



**EUROPEAN TREATMENT AND TRANSITION MANAGEMENT OF
HIGH RISK OFFENDERS
WORKSHOP 3
HELSINKI 30th OCTOBER – 2nd NOVEMBER 2013**





JCN Justice Co-operation Network project (JUST/2011-2012/PEN/AG/2943)

- A European group of practitioners who manage prisoners in custody and post release.
- The countries participating are Germany (Mecklenburg-Western-Pomerania), Estonia, Ireland and Finland
- Associate partners are Germany (MoJ), Belgium, Netherlands (CEP), Slovak Republic and Slovenia.
- Pixel (Italy) is managing the project

Project objective

- To develop a European network and database of best practices in the transition management of high risk prisoners leaving custody
- To develop minimum standards and a best practice model for the managing and supervising of high risk offenders to ensure continuity and consistency
- To integrate existing informal links, expertise and best practice through shared learning, improvement of best practices among partners and to develop a strong, supporting European network of knowledge and expertise

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

Tallinn workshop in March 2013:

- Definition of a high risk offender was agreed upon
- ***“A high risk offender (a violent or sexual offender) is someone who presents a high probability to commit crimes which may cause very serious personal, physical or psychological harm.”***

Dublin workshop in June 2013

- Looked at current practice, issues and challenges in managing the transition phase of high risk offenders in all jurisdictions
- Encouraging the sharing of ideas and creating debate on best practices



WHAT IS TO HAPPEN IN WS3?

- The objective of Helsinki workshop is to:
- IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR
 - DEALING WITH HIGH RISK OFFENDERS AND
 - THE DESIRED CONTINUITY OF TREATMENT AS WELL AS
 - TRANSITION MANAGEMENT

WHAT IS TO HAPPEN IN WS3?

- Some presentations which we hope you find of interest, including Finland's best practice
- Presentations of Estonia, M-WP and Ireland on three topics picked out by the organisers of WS3
- Three parallel workshops:
 - Legislation and court practices: Chairs Kirsti Kuivajärvi and Elina Ruuskanen
rapporteurs Frieder Dünkel and Moritz von der Wense
 - Assessment and time in prison: Chairs Petteri Autio and Riitta Kari, rapporteur
Rait Kuuse
 - Preparing for release and time in community: Chairs Sanna Kohvakka and
Tiina Vogt-Airaksinen, rapporteur Gerry McNally

WHAT IS TO HAPPEN IN WS3?

WORK IN THE SUBGROUPS:

- We have gone through the answers and have picked out good elements of practice
- These we have written down and they will be spread on the walls in the rooms where subgroups work
- Please keep at hand your copy of all the answers as you work in the subgroups
- The intention is to analyse good practices, find key elements and define good principles of work, that we can agree upon and use as basis for WS4.

WHAT IS TO HAPPEN IN WS3?

- On Friday some more interesting presentations in the morning
- A film which some of you may have seen: The Road from crime
- After lunch the subgroups from Thursday report back and after that it is time for conclusions
- Parting words will be given by Chief Director Tuula Asikainen from Criminal Sanctions Agency

