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## Coming up: conference What Works in Reducing Re-offending in Cambridge

How to make What Works-methods transferrable? In the project 'Strengthening Transnational Approaches to Reducing Re-offending' (STARR), project partners from all over Europe try to find an answer to that question. From 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 the first STARR conference will take place at Downing College, Cambridge, UK. The aim of the conference is, among others, to explore what we know about the transfer of interventions from one member state to another and look at the difficulties encountered. Therefore, on the one hand, the first project results will be presented. These include research conducted to date by Prof. Friedrich Lösel, Director of the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, on What Works in the field of Young Offenders (16 – 25), Domestic Violence and Drugs & Alcohol abuse and the exploration of issues on transfer, including the work of project partners in Bulgaria, Hungary, France and the UK. On the other hand many leading experts in the field will come to present and reflect upon the What Works and transfer themes of the conference. Due to the fact that STARR is largely financed by the EU, registration fee is moderate.

[Read more on the conference programme and registration >>](#)

## Framework Decision on pre-trial supervision: what it means for the probation sector

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2009 the European Union adopted a Framework Decision (FD) on the principle of mutual recognition regarding pre-trial supervision. On the one hand this FD aims to promote the use of supervision as an alternative for pre-trial detention, or for unsupervised pre-trial release. On the other had this EU-regulation is enhance the protection of the general public. This principle is encouraged by CEP, which will promote and support the implementation process throughout Europe. By December 2012 Member States must have taken the necessary measures for the implementation of the Framework Decision. "In order to set the agenda for the next steps on its implementation, we will treat both this Framework Decisions and the FD on probation in the conferences to come", announces CEP Secretary General Leo Tigges.

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## Recap: Conference on Recruitment and Training of Probation Practitioners

"Harmonize probation training in Europe, share good practice and highlight new initiatives." This was the goal of the CEP conference held in Agen, France on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December organized in conjunction with the École Nationale d'Administration Pénitentiaire. Throughout the conference there were presentations and discussions about the training and selection of probation practitioners in Europe. Dr Brian Stout, Associate Head of School of Applied Social Sciences at De Montfort University (DMU), provided the concluding presentation at the end conference and is looking back at these two days.

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## Recap: Expert Meeting on Radicalisation in prison and probation

Spain has 11/3. The UK has 7/7 and 21/7. And for those who this doesn't make sense, there is 9/11. Since these dates addressing violent extremism is a top priority of the EU. As a part of the EU-sponsored project RIRP, CEP co-organised an expert meeting on Radicalisation in prison and probation, held from 27<sup>th</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> of January in Segovia, in the framework of the Spanish EU presidency. "One of the strong points of the meeting was that prison and probation were brought together", states Per-Olov Humla, Deputy Head of Security Section, Swedish Prison and Probation Service. "Convicted extremists will try to win over other inmates for their cause. Those inmates who are susceptible for these extremist ideas and who are convicted for minor crimes, will almost

all be paroled one day. Therefore an early warning system in prison and in aftercare, as well as the interaction between the two, is vital.”

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### **Miscellaneous News**

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