



**ERASMUS + COPPER PROJECT - Final Project Conference**

**"Cooperation to promote a European volunteering programme  
in probation services"**

**6 November 2025, The Netherlands**

**PROGRAMME**

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**Venue: Nutshuis, The Hague, The Netherlands** <https://www.hetnutshuis.nl/en>

**Thursday 6 November 2025**

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*Room: Commissarissenzaal*

- 09.00-09.10      **Welcome**  
*Jana Špero Kamenjarin, CEP Secretary General*
- 09.10-9.30      **Why this project?**  
*Rita Lourenco, Deputy Director Aproximar, Portugal*  
*Gerry McNally, Former CEP President, Ireland*
- 9.30-10.00      **Mapping the European practice of volunteering in probation: process, main results (and impact)**  
*Katharina Swirak and Ute Krenzer, University College Cork, Ireland*
- 10.15-10.45      **European Training programme for volunteers in the Probation Services: process, main results (and impact)**  
*Marco Brok and Melinda Lewis, Reclassering Nederland, Netherlands*
- 10.45 – 11.15      **Coffee break and networking**
- 11.15 – 11.45      **Community Based Organisations capacity-building: process, main results (and impact)**  
*Ronan McLoughlin and Tony X. Swaine, Irish Probation Service, Ireland*  
*Rita Lourenco, Aproximar, Portugal*
- 11.45 – 12.15      **Dissemination, project promotion, communication (and impact)**  
*Aproximar representative in charge of communications*  
*Hannan Amnad, CEP communication officer, Netherlands*
- 12.15 – 13.00      **Lunch time, networking and family picture**  
*Room: Foyer*
- 13.00 – 13.45      **Interactive round table session on the overall outcomes of the project**
- Moderator: Anna Esquerra Roqueta, CEP Policy and Liaison officer, Catalonia – Spain*
- Participants:*  
*Andrada Istrate, European Strategies Consulting, Romania*



*Joao Melo, Aproximar, Portugal*  
*Reclassering Nederland, Netherlands (Marco or Melinda)*  
*Ronan McLoughlin, Irish Probation Service, Ireland*  
*Volunteer representatives (Netherlands, Portugal – tbc, Ireland - tbc)*

13.45-14.45

**Common plenary on the future of the project (long term impact)**

Moderator: tbc

Participants:

*Heads Reclassering Netherlands (tbc)*  
*CBOs representative (Netherlands)*  
*Ioan Durnescu, Representative from ESC*  
*Ana Cristina Neves DGRSP, Portugal (tbc)*  
*Steve Pitts (tbc)*

14.45 – 15.00

**Closing**

*Jana Špero Kamenjarin, CEP Secretary General*