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2 SEP: PERPETRATOR WORK IN THE CONTEXT OF PROBATION

9:00 Welcome & Programme Preview

9:10 Words of Welcome from WWP EN

9:15 Opening Words

Gerry McNally, President Confederation of European Probation (CEP)

9:25 Keynote Speech 1: Work with offenders of gender-based violence in the Croatian criminal justice system

Jana Špero (Assistant Minister, Directorate for Prisons and Probation, Ministry of Justice, Croatia)

9:45 Keynote Speech 2: Prison & probation-based perpetrator programmes in Europe – An overview

Sandra Jovanovic (OPNA, Serbia)

10:05 Audience Q&A

10:20 Coffee Break

10:50 Panel Discussion: Perpetrator work in the context of probation

Panellists: Carmel Donnelly (Irish Probation Service), John Doyle (MEND, Ireland), Andrew Blackhurst (Drive project, UK), Laura Negredo (General Secretariat of Penitentiary Institutions, Spain)

11:50 Audience Q&A

12:10 Closing for the day

12:20 Lunch Break

13:30 Workshops 1-4 (see workshop descriptions for more information)

14:30 Virtual social networking

3 SEP: PERPETRATOR WORK IN THE PRISON CONTEXT

9:30 Review of Previous Day & Programme Preview

9:45 Words of Welcome from WWP EN

9:50 Keynote Speech 3: Working in collaboration with prisons

Darren O'Connell (Drive project, UK)

10:10 Audience Q&A

10:20 Coffee Break

10:30 Panel Discussion: Perpetrator Work in the Context of Prison

Panellists: Laura Opris (Oradea Penitentiary, Romania) – Paolo Giuliani & Isotta Rossoni (CIPM, Italy) – Davide Parma (Relive, Italy)

11:30 Audience Q&A

11:50 Lunch Break

13:00 Workshops 5-8 (see workshop descriptions for more information)

14:05 Joint Feedback Session on Conference

14:15 Conference closing

14:20 Virtual social networking



WORKSHOPS

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Workshop 1, Rory Macrae & Gill McKinna (Community Justice Scotland, Scotland): *The Caledonian System - Scotland's integrated approach to address men's domestic abuse and to improve the lives of women, children and men*

The Caledonian System is the national Scottish accredited court mandated response to domestic abuse. It consists of a men's behaviour change programme delivered by criminal justice social workers, a support, advocacy and safety planning service for the men's partners, a children's service and a model for inter-agency working, which promotes a perpetrator pattern focus in all agencies' responses to domestic abuse.

In the workshop, participants will learn about the Caledonian system and our trauma sensitive approach to working with the men, women and children. Additionally, we offer an analysis of the political context, which made implementation of the system possible, and the collaboration between the Justice Department and Equality Units of the Scottish Government. We will discuss how the Scottish government's adoption of a gender based analysis of domestic abuse and its promotion of a robust community justice model has supported the Caledonian System.

Workshop 2, Owen O'Neill (MOVE, Ireland) & Carmel Donnelly (Irish Probation Service, Ireland): *Developing a shared protocol of cooperation between probation and community Domestic Violence Intervention Programmes in Ireland – the challenges and the opportunities*

The workshop will focus on the process of creating a shared protocol between the Probation Service and NGOs delivering Domestic Violence Intervention Programmes (DVIPs) in Ireland. Participants will learn about the specific context of men referred to DVIPs from probation.

We will look at the challenges for organisations coming from different sectors, statutory and non-statutory, in creating shared protocol that respects the differences within each organisation. We will look at the critical issues that emerged and how we resolved them. We will examine what has worked well and what remains to be done. We will share an outline of the Protocol with those in attendance

Workshop 3, Bledar Zeneli & Iris Luarasi (CLMB, Albania): *Journey towards our collaboration with courts, prisons, probation service and other stakeholders in Albania*

For the first part of the workshop, we will present:

- A brief history of how we established agreements with prisons, probation and courts.
- A short summary how the Istanbul Convention embeds perpetrator programmes in its strategy to prevent VAW (Article 16), how it requires states parties to fund and co-fund perpetrator programmes and where it is possible to set up programmes in close co-ordination with specialist support services for victims as we did.
- Benefits from and challenges in the cooperation with the various agencies and stakeholders.

During the presentation, we will give response to various questions, such as:

- What have been the results of our work thanks to these collaborations for the victims, children and for perpetrators?
- What are our plans and objectives for the future in this direction?

The second part of the workshops will be an open discussion with all participants regarding these topics:

- How is the collaboration between services with perpetrators and institutions in your country?
- What are the challenges and obstacles during your collaboration?
- What are the results?
- What can you do to improve your collaboration in the future?
- What was new for you during the workshop?
- What do you think regarding the multidisciplinary group in this field?
- What can you do differently in the future?

Workshop 4, Nicolas Barnes-Mendez & Tania Johnston, University of Barcelona (Spain): *Integrating virtual reality in rehabilitation programmes for perpetrators in prison and probation settings*

In this workshop, we will present and discuss the work we are conducting with perpetrators in prison and probation settings in collaboration with the Department of Justice of Catalonia and as part of the VR Per GENERE European project.

