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# *Latvian Probation Service*

*State Probation Service (SPS) is a public organization under the Ministry of Justice*

- *Created in 2003*
- *Probation officers are civil servants*
- *The SPS has a centralized structure. General policy and standards are made by the headquarters in Riga*

## Local offices (28) take part in the drafting of legal regulations



## Functions:

- Supervision of persons conditionally released from criminal liability, conditionally sentenced (suspended sentence), on conditional release from prison (parole), and with additional punishment – probation's supervision
- Preparation of pre-sentence and parole reports
- Mediation in criminal matters
- Organization of community work service (adults + juveniles)
- Correction of social behaviour – development and implementation of probation programs

- **Number of staff (average numbers in 2014)**
- **Probation Officers: 264**
- **Probation Managers, all grades: 54**
- **Administrative support staff, all grades: 36**
- **Total: 376**
  
- **Daily average number of offenders dealt with:  
6000**

## Number of prisoners per 100 000 inhabitants:

- 1992 – 314
- 1995 – 374
- 1998 – 410
- 2001 – 373
- 2004 – 353
- 2007 – 287
- 2010.g. – 314
- 2014.g. – 264
- *Resource: [www.prisonstudies.org](http://www.prisonstudies.org)*

## ESM-YA project

- **Education/Treatment for Young Offenders**
- **Work packages to be experimented / axes of research**
  - **Diagnostic survey about target groups**
  - **Institutional cooperation**
  - **Alternative measures to avoid imprisonment**
  - **Reintegration and recidivism (methodologies)**

Thank you!

