

**Press release on the organisation of the
Webinar on Prevention and Reduction of Recidivism
in preparation of the implementation of the project „A Safe and
Educated Community Undertaking Responsible Engagement - SECURE”-
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On June 24, 2021 the webinar on „Prevention and Reduction of recidivism" was organised by the Romanian Ministry of Justice and the Norwegian Department of Correctional Services, partners in the Justice programme, funded under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021. It aimed at presenting national perspectives and approaches of international organizations in terms of defining and assessing the recidivism rate and ways to reduce it. Speakers from Canada, Poland, Romania, as well as experts from the Council of Europe and the Permanent European Conference on Probation (CEP), participated to the webinar.

Given that the topic of recidivism has been tackled by two projects financed under the Justice Programme, having the National Administration of Penitentiaries and National Probation Directorate as beneficiaries, in which a method of calculating/determining the recidivism rate will be developed as part of the assessment of trends in the prison population and a strategy for prevention of recidivism will be elaborated, the webinar was a useful exchange of experience and an opportunity for future partnerships and joint initiatives in this area.