Arranged by the Norwegian Embassy in cooperation with

the Ministries of Justice in Latvia and Norway

Venue: the Konventa Seta in Kaleju iela 9/11

EXPERT DIALOGUE BASED ON COOPERATION BETWEEN LATVIA AND NORWAY IN THE PRISON SECTOR – WITH THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

LAUNCH OF THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PROJECT

The workshop will throw light on important fields of cooperation between Latvia and Norway, experiences regarding the policy of punishment in Latvia and Norway, the results after practicing alternatives to traditional punishment and reflections on how to meet the public opinion and questions on these issues. These topics are already of great public interest in Latvia. Communication and presentation to the media after the workshop, with highlights from the dialogue, is meant to lift these topics even higher on the public and policy agenda.
AGENDA

09:00 - 09.15  Registration for invited participants. Tea, coffee

09.15 - 10.45  SHARING EXPERIENCES

Jan Grevstad, Norwegian Ambassador - Welcoming words

Marianne Vollan, Director, Norwegian Correctional Services Directorate – The Normality concept - The concept of how to approach the inmate and by this, in the end, secure a safer society and integration

Harald Føsker, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, Oslo. The principle of normality in practice; activities in prisons

Njåål Grimstad, Assistant Chief Probation Officer - Oslo probation office. The principle of normality in practice - Experiences from probation

Anne Kruusement, Adviser, Criminal policy department/Ministry of Justice, Estonia. Experiences from electronic monitoring, with ref. to the justice system and policy making

Questions, debate

10.45 - 11.00 Tea, coffee, refreshments

11.00 - 12.30  SHARING EXPERIENCES, continued

Laila Medina, Deputy state secretary of MoJ - Latvian and Norwegian cooperation in the field of correctional services

Kristīne Ķipēna, Head of unit on prison and probation issues - Normality – The Latvian perspective

Ilona Spure, Head of Resocialization service of Latvian Prison administration - Latvian situation and plans

Imants Jurevičius, Head of Community Supervision Division of the Community Supervision and Treatment Programs Department of SPS - Introduction of electronic monitoring in Latvia
Māris Luste, representative of the NGO Postpenitenciārā alianse - Involvement of Latvian NGOs in resocialization process of prisoners and former prisoners

Questions, debate

12.30.-12.45  Tea, coffee

12.45.-13.45  Discussion for all

13.45.-14.30  Lunch and preparation for the press briefing

14.30-15.30  Press briefing - Including public launch of the State Probation Services project

15.30-16.00 – Visit to Centrālcietums (Central prison) by minibus
(Please note: ID or passport needed to enter!)

16.00-17.00 – in Centrālcietums (Exhibition in the premises of LPA training center)

17.00 – Transport back to the center of Riga

Workshop moderator: Linda Curika, PROVIDUS

The presentations and discussions will be translated simultaneously to Latvian/English by Laura Bleidere and Viesturs Silis

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Participants:

From the Ministry of Justice of Latvia:

Laila Medina, Deputy state secretary on legal issues

Kristīne Ķipēna, Head of unit of prison and probation issues, Sectoral policy department

Inta Remese, Head of planning and control unit, Project department

Laura Šileikiste, Senior desk officer of unit of prison and probation issues, Sectoral policy department

Keta France – Bamblovska, Senior desk officer of unit of prison and probation issues, Sectoral policy department

From the State Probation Service of Latvia (SPS):

Aleksandrs Dementjevs, Head of SPS

Mihails Papsujevičs, Deputy Head of SPS, Head of Community Supervision and Treatment Programs Department

Imants Jurevičius, Head of Community Supervision Division of the Community Supervision and Treatment Programs Department of SPS, will be leader of the NFM Project

Vita Studente, Deputy Head of Community Supervision Division of the Community Supervision and Treatment Programs Department of SPS

Jānis Nicmanis, Probation Officer from the Riga Probation Office of SPS, will be coordinator for implementation of new alternative to imprisonment – electronic monitoring – of the NFM Project

Prison wardens, from prisons near Riga

Latvian Prison administration representatives:

- Sergejs Čepjolkins, acting director of LPA
- Ilona Spure, Head of Resocialization Service. Prison Administration
- Lāsma Driķe, Head of Project unit

NGO "Postpenitenciārā alianse" - working with prisoners and former prisoners in resocialization centers

- Māris Luste (biedrība "Prison Fellowship Latvia")
- Krists Kalniņš (Rīgas Vecās sv.Ģertrūdes draudze)
- Nona Fabere (ev.kristiešu draudze "Zilais Krusts").

From Estonia:

Anne Kruusement (Criminal policy department/ Ministry of Justice, Estonia)
Participants from Norway:

**Marianne Vollan**, Head of the Correctional Services of Norway (Kriminalomsorgen)

**Harald Føsker**, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice

**Njål Grimstad**, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Oslo probation office

From the Norwegian Embassy:

**Jan Grevstad** - Ambassador, **Turid Kristin Lilleng** - First secretary, **Agnese Cimdina** - Adviser

Background information:


Article on the Latvian Correctional service, by Ilona Kronberga, Providus (see attachment)


Fact sheet on correctional services, Norway, Ministry of Justice
[http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/information-in-english.265199.no.html](http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/information-in-english.265199.no.html)


Norwegian prisons - [http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/fengsler.242495.no.html](http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/fengsler.242495.no.html)

The European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) is a non-political, non-governmental organization - [http://www.europris.org/](http://www.europris.org/)


Article in the Guardian, March 2013 – Visit to Bastoy prison island, comparing the UK and Norway, including prisoner’s view on „a trust and responsibility prison“ - [here](http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/information-in-english.265199.no.html)

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