



Framework Decisions 829 and 947 and their Impact on Alternatives in the EU

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Key topics

- Best practice in relation to alternatives to detention
- Viable alternatives, including probationary measures, electronic monitoring and restorative justice
- The application and correct use of Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention and Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on probation and alternative sanctions, also as an alternative to the European Arrest Warrant

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English, Lithuanian (simultaneous interpretation)

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Thursday, 4 December 2025

08:30	Arrival and registration of participants
09:00	Opening of the seminar <i>Vaida Petravičienė, Ramin Farinpour</i>
<hr/> I. FRAMEWORK DECISIONS (FDs) 829 and 947 AND THEIR IMPACT ON ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION IN THE EU <hr/> <i>Chair: Ramin Farinpour</i>	
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09:10	Taking stock of the implementation and use of FDs 829 and 947 and the road ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9th round of mutual evaluations on EU Member States' legislation and practice• Conclusions from the recent High-Level Forum on the Future of EU Criminal Justice <i>Gerry McNally, Jesca Beneder</i>
10:00	Discussion
10:15	An analysis of CJEU case law affecting the functioning of FDs 829 and 947 <i>Amedeo Barletta</i>
10:45	Discussion
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	How the main elements of FDs 829 and 947 work in practice from the perspective of a judicial authority and probation service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FD 829: recognition and monitoring of supervision measures, required form, transfer procedure, role of judicial authorities and probation services• FD 947: transfer procedure, required form, issuing and executing measures, supervision of probation, role of judicial authorities and probation services <i>Marina Beun, Leontien Kuijer</i>
12:15	Discussion
12:30	The role of a lawyer in representing and informing clients in the FD 829 and 947 proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocating non-custodial alternatives, protecting fundamental rights and ensuring procedural safeguards <i>Amedeo Barletta</i>
13:00	Discussion
13:15	Lunch
14:15	Legislative reform and cross-border cooperation to enhance the role of alternatives to detention and the effects of FDs 829 and 947: the example of Lithuania and Latvia <i>Loreta Matačiūtė, Vita Padriezaitė, Dace Malniece</i>
15:00	Discussion
15:15	Enhancing the use of FDs 829 and 947: the work of the Probation Observatory Network and Training (PONT) Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overcoming legal and practical problems and good practices• Findings from PONT's literature and training gap analysis• E-manual on the implementation of FDs 829 and 947 <i>Esther Montero Pérez de Tudela</i>
15:45	Discussion
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	The J-CAP and J-CAP NEXT projects: supporting judges, prosecutors and lawyers in executing FD 947 and creating a digital tool designed to meet the needs of judicial practitioners (European Probation Software) <i>João Gomes</i>

Objective

This seminar, which forms part of a series of five co-funded by the European Union on enhancing cross-border mutual legal assistance and recognition of decisions within the context of detention, will focus on alternatives to detention, also within the context of the European Arrest Warrant, as well as issues surrounding the proper use of Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on probation and alternative sanctions and Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice and probation staff who are citizens of eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova and Ukraine.

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17:00	Discussion
17:15	The role of probation services and officers in preventing (re)incarceration: help on release, conflict resolution and working together with the authorities <i>Danijela Mrhar Prelić</i>
17:45	Discussion
18:00	End of the first day
19:30	Dinner

Friday, 5 December 2025

II. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION IN THE EU WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF FDs 829 AND 947

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:00	Alternative sanctions: the example of drug offenders and those with mental health issues <i>Anastasia Vararu Iancu</i>
10:00	Discussion
10:15	Restorative justice as a viable alternative: victim-offender-community mediation within and outside prisons <i>Bart Claes</i>
10:45	Technology as part of a viable alternative to detention: the use of electronic monitoring and other technologies in practice and future outlook <i>Pia Andersson</i>
11:15	Discussion
11:30	Coffee break

III. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

11:00	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying the FD on Probation and Alternative Sanctions and the FD on Supervision Measures as an Alternative to Provisional Detention in practice (<i>Marina Beun, Leontien Kuijjer</i>) Probation services and their work with judicial and other authorities: effective means and methods (<i>Danijela Mrhar Prelić</i>) Effective implementation and application of restorative justice (<i>Bart Claes</i>)
12:30	Workshop reports and participant discussion
13:00	End of the seminar and light lunch

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Webinar on Framework Decision 947: Supervision of Probation Measures and Alternative Sanctions
Online, 24 September 2025

Webinar on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW)
Online, 28 January 2026

Webinar on the European Investigation Order (EIO)
Online, 25 February 2026

Seminar on the EAW, pre-trial detention, mutual trust and legal assistance
Krakow, 27-28 April 2026

Webinar on Framework Decision 909
Online, 25 March 2026

Seminar on Framework Decision 909 and its impact on the transfer of prisoners
Lisbon, 11-12 May 2026

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The number of places available is limited (50 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be first come first served and according to nationality.

2. Applications should be submitted before **21 October 2025**.
3. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel or accommodation before you receive our confirmation.**

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4. €120 including documentation, coffee breaks, lunches and dinner. Nominated participants attending via the Lithuanian National Courts Administration (judges and prosecutors) and the Lithuanian Probation Service (probation officers) are exempt from paying this fee.

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