

## POSTER PRESENTATION - DR. ERIK BULTEN (NL)

### COST Action IS1302

# Towards an EU Research Network on Forensic Psychiatric Care

## Long-term Forensic Psychiatric Care in Europe

### Objectives

- Comparing experiences from different disciplines and exchanging (at national level) retrieved knowledge in order to draw an overview of the current state of the art. Enhancing the current state of the art on long-term forensic psychiatric care .
- The development of new and innovative treatment programs for (subgroups of) mentally disordered offenders who 'got stuck in the system'.
- Increasing the utility of knowledge in long-term forensic psychiatric practice .
- Advancing quality of life within long-term forensic psychiatric care .
- Contributing to a more informed debate about the ethical challenges.
- Building a sustainable network across Europe concerning Long-term Forensic Psychiatric Care (LFPC).

### Working Groups

#### Working Group 1 : "Determination of patient characteristics"

This WG will look into the prevalence, the duration of stay and the most determinant characteristics of long-term forensic psychiatric patients. Considering former relevant (research) projects on national and/or EU level and coming to terms regarding standardized definitions.

#### Working Group 2 : "Towards best practice in long-term forensic psychiatric care"

The aim of this WG is to gain insight into the benefits and disadvantages of the forensic systems for long-term care in the different EU states.

#### Working Group 3 : "Meeting patient needs and optimizing quality of life"

This WG is aimed at enhancing the knowledge of the specific needs and quality of life of long-term psychiatric patients. Determining indicators and delivering a systematic appraisal for the collection of comparative data.

### Main achievements November 2013 – April 2014

- Two meetings of Management Committee-group, monthly Core-group meetings.
- Preliminary overview of legal systems and patient characteristics in different EU-countries.
- Definition of long-term forensic psychiatry.
- Preparation of a paper concerning comparison of different legal systems and care in long-term forensic psychiatry across Europe.
- Increased number of participating countries from 13 to 19.
- Start Working groups.



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Cultures and Health (ISCH)

### Participating countries

BE, CY, DE, ES, FI, FR, GR, HR, IE,  
IT, LT, LV, MK, NL, PL, PT, RS, SI,  
UK

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