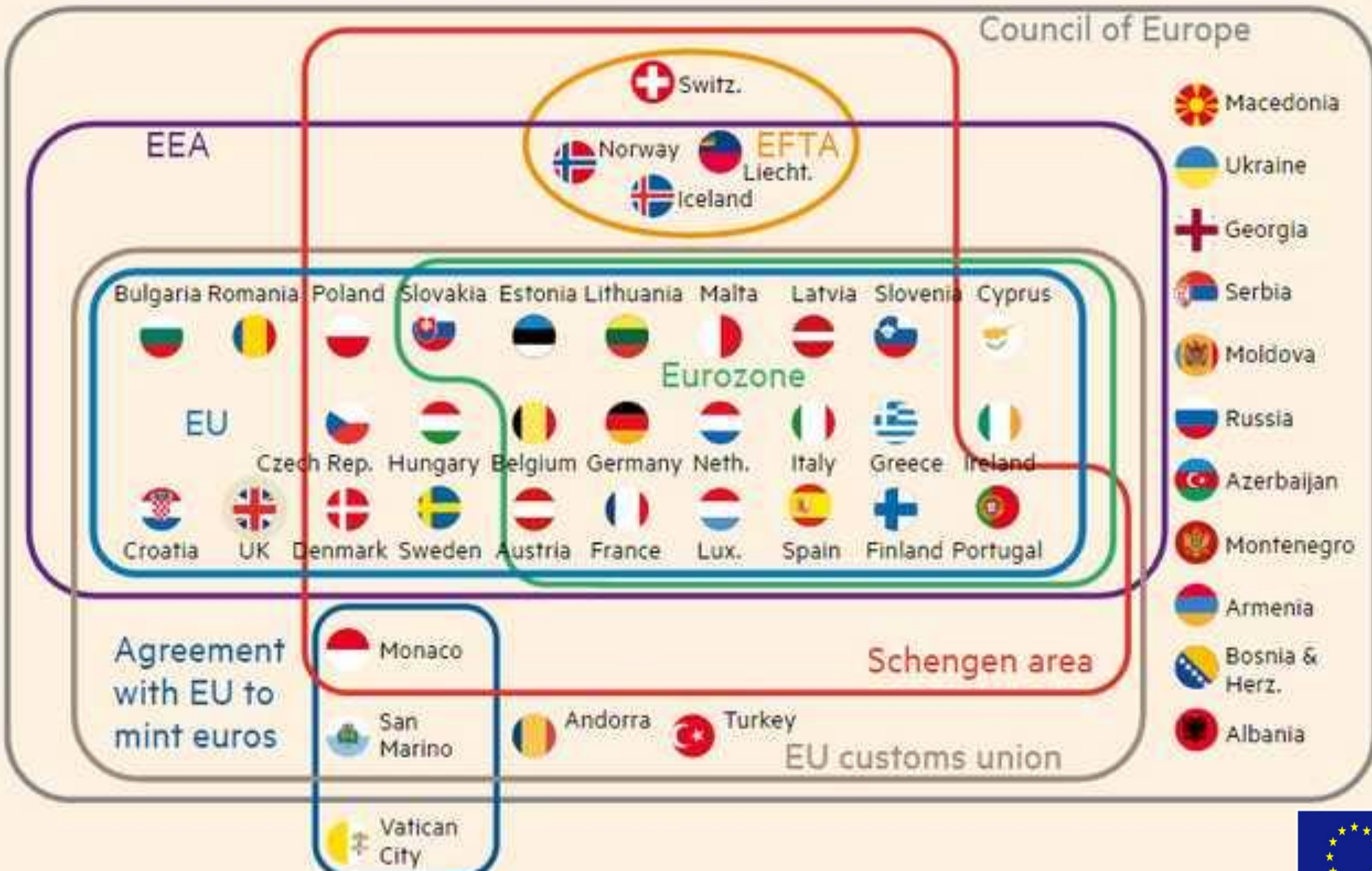
To promote the rehabilitation and social inclusion of offenders through sanctions and measures implemented in the community.

Objectives:

- 1) To **unite probation organisations** all over Europe
- 2) To **professionalize** the sector of probation in Europe
- 3) To **raise the profile** of probation in the global arena of criminal justice systems



Many Europes (reddit)



CEP Membership - 2018



60 EU Member organizations

34 Countries
38 jurisdictions

9 Universities

16 Individual members

7 Affiliate members

More than
400
Online documents

1700
CEP
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Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)

In [RAN Working Groups](#), frontline practitioners share their extensive knowledge and first-hand experience with one another, and peer review each other's practices.

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network_en

Prison and Probation Working Group (RAN P&P)

The Working Group focuses on supporting these practitioners, who have a role in preventing radicalisation. The group will exchange ideas, best practices, contacts and insights to formulate recommendations for policy making.

