

**PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICE IN
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**



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CROATIA



**ASSISTANT MINISTER (DIRECTOR GENERAL)
FOR PRISON&PROBATION**

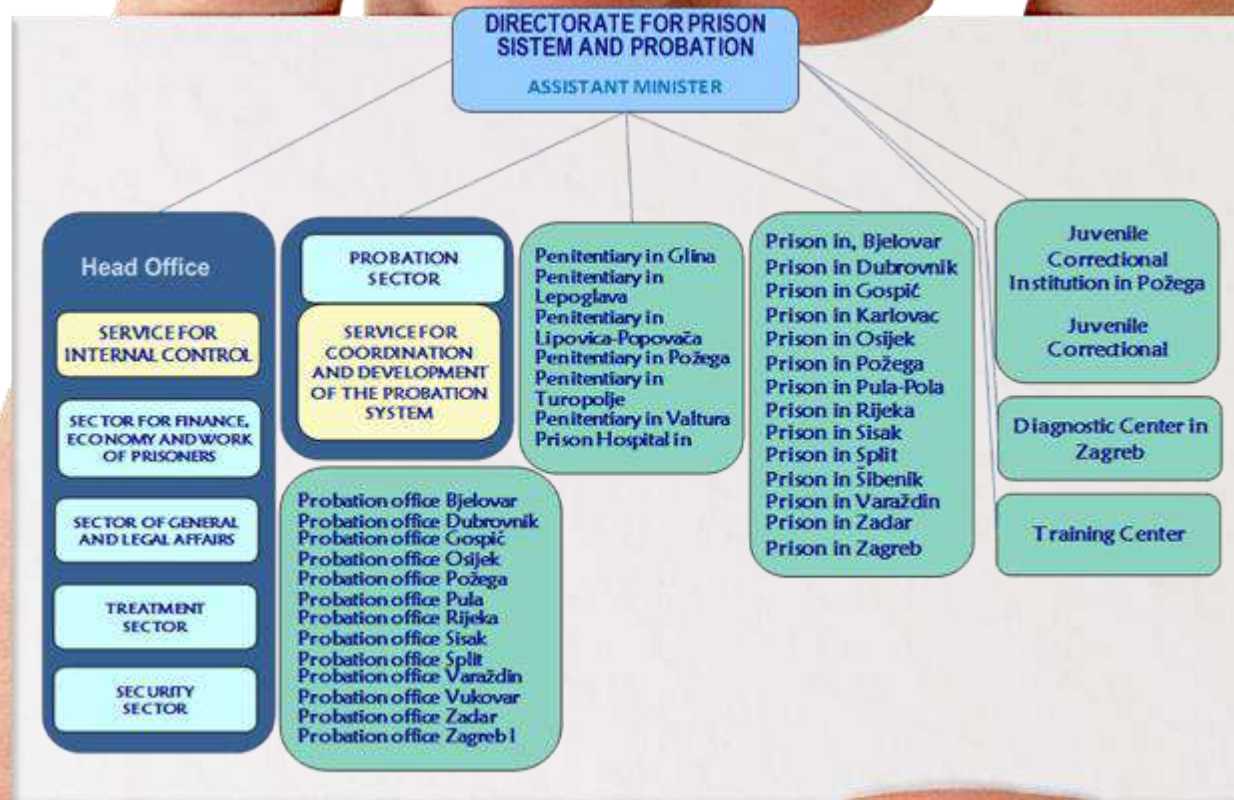


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Directorate for Prison System and Probation

**PRISON
SYSTEM**

**PROBATION
SERVICE**




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PRISON SYSTEM

HEAD OFFICE

PRISONS



HEAD OFFICE

LEGAL
SECTOR

TREATMENT
SECTOR

FINANCIAL
SECTOR

SECURITY SECTOR

INTERNAL
CONTROL

„PRISONS” in CROATIA

PRISONS

PENITENTIARIES

**JUVENILE
CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTIONS**

CENTERS

PRISONS:

- Bjelovar
- Dubrovnik
- Gospić
- Karlovac
- Osijek
- Požega
- Pula-Pola
- Rijeka
- Sisak
- Split
- Šibenik
- Varaždin
- Zadar
- Zagreb



PENITENTIARIES:

