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JCN Project

Justice Cooperation Network

European treatment and transition
management of high risk offenders

Objectives

The objective of the JCN project, Justice Cooperation Network, European treatment and transition management of high risk offenders, is to develop a European network and database of best practice in the transition management of prisoners leaving custody with a focus on high risk offenders.

Transition management means the organizing of co-operation and processes between criminal justice agencies, statutory and voluntary providers and other partners involved in the reintegration of offenders, e.g. health services, lawyers, non profit organisations and local authorities.

This project aims to develop minimum standards and a best practice model for managing the transition of high risk offenders to ensure the continuity and consistency of supervision and other services. The results of the project will be shared for Europe-wide application.

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Project Activities

The project is organized in 5 main activities:

- Development of a common understanding of definitions in the field of high risk offenders and transition management.
- Comparison of existing systems of transition management. The intention is to conduct a comparative analysis of national programmes and elements of transition management systems in the partner countries involved in the JCN project.
- Analysis and evaluation of the existing programmes of transition management in the partner countries to identify best practice.
- Development of standards and a model system for managing high risk offenders in their transition from custody to the community.
- Sharing the findings of the project with countries beyond the project partners in a final conference, including all EU Member and candidate States.

Expected Results

- Organization of transnational workshops in Germany, Estonia, Finland, Ireland. Four workshops will be organized in the partner countries with specific purposes:
- Workshop 1 (Tallinn, Estonia, 13-16 March 2013): will seek a shared understanding of and report on the definitions and terminology in the field of high risk offenders and transition management in the partner countries.
- Workshop 2 (Dublin, Ireland, 12-15 June 2013): will compare and report on existing systems of transition management practice in the partner countries.
- Workshop 3 (Helsinki, Finland, 30 October - 2 November 2013): will identify and report on best practice in existing systems of transition management in the partner countries and possibilities for development.
- Workshop 4 (Schwerin, Germany, 2-5 April 2014): will develop and report on standards and a best practice model for managing high risk offenders.
- Final Conference (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, 3-5 September 2014)
- Report entitled "Common Understanding of Terms and Definitions" on the topic of high risk offenders and transition management will follow Workshop 1.
- Report entitled "Transnational Comparison of Transition Management Strategies" will follow Workshop 2.
- Report entitled "Best Practice Strategies for Transition Management of high risk offenders" will follow Workshop 3.
- Report entitled "Minimum Standards and Modules for managing high risk offenders" will follow Workshop 4.