RAN Prison and Probation Working Group (With CEP) in Dublin 22nd - 23rd May 2017 <http://www.cep-probation.org/ran-radicalisation-probation-meeting-dublin/>



COE PC-CP Handbook: Practical ways of addressing radicalisation and violent extremism

https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectID=09000016806f4fbd

- Violent Extremists and radicalised offenders do not have one single profile, no one-size-fits-all
- Identification – motivations, needs, grievances, attitudes, personal history, vulnerability
- Screening, assessment, classification
- Not necessarily a need to invest in new programmes and methods – use resources better
- Staff has a very important role – staffing issues come first, frontline staff
- Community engagement



COE Guidelines for prison and probation services regarding radicalisation and violent extremism March 2016

https://search.coe.int/cm/pages/result_details.aspx?objectid=09000016805c1a69

Good Prison and Probation Work:

Assessment

Custody as last resort

Detection, prevention and dealing with radicalisation and Violent Extremism in the community and in prison

Culture and religion

Inter-agency co-operation and information

Disengagement and/or Deradicalisation

Post-release work



Radicalisation and Probation Practice

- Not all jurisdictions have the same experience or sense of risk
- Assessment and Interventions are still at an early stage of development
- Differences in Experience and Knowledge of Terrorism, Terrorists and Violent Extremism
- Local Priorities
- Consent
- Capacity, proportionality in work and resources



Addressing Radicalisation

- Probation Services have professional, skilled and experienced people
- Different forms of radicalisation and violent extremism across Europe,
- The variety of experiences among members across Europe
- Probation focus on people, behaviour, relationships, personal and community engagement
- Probation works with complexity – no ‘magic solution’
- Disengagement/Harm Minimisation/Desistance approaches.
- Multi-agency and Multi-disciplinary working



Addressing Radicalisation

- Information Sharing between Services and Partners
- GDPR and personal data – security latitude
- Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity
- Multi-Agency and Multi-Disciplinary Working and Co-operation
- Efficacy and Reliability of Assessment Instruments and Intervention Programmes – realistic expectations?
- Disengagement approach. (e.g. Lynch 2015)



Radicalisation and Violent Extremism

in Europe

- **De-radicalisation** implies a process of **attitudinal change** whereby the cognitions underpinning the support for terrorism, drawn presumably from some form of extreme ideology, are addressed (Horgan, 2009).
- **Disengagement** refers to interventions focused on the **behavioural component** of extremism; for example, the means by which individuals might become less involved with a particular organisation and there might then be a reduction in terrorist activity (Lynch, 2015).



Capacity building:

- Staff Selection and Training, Empowerment, Sufficient Staffing
- Managing Realistic Expectations
- Creation of Networks Nationally and Internationally
- Research and Evaluation
- Constant Learning
- Communication
- Multi-Agency Understanding and Co-operation
- Media and public opinion
- Cost-effectiveness



CEP Expert Group on Radicalisation working since 2016.

- Recent meeting in Brussels February 2018 – presentations online at <http://www.cep-probation.org/presentations-expert-workshop-on-radicalisation-and-probation-now-online/>
- Radicalisation and Violent Extremism included in programmes for all Conferences, workshops and events in Europe
- 2nd International (CJPE) Summer School Barcelona 3rd – 6th July 2018
<http://www.cep-probation.org/2nd-international-criminal-justice-summer-course-barcelona/>
- CEP Knowledgebase, Newletters, Website, Publications, Expert Groups, Conferences and Network.....
- CEP EC project partner e.g. Derad, Liaise 2.....



Where next.....

- ✓ We can learn from each others experiences, successes and failures
- ✓ We need to maintain an open, critical and responsiveness to new ideas and also, to some old ones
- ✓ We need to work more openly across disciplines, agencies and jurisdictions with respect for difference and what each other 'brings to the table'
- ✓ We need to continue to organise expert meetings, share and disseminate what we learn and listen
- ✓ Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. **Try again. Fail again. Fail better.**

Samuel Beckett Worstword Ho (1983)



Relevant Resources



- Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)1 on the Council of Europe Probation Rules
<http://www.cep-probation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CMRec20101E.pdf>
- Council of Europe handbook and guidelines on dealing with radicalisation
- www.cep-probation.org
- <https://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/>
- Orla Lynch (University College Cork) (2017) **Understanding Radicalisation: Implications for Criminal Justice Practitioners.** Irish Probation Journal
[http://probation.ie/EN/PB/0/BB8E6E5AF58EAF2B802581D00050A0C4/\\$File/OrlaLynch_IPJ.pdf](http://probation.ie/EN/PB/0/BB8E6E5AF58EAF2B802581D00050A0C4/$File/OrlaLynch_IPJ.pdf) (www.probation.ie and follow link to publications)
- Sigrid Raets (University of Ghent) (2017) **The We in Me. Considering Terrorist Desistance from a Social Identity Perspective.** Journal of Deradicalization 13 Winter 2017/8 <http://journals.sfu.ca/jd/index.php/jd/article/view/122>
- John Horgan, (2009), 'De-radicalization or disengagement? A process in need of clarity and a counterterrorism initiative in need of evaluation', International Journal of Social Psychology, vol. 24, no. 2, pp. 291–298
- Orla Lynch. (2015), 'Desistance and de-radicalization – The case of terrorism and political violence', in S. Zeiger and A. Aly (eds), Countering Violent Extremism: Developing an Evidence Base for Policy and Practice, Perth, Australia: Curtin University Press





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