

Sentence Planning and Treatment



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- 1. High risk offenders should be subject to a specific prison regime



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- 2. First: An evidence based screening at the beginning of the sentence



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- 3. Risk and Need Assessment:
 - concentrates on high risk factors
(not on the length of the sentence)
 - is done by specialized interdisciplinary staff
 - by using evidence based instruments



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- 4. The procedure contains:
 - as much relevant and available information as possible
 - an interview with the prisoner
 - encouragement concerning the cooperation of the offender
 - a written explanation of the offender's criminal behavior



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- 5. A standardized sentence plan includes:
 - a system of priority setting
 - keeping the full length of the sentence in mind
 - transition back into the community as part of the plan
 - updating every six months based on case conferences, the prisoner should be actively involved



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- 6. The principles of effective treatment are: risk, need and responsivity
 - The sentence plan based treatment interventions should include:
 - psychological interventions
 - vocational training/employment
 - prosocial contact with the outside world
 - life skills
 - Interventions have to be evidence based and programs must be structured/standardized



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- 7. Prison environment has to be supportive of change and hope



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- Structure and time schedule for Forum 2

14:30 h – Questions and discussion on the introductory paper

14:50 h – Attila Juhász (Governor, Heves Country Penitentiary Institute, Prison Service, Hungary) “Everybody matters – Sentence Planning and treatment of High Risk Offenders”

15:10 h – Questions and discussion

15:30 h – Break

16:00 h – Steven Feelgood (Director, Social Therapy Unit, Brandenburg an der Havel Prison, Germany) “The good Life – The effective Treatment of High Risk Offenders”

16:20 h – Questions and discussion

16:40 h – Annette Keller (Director, Hindelbank Prison, Switzerland) “ Sentence Planning as a multidisciplinary and joint task”

17:00 h – Final Questions and discussion, working on the plenary presentation

17:30 h – End of Forum



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- Questions, which could be discussed in Forum 2
 - Do you generally agree with point 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7?
 - Have you additional aspects which you consider to be necessary?
 - Can this be a part of a good model for Europe?



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- Summary
- 1. High risk offenders should be subject to a specific prison regime
- 2. First: An evidence based screening at the beginning of the sentence
- 3. Risk and Need Assessment
- 4. Content of the procedure
- 5. Standardized sentence plan
- 6. The principles of effective treatment: risk, need and responsivity
- 7. Prison environment

Thank you all for listening.



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