- Glina
- Lepoglava
- Lipovica-Popovača
- Požega
- Turopolje
- Valtura
- Prison hospital



JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- POŽEGA
- TUROPOLJE



CENTERS:

**DIAGNOSTIC
CENTER**



**EDUCATION
CENTER**



**PRISON
SENTENCE
UP TO 6
MONTHS**

JUVENILES

**PRISON
SENTENCE
LONGER
THAN 6
MONTHS**

**MISDEMEANOR
FINE**

**REMAND CUSTODY
(investigative prison)**

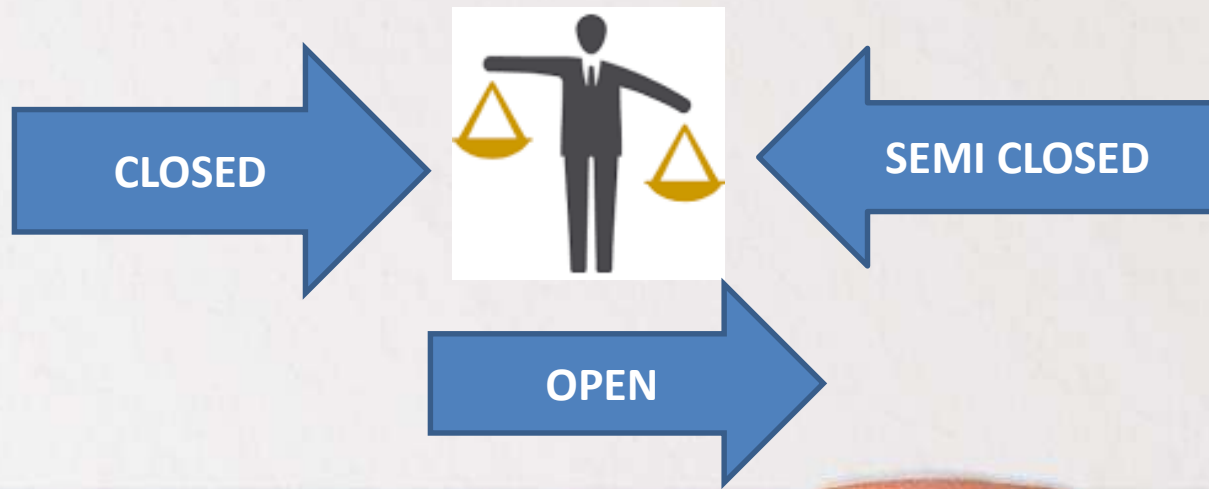
Decision Making



**DIAGNOSTIC
CENTER**

**HEAD OFFICE-
ASSISTANT
MINISTER**

**ENFORCEMENT....
.....SERVING A PRISON SENTENCE**



INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMM



CARE FOR PRISONERS



WORK OF PRISONER



WORKSHOPS IN PRISON SYSTEM

- ✓ AGRICULTURE
- ✓ MAINTAINANCE
- ✓ WOODWORKING
- ✓ METAL PROCESSING
- ✓ GRAPHICS
- ✓ FOOD FOR SYSTEM:
- ☐ VEGETABLES
- ☐ FRUIT
- ☐ MEAT
- ☐ EGGS
- ☐ MILK



TREATMENT SECTOR

- ✓ **GENERAL TREATMENT PROGRAMMS**
- ✓ **SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMMS**





GENERAL TREATMENT PROGRAMMS

- ☐ EDUCATION
- ☐ WORK
- ☐ ORGANIZATION OF FREE TIME
- ☐ ASSISTANCE BEFORE THE RELEASE FROM PRISON



SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMMS

DESIGNED FOR SPECIAL GROUPS OF PRISONERS:

- ☐ **DRUG ADDICTION**
- ☐ **ALCOHOL ADDICTION**
- ☐ **VIOLENT CRIMES**
- ☐ **SEXUAL CRIMES**
- ☐ **GAMBLING**
- ☐ **SAFE DRIVING**

REHABILITATION



loading...

COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS AND NGO's

- Creative development
- addictions
- Competitiveness in the labor market
- Psychosocial support,
- Spiritual renewal
- Parenting/Connecting with children

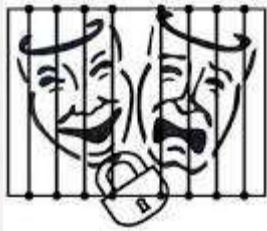


„LOTTERY MONEY“

- **SINCE 2016**
 - ✓ **„Prison is not an obstacle“**
 - ✓ **„Super daddy“**
 - ✓ **„Book reading Programm“**
 - ✓ **“Beekeeping as life style“**



ORGANIZATION OF FREE TIME IN PRISON



EDUCATION FOR PRISONERS

- **LITERACY**
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **TRAINING FOR SIMPLE TASKS**
- **SECONDARY SCHOOL**
- **COURSES**
- **FOLLOW UP OF EDUCATION IN
COMMUNITY**



HEALTH TREATMENT

- **DOCTORS OF FIRST INSTANCE IN PRISON**
- **PRISON HOSPITAL**
- **COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**



BENEFITS



SECURITY AND ORDER

TESTING

SURVEILLANCE

COERCION

**DISCIPLINARY
PROCEDURE**



JUVENILES IN CROATIAN PRISON SYSTEM





MJESTO DJE SU MAME S BEBAMA

MJESTO ZOVEMO „RODIŠTE“ IAKO SE
JE NE RAĐAJU BEBE. TU ŽIVE MAJKE SA
IM BEBAMA I MALOM DJECOM KOJA SU
RODILA KADA SU MAJKE VEĆ STIGLE
U LIJEPO UREĐENOJ KUHINJI MAJKE
EMAJU HRANU ZA DJECU, A U SPAVAČOJ
BEBE SPAVAJU SA SVOJIM MAMAMA. U
NOM BORAVKU VEĆA DJECA IMAJU SVOJ
LIČ I PROSTOR ZA IGRANJE. KADA IM JE
SADNO UNUTRA, MOGU PROŠETATI PO
UREĐENOM DVORIŠTU.



**How does it look inside the
prison?**





UPOZNAJ NAŠ ZATVOR

OVO JE MJESTO NA KOJE ODLAZE ODRASLI
KOJI SU PREKRŠILI ZAKONE KAKO BI
RAZMISLILI O SVOJIM POSTUPCIMA I
PROMIJENILI SVOJE LOŠE PONAŠANJE.
OVDJE NISU ZBOG TOGA ŠTO JE DIJETE NEŠTO
POGRIJEŠILO. ODRASLI OSTAJU U ZATVORU
ONOLIKO DUGO KOLIKO ODLUČI SUD.
U ZATVORU SE SPAVA, JEDE, RADI, UČI,
ODMARA, ŠETA. OVDJE IMAMO I LIJEPO
UREĐENA ŠETALIŠTA, ČAK TRI.
IMAMO STOLOVE ZA STOLNI TENIS I KLUPE NA
KOJIMA ODMARAMO I DRUŽIMO SE.



ŠTO JEDEMO

SVAKOGA DANA DORUČKUJEMO, RUČAMO I VEČERAMO U NAŠIM SOBAMA. HRANA SE PRIPREMA U VELIKOJ KUHINJI. IMAMO I MALI KIOSK - KANTINU U KOJOJ KUPUJEMO SOKOVE, KEKSE, JOGURTE, ČASOPISE I OSTALE SITNICE KOJE NAS VESELE.





