Confederation of European Probation

CEP Conference
Public Perception of Probation as Penal System

Welcome Speech

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CEP Strategic objectives

1. unite professionals, build and maintain networks in probation and criminal justice in Europe;
2. to continue the professionalization in probation and criminal justice
3. to raise the profile of probation at a national and European levels;

Council of Europe

Supranational bodies like the Council of Europe (CoE)

Aims :

- Ensuring respect for fundamental values: **democracy, human rights and the rule of law.**
- Cooperation between all Member States to address the major issues of our time
  (terrorism, organised crime and corruption, cybercrime, bioethics and cloning, etc.),

Council of Europe
Based in Strasbourg, France.
Founded in 1949.
46 member States.

Tools:

> Conventions (*e.g.* European Convention on Human Rights)
> Resolutions and Recommendations to member States

Judicial body:

European Court of Human Rights.

Note: no control body for the probation services

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Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the Council of Europe Probation Rules

Rule 106: "The media and the public shall be provided regularly with factual information about the work carried out by probation agencies. They shall be informed about the purposes and results of the work in order to encourage a better understanding of their role and value in society."

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Rule 37: “Probation agencies shall work in co-operation with other agencies of the justice system, with support agencies and with the wider civil society in order to implement their tasks and duties effectively.”

Rule 38 : “Probation agencies shall encourage and facilitate support agencies to undertake their inherent responsibility to meet the needs of offenders as members of society.”

Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics (SPACE)

Figure 3. Probation and Prison population rates (per 100 000 inhabitants) on 31 January 2022 (N=41)*

