

1) European Forum for Restorative Justice

2) Restorative Justice in Belgian prisons

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I) European Forum for RJ

- Established in 2000
- General Aim:
Help establish and develop victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices throughout Europe

Objectives

- Promote international exchange of information and mutual help;
- Promote the development of effective restorative justice policies, services and legislation;
- Explore and develop the theoretical basis of restorative justice;
- Stimulate restorative justice research;
- Assist the development of principles, ethics, training and good practice;
- Promote networking between stakeholders

4 Target groups:

- Restorative justice practitioners and services
- Policy makers
- Researchers
- Legal practitioners

Activities

- Information (website, Newsletter, Newsflash,...)
- Conferences
- Summer Schools
- Seminars
- Research projects
- Lobbying

- More information:

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- **2) Restorative Justice in Belgian Prisons**

2) RJ in Belgian prisons

- Belgian prison system
- Differences:
 - Regime
 - Size
 - Inmates

Every prison: own character

- Origin:
 - 1998: action research
 - Positive evaluation
 - Restorative Justice advisor
 - Informing
 - Different kind of activities
 - Mediation

- Concluding remarks:
 - Clear aim/enough freedom
 - Information
 - Balance offender/victim
 - Willingness of inmates to participate
 - Support from personnel
 - Takes time and constant attention