NAŠE SPAVAĆE SOBE

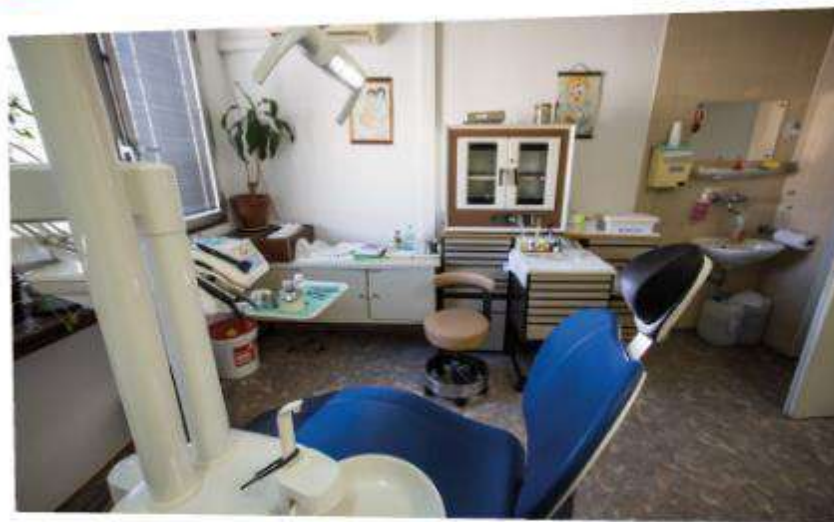
SPAVAĆE SOBE SU VELIKE I UREDNE.
IMAMO KREVE TE NA KAT. SOBE SU
ČISTE I SVIJETLE, A U SVAKOJ JE
ORMAR U KOJI MOŽEMO
POSPREMITI NAŠE STVARI. NAVEČER
GLEDAMO TELEVIZOR, ČITAMO ILI
PRIČAMO DOK NE ZASPIMO.
NA KATU IMAMO I ZAJEDNIČKU
PROSTORIJU ZA DNEVNI BORAVAK U
KOJOJ SE DRUŽIMO I PRIČAMO.





KADA SE RAZBOLIMO

KADA SE RAZBOLIMO, KAD NAS UHVATI PREHLADA ILI ZUBOBOLJA, O NAMA BRINU MEDICINSKE SESTRE, LIJEČNICE I LIJEČNICI I ČAK DVA ZUBARA.





I U ZATVORU SE IDE NA POSAO

KUHINJA I VEŠERAJ NAŠA SU RADNA
MJESTA. SVI KOJI RADE, DOLAZE NA SVOJ
POSLO SVAKI DAN, KAO I SVI OSTALI KOJI SU
ZAPOSLjeni, IMAJU SLOBODNO POPODNE,
VEČER, VIKENDE I BLAGDANE.
ZA SVOJ POSLO DOBIVAJU PLAĆU.





NAŠE VRIJEME ZA ODMOR I ZABAVU

IMAMO NEKOLIKO PROSTORIJA ZA ODMOR, RAZONODU I DRUŽENJE. IMAMO VELIKU SPORTSKU DVORANU U KOJOJ ORGANIZIRAMO SPORTSKE AKTIVNOSTI. TU NAM DOLAZE I KAZALIŠNI GLUMCI SA SVOJIM PREDSTAVAMA, PISCI, PJEVAČI. U BIBLIOTECI IMAMO PUNO RAZLIČITIH I ZANIMLJIVIH KNJIGA.



PRISON SYSTEM



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PROBATION SERVICE

HEAD OFFICE

**PROBATION
OFFICES**

PROBATION SERVICE



- Probation Service in Croatia is part of the Ministry of Justice
- Sector for Probation is part of the Directorate for Prison System and Probation
- Sector for Probation: Head office and 14 local offices

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Directorate for Prison System
and Probation

SECTOR FOR PROBATION

**CENTRAL PROBATION
OFFICE**



**14 probation
offices**



- As regards **juvenile** offenders, the Republic of Croatia has a long history of conducting measures similar to probation measures
- Regarding **adult** offenders, in 1999, the RoC started implementing protective supervision and community work (a special law was adopted)- the system was established under the Prison system directorate by engaging “commissioners”
- Croatian Criminal Justice System was engaged in a series of reforms within the Republic of Croatia **Accession to the European Union** (1st July 2013)
- Probation was built using the best European and international practices
- Development of the Probation System complies with several recommendations made by the Council of Europe

FROM IDEA TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018

- 2 new offices
- merged with prisons
- new Law

2013

- New law, more tasks
- all probation offices in Croatia opened

2011.

