



EuroPris & CEP Foreign National Prisoners Expert Group

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Workshop on Foreign National Offenders

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- introduction to EuroPris & CEP Foreign National Prisoners Expert Group
- what we do and who we are
- next steps; building a 'Good Practice Manual for Working with Foreign Prisoners' - requesting your help and assistance...



EuroPris & CEP Foreign Prisoners Expert Group - what we do

- **purpose** 'to promote better national regulation and best practice for foreign national prisoners in Europe'
- **through** 'the exchange and dissemination of information on the policy, operation practice, training and management by prisons, probation and the voluntary sector regarding foreign offenders and prisoners'
- **by-**
 - ✓ organizing FNP Workshops
 - ✓ resource for prison, probation and voluntary sectors to use
 - ✓ partner in relevant projects
 - ✓ collaborative ventures i.e. the University of Nottingham and the Belgium Prison Service



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Presentation by Dr Roisin Mulgrew at the Council for Penological Co-operation on her research study of Foreign National-only prisons and their implementation of the Council of Europe's Recommendations on Foreign Prisoners, Strasbourg 18th November 2015

building on the CoE Training and this workshop

next steps...

- **key way** for changes and improvements in policy and practice is through exchange of good practice across Europe
- **want create** a 'Good Practice Manual for Working with Foreign Prisoners'

so we are...

- **seeking examples** from prison, probation services and the voluntary sector of their work with foreign prisoners and offenders
- **EuroPris/CEP to collect, record and make available** through on-line access and published version
- **start made** by FNP Expert Group members...



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Examples of Good Practice in Working with Foreign Prisoners

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The EuroPris & CEP Foreign Prisoners Expert Group is creating a 'Good Practice Manual for Working with Foreign Prisoners' to demonstrate how national prison and probation services are meeting the needs of this group. The 'Good Practice Manual' seeks to contain examples of prison and probation practice from across Europe which meets the needs of foreign prisoners based on the principles identified in the Council of Europe Recommendation on Foreign Prisoners CM/Rec (2012)12. See

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1989353&Site=CM>

Please place your examples in the table below along with your contact details, and send this document to nickhammond@europris.org

Area addressed i.e. conditions of imprisonment, regime management, preparation for release, staff training, other, etc.	Description of initiative	National, regional or local initiative?	Legal basis, budgetary issues?	Contact details for further information



Good Practice example from Belgium Prison Service

No	Rule/Issue addressed		Description of initiative	National, regional or local initiative	Legal basis. Budgetary issues	Contact details for further information
5 15. 1	Conditions of imprisonment; Admission	<p>At admission and during detention – information in language they understand about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rights and duties and contact with CR - prison regime and regulations - procedures for requests and complaints - rights to legal advice 	<p>Immigration Office has created information brochures in 7 languages about the rights and obligations linked to their immigration status (procedures, appeals, consequences of irregular staying).</p> <p>These are given to the detainees at admission and if necessary, during the visit of an immigration staff member in the prison. The Immigration staff member will also give information during this visit (ad hoc, or at request), if necessary with interpreter.</p> <p>The immigration staff member will also fill out a form “right to heard” with the migrant (in +/- 15 languages), which gives him the opportunity to declare whether there are reasons why he could not be removed to his country of origin (Art. 42 European Fundamental Rights Treaty)</p>	National	National budget	<p>Geert Verbauwhede geert.verbauwhede@ibz.fgov.be Maryvonne Jacquemin – Maryvonne.jacquemin@ibz.fgov.be</p>

Good Practice Example from NOMS, England & Wales

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6 35. 1	Release; Preparation for release	Preparation for release of foreign prisoners shall start in good time and in a manner that facilitates their reintegration into society.	NOMS commissioned a community migrant organisation to design & maintain an electronic resettlement toolkit, called “‘Tracks’, a resource for the resettlement of foreign prisoners (FP)”. It is designed to help FPs as well as prison, probation and other professionals working with foreign prisoners to plan for resettlement upon release either in the UK or on prison transfer or expulsion abroad. It contains information in a variety of languages, on the immigration process, resettlement options as well as country specific information packs. ‘Tracks’ is designed so that FPs know what may happen to them and what they can do themselves to plan for and improve their resettlement options on sentence completion.	NOMS project centrally commissioned	Discretionary implementation. Development & maintenance costs from NOMS centre.	NOMS (England & Wales) www. https://www.tracks.uk.net/ NOMS link; Adrian.Chen@noms.gsi.gov.uk



Praxis NOMS Electronic Toolkit V3.0

A resource for the resettlement of
Foreign National Prisoners (FNPs)

Welcome to Tracks

A resource for the resettlement of Foreign National Prisoners (FNPs)*

This toolkit is designed to help foreign national prisoners and professionals working with foreign national prisoners to plan for their resettlement upon release.

*Tracks provides general information on legal issues and takes reasonable care to ensure accuracy. It does not constitute legal advice and is not Home Office guidance. It is the responsibility of the Home Office to consider whether a person is liable for deportation. Tracks is revised biannually, comments and suggestions, may be sent to ERDForeignNationals@noms.gsi.gov.uk

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next steps...

- use information and contacts from Workshop
- please provide us with examples to include in our 'Good Practice Manual'
- we will keep you informed of progress of manual
- keep in contact with us!





Thank you very much for your attention

