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The system of execution of criminal sanctions and post-penal support in the Republic of Serbia

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Legal framework

Basics of functioning, opportunities, obstacles and inconsistencies

- Law on Execution of Criminal Sanctions
- Law on Execution of Extrajudicial Sanctions and Measures (alternative sanctions)
- Law on Juvenile Delinquents
- Law on Social Protection

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Legal framework

Preparation for release and post-penal support

- Law on Execution of Criminal Sanctions
 - Treatment
 - Preparation for release
- Law on Execution of Extrajudicial Sanctions and Measures
 - Post-penal treatment
 - Commissioners



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Legal framework

Alternative sanctions

- Introduced in the early 2000
- Prison versus „prison“ dilemma
- Underutilization of community sanctions



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Penal and post-penal practice

Department for Execution of Criminal Sanctions (MOJ)

Treatment Service

Security Service

Training and employment Service

Health care Service

Commissioners Service (probation)



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Penal and post-penal practice

Deployment according to the assessed degree of risk and criminal history

General and specialised programs run by DECS

Preparation for release program

Post-penal acceptance



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Some numbers

- 11.000 people in prisons
- 220 women
- 22.000 releases per year
- 58 Commissioners
- 0.7% of Community service sanctions

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Treatment service

Commissioners service

Center for social work

Police

National employment agency

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Basic post-penal needs



- Basis accommodation
- Obtaining personal IDs
- Finding (and keeping) work
- Bettering communication
- Addiction treatment
- Counseling and empowerment
- Family support system



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Civil Society Organizations and activities



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Civil Society Organizations and activities



- Info lines
- Job-seeking programs
- Field support programs
- Counseling
- Recovery programs
- Family support programs
- Advocating, researching and development



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Civil Society Organizations and activities



NOPSS
NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS
FOR POSTPENAL SUPPORT IN SERBIA

- Providing for 22 organisations:
- Services
- Advocacy
- Research
- Education and trainings
- Program development
- Networking and cooperation
- Practice unification



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