

# **Non-compliance and Breach Processes in Ireland: A Pilot Study**

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**Summary:** The purpose of this paper is to contribute to the literature on noncompliance and breach processes by presenting some of the findings from a recent pilot study on the nature of the breach process that follows non-compliance with a community service order in Ireland. The Irish pilot study emerged from a broader comparative study of breach processes undertaken by a group of international scholars as part of the COST Action SI 1106 on Offender Supervision in Europe. The paper begins by examining the literature on non-compliance in the field of offender supervision and then introduces the comparative study on breach processes before providing a detailed description of the Irish pilot study. The remaining sections examine the relevance of the findings from both a national and a comparative perspective.

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