



JCN Workstream 3

Best Practice in Transition Management

Helsinki 30th October–2nd November 2013

Report of the Workshop

Minutes

Thursday, 31.10.2013	
9.15–9.30	<p>Welcome by Mr Aarne Kinnunen, Deputy Head of Department, Department of Criminal Policy, Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Mr Kinnunen welcomed all foreign and Finnish participants to the workshop. Mr. Kinnunen told about the work that has been carried out in the Ministry of Justice regarding the transition management of high risk offenders in the recent years.</p>
9.30–9.45	<p>Presentation of the project, workshop aims and programme</p> <p>Senior Specialist Tiina Vogt-Airaksinen, Criminal Sanctions Agency</p> <p>Ms Vogt-Airaksinen presented the JCN projects and its aims to the Finnish participants. She also went through the work shop programme and especially the parallel working groups that got together in the afternoon.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation is attached.</p>
9.45–10.30	<p>Recidivism of life-sentenced prisoners in Finland</p> <p>Senior Planning Officer Marjatta Kaijalainen, Criminal Sanctions Agency</p> <p>Ms Kaijalainen presented the results of her study on the recidivism of life sentenced prisoners in Finland. She also told about the principles of assessing the dangerousness of life prisoners in Finland.</p>



	PowerPoint presentation is attached.
11.00-12.00	<p>Supervised probationary freedom in practice</p> <p>Director Kaisa Tammi-Moilanen, Vanaja Prison</p> <p>Ms Tammi-Moilanen told about her experiences regarding supervised probationary freedom in Vanaja prison, which is one of the most active prisons in Finland that use this way of release. Ms. Tammi-Moilanen told about what is needed in the preparation of the supervised probationary freedom, what obligations there are and whether the supervised probationary freedom actually works.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation is attached.</p>
12.00-12.45	<p>Structures and concepts for the resettlement of (“high risk”) prisoners in Germany</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Frieder Dünkel and Mr Moritz von der Wense, University of Greifswald</p> <p>This presentation was a comparison of Prison Acts in the sixteen federal states of Germany. The presentation compared for example the following matters in the Prison Acts and Preventive Detention Acts: aftercare, voluntary return to or stay in prison, discretion of the Prison Service concerning the relaxation of imprisonment (day and long-term leaves for the preparation for release), scale of discretion of the Prison Service concerning the relaxation of imprisonment (day and long-term leaves for the preparation for release), special long term prison leave (up to 6 months), transfer to open prisons/special release institutions outside prison.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation is attached.</p>
13.45–15.15	<p>Presenting best practices</p> <p>Probation supervision after sentence (Estonia)</p> <p>Mr Rait Kuuse presented this good practice which is in use in Estonia. The general aim of this measure is to reduce recidivism and therefore to raise public safety. The target group of the measure is high risk offenders.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation attached.</p>



	<p>ISM: Integrated sentence management system (Ireland)</p> <p>FoKuS (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany)</p>
15.45–17.15	<p>3 parallel workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Best practice strategies in legislation and court practices for dealing with high risk offenders Chairs: Kirsti Kuivajärvi and Elina Ruuskanen Rapporteurs: Prof. Dr. Frieder Dünkel and Mr Moritz von der Wense, University of Greifswald2. Best practice strategies and programmes for dealing with high risk offenders in assessment processes and in prisons Chairs: Petteri Autio and Riitta Kari Rapporteur: Rait Kuuse, Tallinn Prison3. Best practice strategies and programmes for dealing with high risk offenders when preparing for release and in the community Chairs: Sanna Kohvakka and Tiina Vogt-Airaksinen Rapporteur: Gerry McNally, Irish Probation Service <p>The aim of these parallel workshops was to find best practice strategies in dealing with high risk offenders in the different stages of prison term and release. The discussions in the workshops were based on the questionnaire that was sent to all project members before the workshop. The Finnish team had put together the answers of all members and divided them into three areas (see above) that were discussed in the workshops. The purpose of the teamwork was to create a list of best practices that all project members can agree on. This list is attached to the WS3 report.</p>



Friday, 1.11.2013	
9.15–10.00	<p>Working with high risk offenders in the community</p> <p>Development Manager Maarit Suomela, Probation Foundation KRITS</p> <p>Ms Suomela presented the organisation of KRITS and the aims of their work. She also demonstrated the work KRITS does with their clients by presenting three real cases of high risk offender clients.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation is attached.</p>
10.00–11.00	<p>Peer Support</p> <p>Chairman Timo Valkama, CRIS Central Union of Finland (CRIS= Criminals' Return Into Society)</p> <p>Mr Valkama presented the aims, principles, services, mission, vision and activities of CRIS. He also spoke about the importance of peer support to the released prisoners.</p>
11.30–12.30	<p>The Road from Crime</p> <p>A documentary about desisting and desistance</p> <p>The participants discussed the documentary after watching it. Everybody agreed that the documentary raises important questions. It was however noted that the some of the measures presented in the documentary are not realistic because they are so expensive to implement.</p>
13.30–15.45	<p>Thursday's workshop subgroups report back to the main meeting with brief outline of key points and issues by a rapporteur and follow up questions and discussion.</p> <p>Rapporteur 1</p> <p>Rapporteur 2</p> <p>Rapporteur 3</p> <p>Questions, clarifications and further discussion</p> <p>The Power Point presentations of the three parallel workshops are attached.</p>



<p>15.45-16.00</p>	<p>Parting words by Ms Tuula Asikainen, Chief Director, Criminal Sanctions Agency</p> <p>Ms Asikainen thanked all participants and organisers of the workshop. She said that the project is relevant to the Criminal Sanctions Agency because a controlled release is one of their main development points. This is especially important in the case of high risk prisoners.</p>
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