The general aim of VR Per GENERE (Virtual Reality Prevention of Gender-Violence in Europe based on Neuroscience of Embodiment, peRspective and Empathy) is to reduce intimate partner violence (IPV) through the deployment of cost-effective prevention and rehabilitation tools. In this context, one project goal is to reduce recidivism in IPV offenders through rehabilitation.

This VR Per GENERE is based on work that we have already been doing with the Justice Department of Catalonia using virtual reality as part of the programme of rehabilitation of gender violence offenders. Our system called [VRespectMe](#) arose out of the FP7 project [VERE](#) and a European Research Council Proof of Concept ([SERE](#)).

This workshop will be based on our actual experience of working with virtual reality with offenders.

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Workshop 5, Senka Damjanovic, Dom Duga Zagreb (Croatia): *The Croatian model of perpetrators programmes – Similarities, differences and challenges of programmes in the community and prison system*

In the fight against domestic violence, Croatia has recognized the importance of working with perpetrators, as well as with victims of domestic violence. Perpetrators found guilty are required to participate in programmes. These programmes are implemented both in the prison system and in the community.

In the Croatian prison system, there are two different curricula. One programme has been developed (“NAS”) that corresponds to the everyday life in prison, while the programme intended for perpetrators in the community is adapted to the conditions of life in the community or with family members (“PSTN”). As part of the workshop, we will examine the differences, similarities and specific challenges of these two curricula.

The second part of the workshop will provide attendees with the opportunity to discuss the following questions:

- According to your professional experience with the prison system, what is the biggest difference in working with perpetrators in prison and in the community?
- Do you think that programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence make sense for perpetrators / prisoners who are serving long prison sentences for serious crimes against family members, such as murder or serious physical injuries?
- Do you think that "serious" perpetrators of domestic violence, such as those sentenced to prison, are more affected by prison sentences or programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence?

Workshop 6, Adele Di Stefano & Antonella D'Ambrosi (ASL Frosinone, Italy): The Conscious project – An inter-systemic network against gender-based violence

During the workshop, we will focus on key aspects of our project, including:

- Partnerships created during the project aimed at building a new network between public and private institutions to develop a coordinated joint action to stop and prevent gender-based violence.
- Treatments groups in the Cassino and Frosinone prisons and at the ASL Frosinone. The groups allow perpetrators to increase their impulse control and emotions decreasing the chance of recidivism.
- The results of and challenges during a project, especially during the COVID-19 lockdown, aimed at making a big change in our culture.

Furthermore, we will focus our attention on the discussions held during the annual conference to allow the exchange of experiences, good practices and to strengthen strategies designed for safeguarding public health.

To foster discussion, participants will be asked the following questions:

- 1) Do they know of similar projects that have been or are being carried out in Europe?
- 2) Have you faced similar issues in your country while implementing a project?
- 3) What actions can be taken in the future to make sure that this framework is implemented in the public healthcare of our countries?

Workshop 7, Christina Jankowski, Victor Chebyshev (Kaspersky, Germany) & Anna McKenzie (WWP EN): *Stalkerware - A digital dimension of abuse*

Stalkerware is an example of how technology facilitates intimate partner violence. This easily available software allows abusers to spy on their partners' cell phones, facilitating gender-based and domestic violence, harassment and sexual abuse. The workshop aims at

- increasing awareness and technical capacity of professionals working with perpetrators as well as
- facilitating a discussion on how to better address the issue of stalkerware.

In the first half hour, Kaspersky experts will provide you with a basic understanding of the functioning of stalkerware and how to detect it from a technical point of view. We will have time to discuss any questions you may have.

In the second half, Anna McKenzie and Kaspersky experts will open and moderate a discussion with the audience about the following questions:

- whether you as professionals have had experiences with abusers using stalkerware,
- whether best practices exist or how they can be developed, as well as
- what your ideas and suggestions are to increase victim-safety centred awareness and tackle the problem.

Participants of the workshop will

- (1) develop an understanding of the problem of stalkerware as a tool of control in abusive relationships
- (2) start reflecting upon how to include the topic of stalkerware and cyber violence into their programmes
- (3) have the chance to gain knowledge from a leading cybersecurity company.

Workshop 8, Diana Montero (Public Defence, Costa Rica), Karina Ruiz (Ministry of Women, Uruguay), Alfonso Martinez (EUROsociAL): *Latin American experiences of perpetrators programmes in prisons and probation*

Perpetrators programmes in prison and probation context are not well developed in Latin America.

In the first part of the workshop, the Public Defence of Costa Rica will explain how they implement a perpetrator programme without having proper funding and with few institutions that can provide training.

In the second part of the workshop, the Uruguayan Ministry of Women will present their agreements with the Ministry of Interior to work with men using electronic bracelets in order to avoid recidivism.

In the third part, EUROsociAL will open and moderate a discussion with the audience about the following questions:

- What are the main lessons that we can get from Latin American experiences?
- How can we implement programmes in prison and probation context without public financing or even with the public opinion against working with perpetrators?

Additionally, we will examine how the European experiences of agreements with governmental bodies can help tackle some of the existing problems in Costa Rica and Uruguay.

Participants of the workshop will

- understand the situation in Costa Rica and
- start thinking about possible linkages between European experiences and Latin American programmes.