

European treatment and transition management of high risk offenders project 2012–2014

### **WORKSHOP 3: QUESTIONNAIRE**

Definition: “a high risk offender is someone who presents a high probability to commit crimes which may cause very serious personal, physical or psychological harm.”

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WS 3 in Finland: Identifying best practice strategies and programmes for dealing with high risk offenders and for the desired continuity of treatment as well as for transition management

When answering, keep in mind the point of view of a prisoner, equity/rightness and meaningfulness of the process from the point of view of rehabilitation:

The task of each country is

1. To analyse and describe your idea of the elements/processes of the transition management that are needed to ensure the desired continuity of treatment from the point of view mentioned in each box.
2. To explain why the elements/processes you describe are good.
3. In each box mention one good practice that you want to bring forward.
  - You don't have to find a good practice for each column, but the aim is that each partner finds at least three good practices in all.

The intention is that each country uses the information **from the findings of the Dublin workshop**. If you can't, from your point of view, find good elements of the process from the material produced by other countries, you may of course use other sources. In that case, please mention the source.

We don't intend you to give a completely comprehensive answer or create a new pan-European model or system of law and pre/post custody system. What we are looking for is insight and inspiration about important principles in different phases of the process and descriptions about why they are good, according to you. When comparing the systems of our countries, we believe that valuable and interesting thoughts, ideas, possibilities and best practices can turn up. When looking for ideas of possible elements of good transition management use creative thinking and don't get stuck in the existing legislation!

1. In the Dublin questionnaire you described laws, legal directions or policy directions that impose specific requirements/obligations on transition management or post-custody supervision/management of high risk offenders. Using these answers as background material please answer the following question or reflect on other relevant elements or factors:

In your opinion, is it necessary, and to what degree, to define by law a high risk offender? What is your opinion on how far or to what extent should the supervision and the process of treatment or rehabilitation be defined by law?

One good practice:

2. Please describe your idea of a good process from the point of view of court sentence or other orders /requirements imposed at sentencing that influence or impact on transition management or post-custody supervision/management of high risk offenders. E.g. Post custody supervision order, sex offender registration/reporting etc.

Please also describe why the process in your opinion is good.

One good practice:

3. Please describe your idea of a good process from the point of view of assessment and evaluation processes that influence or contribute to planning and decision making in preparation for transition management or post-custody supervision/management of high risk offenders. E.g. suitability or personal history reports, risk/need assessment, assessment for group or individual programmes etc.
- Please also describe why the process in your opinion is good.

One good practice:

4. Please describe your idea of a good process from the point of view of sentence management or other processes during sentence in custody that influence, have relevance to or make a contribution to the transition management or post-custody supervision/management of high risk offenders. E.g. Sentence management systems, relevant interventions etc.
- Please also describe why the process in your opinion is good.

One good practice:

5. Please describe your idea of a good process from the point of view of prior to release from custody that have relevance or make a contribution to the transition management or post-custody supervision/management of high risk offenders. E.g. multi-disciplinary/agency planning/interventions, personal plans, case conferences, etc.

Please also describe why the process in your opinion is good.

One good practice:

6. Please describe your idea of a good process from the point of view of after custody work and post custody non-compliance that have relevance to or make a contribution to the post-custody supervision of high risk offenders. Please also describe why the process in your opinion is good.

For example, the question of how to react when a high risk offender does not want a change and is thus not willing to be subject to intensive work, and at the same time laws/regulations require intensive work. Another example is the partnerships or joint working arrangements that you think are essential.

One good practice:

The boxes provided for each answer may be expanded or reduced in size as necessary to accommodate the requested information.

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