Offender Supervision in Europe



Final Conference: Bridging Research, Policy and Practice

11-12th March, 2016, Free University of Brussels

This two-day international conference is the final event an international research network (COST Action 1106) on 'Offender Supervision in Europe': www.offendersupervision.eu

This network of researchers across 23 countries has worked for 4 years to promote cooperation between institutions and individuals in different European states (and with different disciplinary perspectives) carrying out research on offender supervision. In the first year of our work, we reviewed and synthesized existing knowledge about supervision across these jurisdictions. Since then, we have been developing new conceptual and methodological approaches to studying supervision comparatively and seeking to stimulate policy, practice and public debate about supervision.

This conference reports on the findings of our work and explores the future of offender supervision and the crucial role of relationships between research, policy and practice in that future.

Conference presentations and responses will come from leading academics, policymakers and probation leaders from European institutions and jurisdictions, as well as people with lived experience of supervision. The conference will also be accompanied by an **exhibition** comprising photographs (from across several European states) representing those lived experiences as well as images taken by probation practitioners, as well as songs inspired by these images.

Event Address

Auditorium QD, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussel, Belgium. [Advice on accommodation options will follow at a later date.]

Conference Fees and Registration, drinks and food included

- For COST Action Members: €40 (reimbursed through COST expenses system)
- Early bird rate, register before 1st February 2016: €150
- Standard rate (after 1st February 2016): €175
- Concession rate available for the first 20 PhD students: €50 (first come first served basis)
- Closing date for applications is 28th February 2016 (Early booking advised as places as limited)
- For **registration enquiries**, please contact Shona.Craven@glasgow.ac.uk

Preliminary Programme

Friday 11th March 2016

- 9.00 Registration (Tea and Coffee)
- 9.45 **Plenary I: Two futures for offender supervision: Values and markets** (Chair: Kristel Beyens)
 - Common wisdom? European norms and values for offender supervision (Christine Morgenstern)
 - Probation in the Public and Private Sectors: The case of England and Wales (Gwen Robinson, Lol Burke and Matthew Millings)
- 11.30 Break
- 12.00 Plenary II: Experiencing supervision, expressing subjectivity
 (Convened by Ioan Durnescu and Christian Grafl; and with a response from someone with lived experience of supervision)
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.30 **Plenary III: Decision-making and supervision: Who's got the power?** (Convened by Miranda Boone and Niamh Maguire; and with a response from a judge)
- 16.00 Break
- 16.30 Plenary IV: Practicing supervision: Inside the black box (Convened by Gwen Robinson and Kerstin Svensson; Respondent: Annette Hennessy, former Chief Probation Officer of Merseyside, UK)
- 18.00 Drinks reception, exhibition opening/music performance and conference dinner (buffet)

Saturday 12th March 2016

9.30 Panel Discussion: Strengthening links between research, policy and Practice (Chair: Ioan Durnescu, Panel Members: Willem van der Brugge (CEP), Jesca Beneder (European Commission - DG Justice) Annie Devos (Houses of Justice, French speaking part of Belgium), Hans Dominicus (Houses of Justice, Flemish part of Belgium) and Peter Palsma (Director of the Leger des Heils (Salvation Army) division of the Dutch Probation Service).

10.45 Break

- 11.15 Plenary V: Reforming supervision and reforming research: Where the Action is (Fergus McNeill, Chair of COST Action IS1106)
- 12.30 Close and lunch