

**CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY
SANCTIONS AND MEASURES IN EURASIA;
Building on the Best!**

**Tbilisi, Georgia
15th – 17th May 2019**

Dear colleague,

We are writing you on behalf of CEP and the Ministry of Justice of Georgia to invite you and your colleagues to the upcoming international conference on the implementation of community sanctions and measures in the Eurasian region. The event will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 15th-17th May 2019.

Starting from about 1.6 million people in prisons in Europe today, there is a great potential for developing alternatives to detention. Probation operates from a community perspective in a triadic system involving the community and its relationship with the offender and the person who has been offended against. A good probation system works to help achieve a safer and fairer society.

In the past decades much has been done to develop alternatives to detention in the Eurasian area. Developing alternatives to detention means looking into the future while understanding the present, being conscious of current challenges, working to improve, to share, developing local networks and improve international co-operation towards more effective implementation.

CEP and the Ministry of Justice of Georgia therefore decided to jointly organise a conference focused on the implementation of community sanctions and measures.

The conference programme is designed to bring together experts, policy advisors and practitioners in the field of probation and restorative justice and will address the following topics:

- The role of probation in the pre-trial stage
- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Service
- Probation Management
- Community sanctions and measures in Eurasia
- The role of the Council of Europe in setting standards for alternatives to detention

You can download the preliminary version of the [programme](#) via the link.

Registration and payment

To register for the conference, please visit the CEP webpage here and click on the link for [registration](#). After having submitted the form you will receive a confirmation email together with the invoice for your conference fee. Registration fee for CEP members is €200,- and for non-member organisations €300,-. This includes full board during the conference, a welcome reception with buffet dinner, one formal dinner and a social event. Travel and hotel accommodation are not included.

CEP members who wish to attend a CEP event and are not able to (fully) fund their attendance have the possibility to apply for a bursary. Please click on the link for more information about [bursaries](#).

Conference venue and hotel accommodation

The conference takes place at Hotels & Preference Hualing, located on the shorelines of the famous Tbilisi Sea. On its website <http://hualing.ge/language/en/hotels-preference-hualing-tbilisi/> you can find more details and information. As said hotel rooms are not included in the registration fee, but CEP has arranged a special rate for the conference guests. The deadline for booking a room for this special rate is 15th of March 2019 and the price 120 USD per room per night for a standard single room. Delegates will be expected to book their own accommodation. If you would like to book a room under the reduced rate, please send an email to conference@hotelspreference.ge.

About two weeks before the event, delegates will be sent a conference pack containing the final version of the conference programme, preliminary reading, the list of participants and logistical details.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tbilisi!

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. van der Brugge', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Willem van der Brugge
CEP Secretary General