- Opening of the probation offices
- Education of probation officers

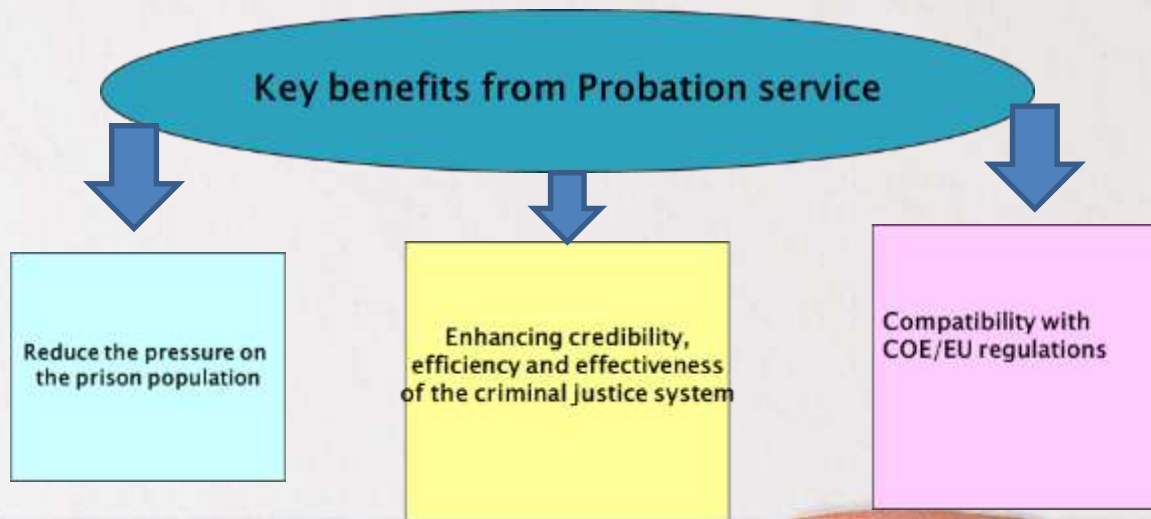
2010.

- by - laws
- „find“ probation officers
- Preparing offices

2009. – 1st Probation Act

Probation Service

The main task is to protect the community from criminal offenders by resocialising criminal offenders and reintegrating them into the community

