

SOME Website

The SOME website is now live and ready for use at www.somec-project.eu

The website contains an overview of the project and its' partners; information about key events; and various documents for download such as information leaflets in several languages, newsletters, board meeting agendas and minutes.

Over the coming months a number of project reports will also be made available on the website including a report on the scope of the problem and a literature review on existing information exchange mechanisms

Eventually the website will host all of the outputs from the project including each research report as well as the guidance handbook for offender management and law enforcement officials working on the exchange of serious mobile offenders across the European Union.

Be sure to keep checking the website as it develops!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the SOME website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Welcome', 'Project Information', 'SOME Events', 'Documents', and 'Back to CEP Probation'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a 'Welcome to SOME' section with a brief description of the project. Below this, there is a 'Latest updates' section containing a list of five bullet points detailing the schedule for task groups and the final conference. The footer includes contact information for the project in the Netherlands and a note about funding by the European Union.

SOME Research

The SOME research is ongoing and there is still much work to be done. However, there are some general observations that have been made so far. Such as:

- There is a general consensus across Europe on what defines violent and sexual offenders.
- Exchanges of conviction data, intelligence and criminality information for investigation purposes occur across Member States utilising a variety of existing information exchange mechanisms.
- Exchanges of criminality information for the purpose of preventing a future crime are far less likely to occur across the EU community.



SOMECE Task Groups

As part of the ongoing research, a series of task groups are to be held to develop the findings to date and to examine the critical factors for effective information exchange and management of mobile serious and sexual offenders.

The following three task groups are going to be taking place over the coming months:

1. UK – 15th and 16th May 2014, London
2. Latvia – 3rd and 4th June 2014, Riga
3. The Netherlands – 8th and 9th July 2014, The Hague

If you work in offender management or law enforcement, have experience in the exchange of information pertaining to serious or sexual offenders within Europe, and would like to attend a task group please contact Mark.Rowlandson@noms.gsi.gov.uk or +44 (0)3000 476 876

SOMECE Final Conference, The Hague

The SOMECE final conference will be held between the 5th and 7th November 2014 in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The aim of this conference will be to share the findings of the project and engage with stakeholders who will be interested in what SOMECE is trying to achieve and actively take on board key recommendations of the project. The conference will host a number of networking sessions as well as a variety of presentations and workshops. There will be a wide range of speakers from across the EU including ministers from the project partner countries and others who have a high profile within the offender management and law enforcement community of Europe.

The conference will be open for offender management and law enforcement practitioners and policy advisors in public protection from across all of the European Union member states.

Remember to keep the date in your diary!

In the next bulletin (August 2014):

- Further findings from the ongoing project research;
- Headlines on the results of the task groups;
- Further information about the SOMECE final conference.

Want to know more about SOMECE?

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