

Welcome

This is the eighth edition of the ESP newsletter. The project team releases this document on a quarterly basis to give updates on the progress of the project and ECRIS across the EU.

ECRIS Go Live

A total of 21 Member States are now actively exchanging messages using ECRIS with 187 Member State to Member State connections. Several countries yet to go live with ECRIS are beginning to test, with indications that they may be ready to exchange between March and June 2013.

For up to date information on the progress of Member States, please go to CIRCABC:
<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/fdde12ef-8d4f-4868-9e8e-0b0a4a748104>

Exchange for Purposes Other than Criminal Proceedings

The ESP team continue to explore their third project objective – the exchange of criminal records information for purposes other than criminal proceedings. We have now conducted all four regional workshops:

11th July 2012 – Nantes, France
 11 September 2012 – Bucharest, Romania
 20th November 2012 – Larnaca, Cyprus
 15th January 2013 – Glasgow, Scotland

We will now collate all of the information we have obtained to produce the 'Reference Guide' which will serve as a tool to help ECRIS users when exchanging criminal record information outside of criminal proceedings.

This reference guide was introduced in draft format at all of the regional workshops. We will also produce a report on the subject, with our findings, which will be made available before the project closure in June 2013.

ESP Conference

The final ESP conference will be held in Dublin in April 2012. Further confirmation regarding the exact date and

location will follow shortly, to enable our EU colleagues to make necessary arrangements for attendance.

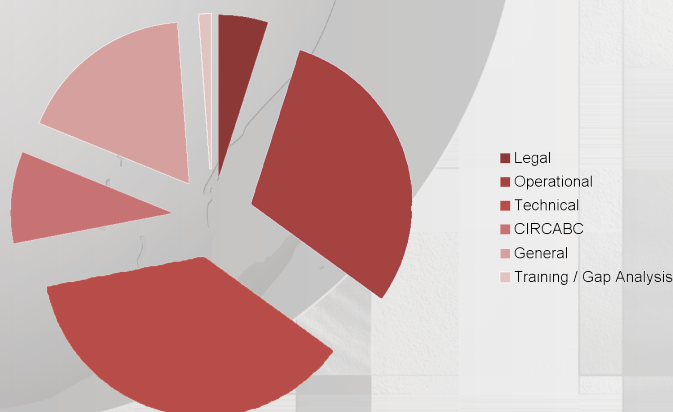
ECRIS ON CIRCABC

Guidance and best practice information surrounding the use of ECRIS is regularly produced and updated by the ESP team on CIRCABC. There is a wealth of information available, including:

1. Council Framework Decisions
2. ECRIS Operational Data (technical and statistical)
3. ESP Conferences (including minutes)
4. ESP Guidance Documents
5. ESP Newsletters
6. Flash Reports
7. Manual for Practitioners + Country Pages
8. National Reference Tables
9. Penal Codes
10. Connectivity Matrix
11. Reports published by ESP

Information Centre

The Information Centre has so far dealt with 392 queries from all Member States. Below is a breakdown of the nature of queries received.



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