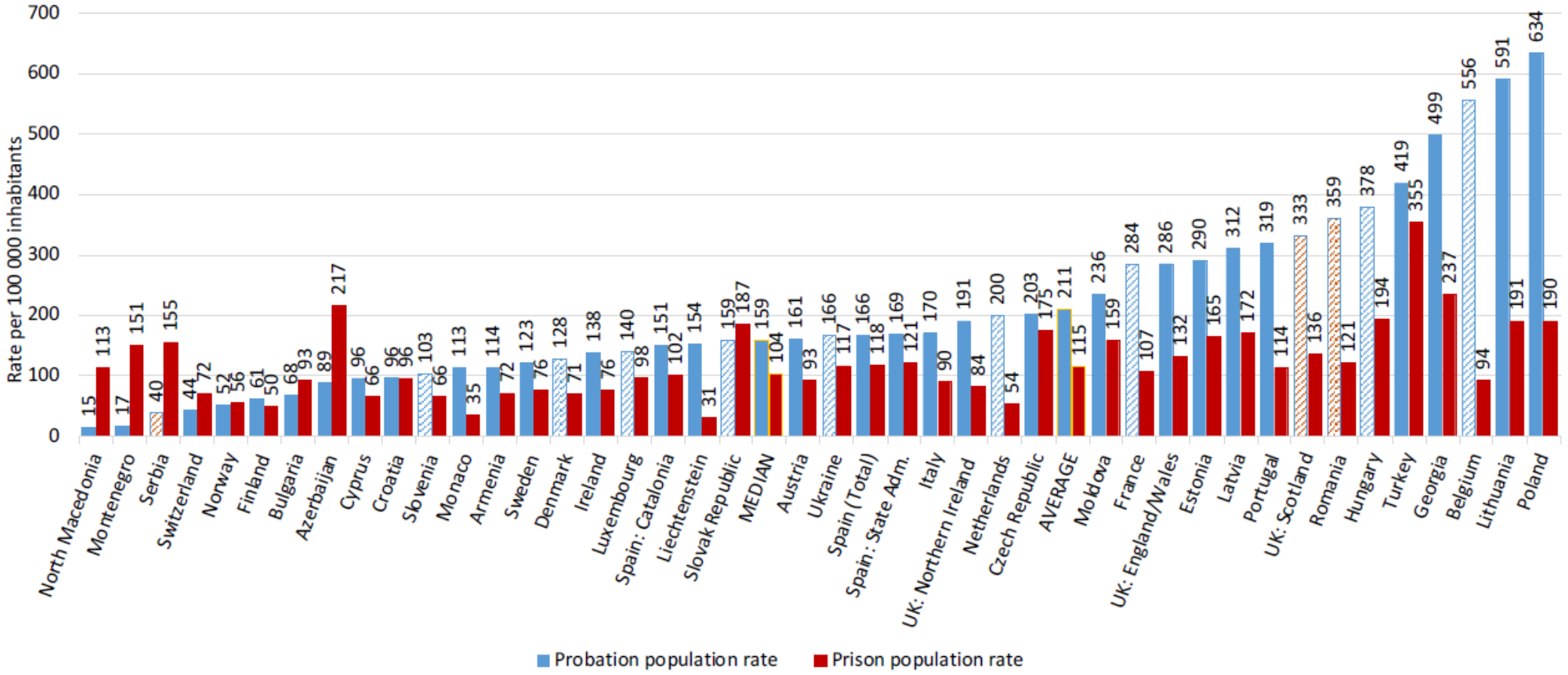

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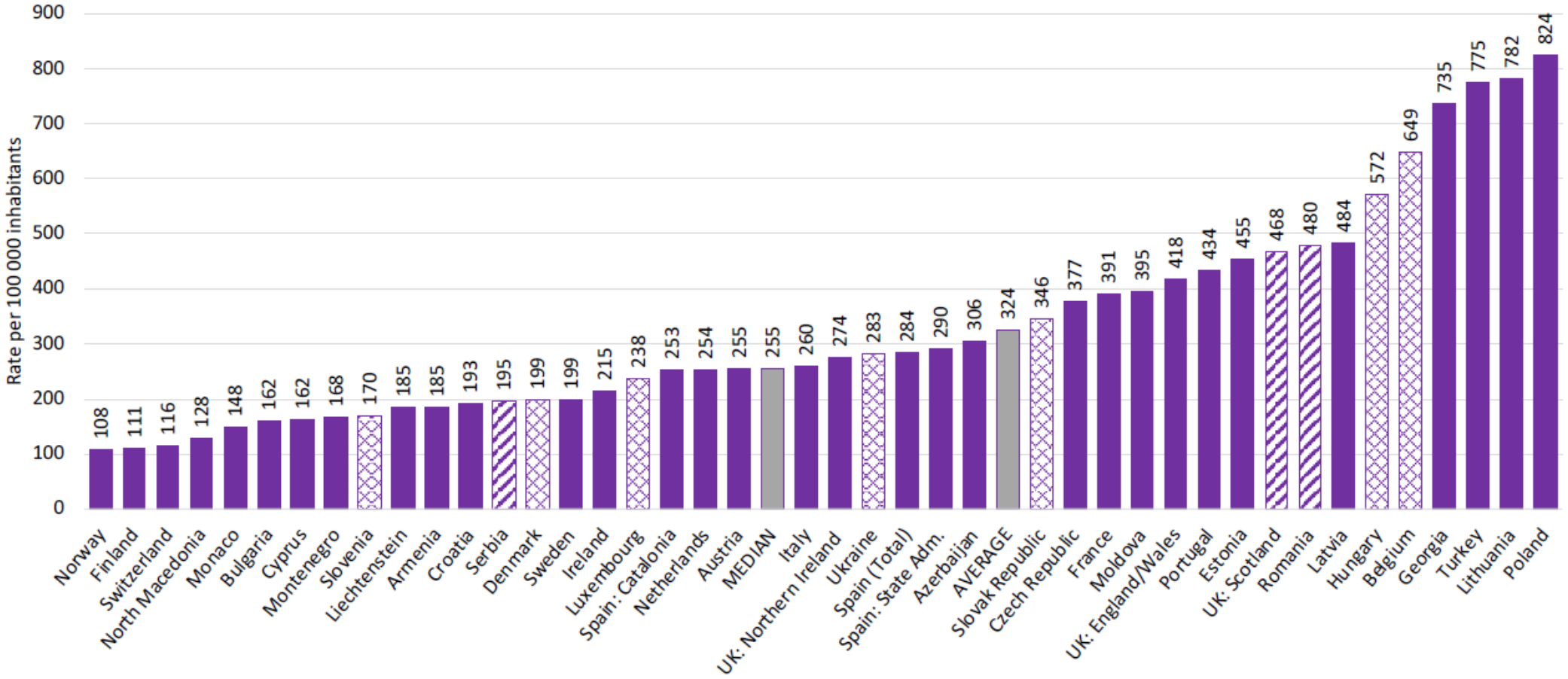
Figure 5. Estimated correctional population rate (inmates + probationers) per 100 000 inhabitants on 31 January 2022 (N=41)*



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