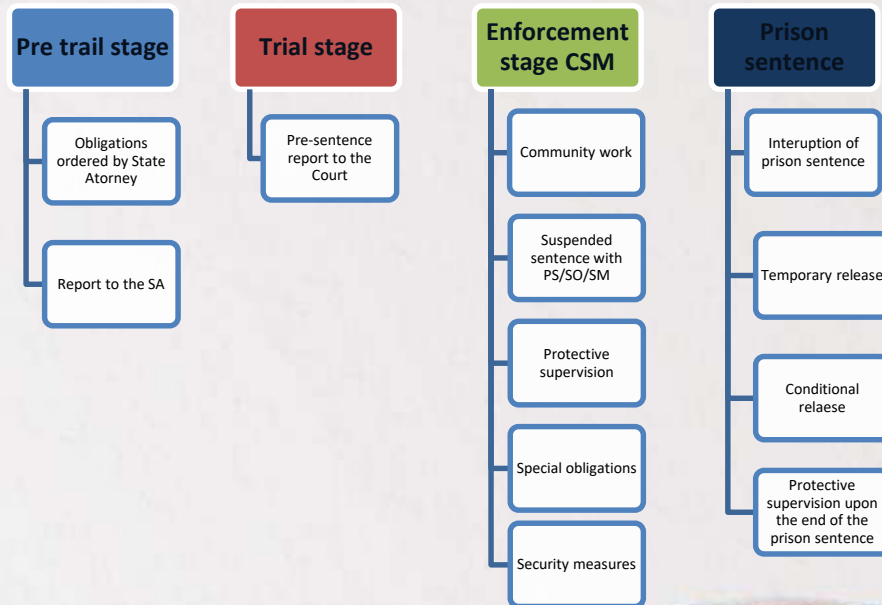


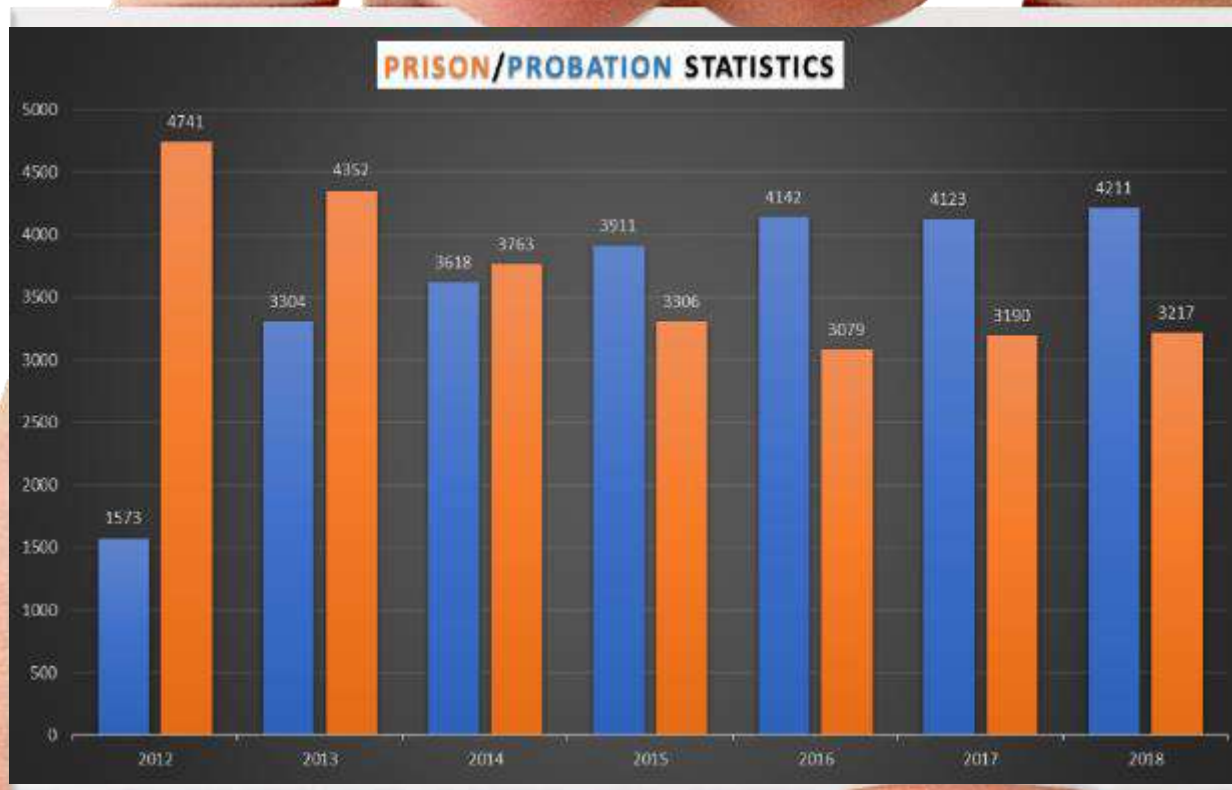
Probation „vs.” Prison



- Question of short prison sanctions – prison should be the last option
- Financial benefit of the probation supervision
(54€ vs. 1,4€)

Probation tasks in the RoC





CASES NOW IN THE PROBATION SERVICE:



3770

ACTIVE CASES

CONDITIONAL
RELEASE

298

COMMUNITY WORK

2143

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

1161

REPORTs

114

Who are Probation Officers in Croatia?

- Probation Officers are public servants
- Hold a degree in law, psychology, social pedagogy, social work or pedagogy
- Authorized to perform probation tasks in accordance with the Probation Act
- 101 PO in Croatia today



COOPERATION

- In order to efficiently perform all probation tasks, special attention is on communication and identification of all stakeholders and partners
- Probation Service cooperates and exchanges information with the courts, prosecution, police, prison system, NGO's, institutions of the health and social welfare, educational institutions, employment service and all other organizations that are relevant for probation tasks and offenders



INTERNATIONAL PROBATION EXPERIENCE



PROJECTS



EXHIBITION



Example of good practice

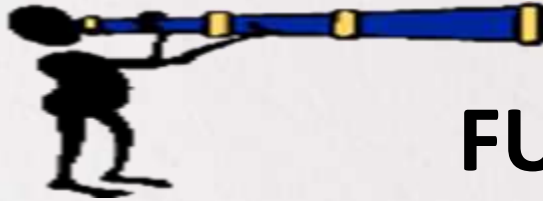
- in 2014 Probation Service was engaged in flood damage recovery
- Offenders on probation performed over 11000 hours of community service working on flood damage recovery



RESULTS OF WORK

Croatian Probation Service won first ever „the Development of National Probation Service Award” by the Confederation of European Probation in 2019





FUTURE

- **Electronic Monitoring**
- **Further strengthening and professionalization of service**
- **New Projects and cooperation**

Thank you for your
attention!



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