

HEALTH WITHOUT BARRIERS

The European Federation for Prison Health

Prison Health in Europe: missions, roles, and responsibilities of International Organizations

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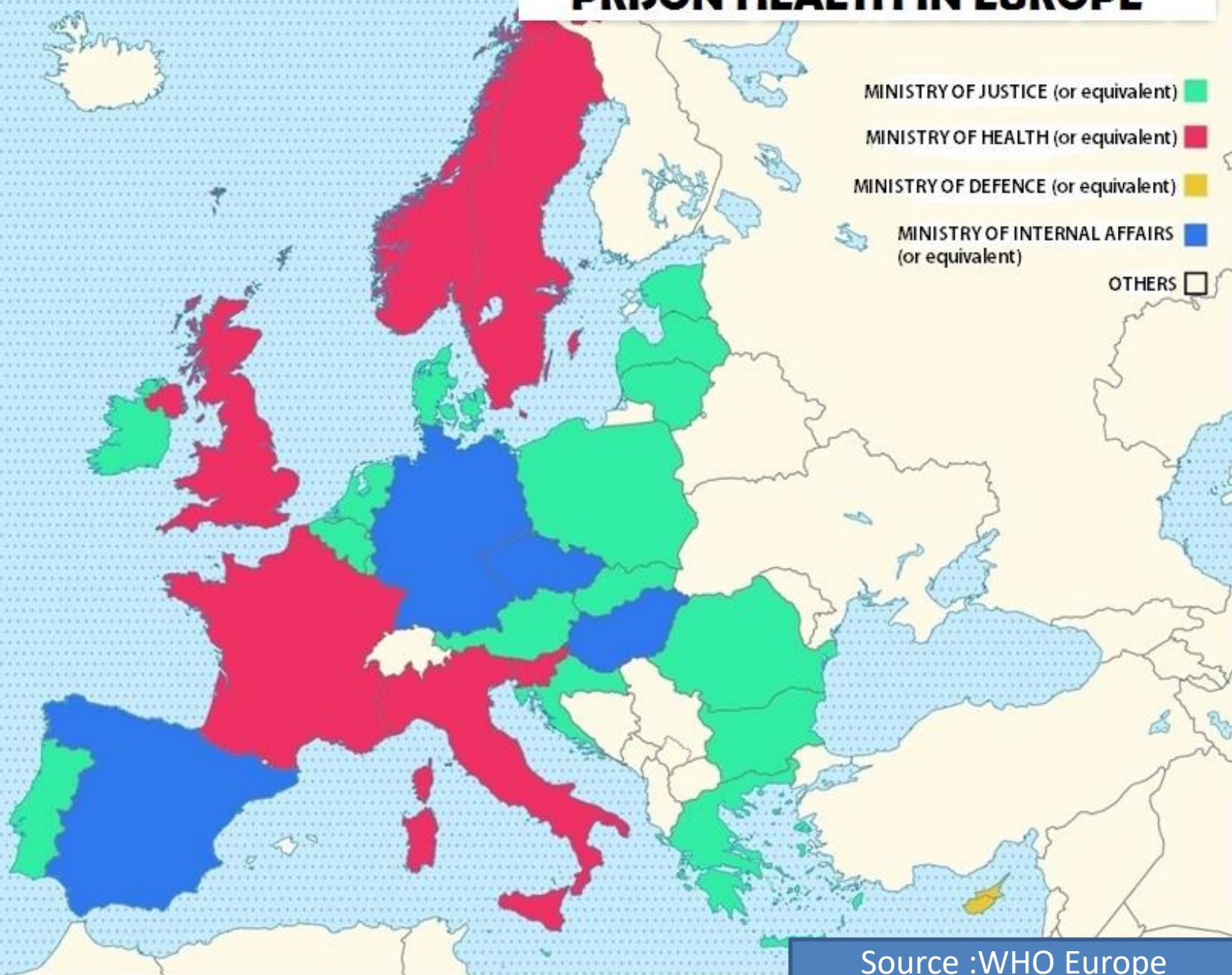
Background

- Over the last few years, all over Europe, Prison Health has been gaining importance and attention
- As result, a gradual shift of Prison Health responsibilities from Ministries of Justice to Ministries of Health was observed
- To support this process of improvement of Healthcare Prison Systems in Europe : the HWB is founded

Who is responsible for Prison Health in Europe?

- Currently, either the Justice Ministry or the Interior Ministry is responsible for prison health in the vast majority of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- In recent years several Member States have transferred the responsibility for prison health to their Health Ministries.
- These are Norway, Sweden, France, UK and Italy.
 - Some Swiss cantons and 2 autonomous regions of Spain have implemented a similar reform

PRISON HEALTH IN EUROPE



Source :WHO Europe

Official Founding of the HWB *Health Without Barriers* - London, 15th October 2013



British Medical Association - London

HWB – MEETINGs/EVENTs

- HWB Constitution 15 October 2013, London
- Public IN BRIEF HWB Constitution Amendments (HWB 2014, Rome –GM on 20 May 2014, Turin):
 - The HWB Chair is in charge for 3 years (2013-2016)
 - The HWB accountancy and budget will be openly reviewed and discussed once a year (during the GM)
 - The HWB membership contributions was agreed
 - The HWB will be dealing with the prison issues and environment as a whole (inmates, staff and stakeholders)
 - The HWB Working Groups will be composed by Regular and Individual Members , based on their expertise
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THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR PRISON HEALTH:

*Federation of independent
National Societies, operating
to promote Healthcare and
Human Rights in European
Prisons, for the public
benefit.*

BACKGROUND

- An international network of national-based organizations working in prison health could be a resource for:
 - Other National Organizations
 - European Key-Institutions (Commission, Parliament, etc.)
 - International Organizations (WHO, ECDC, UNODC, etc.)

MISSION

HWB intends to enhance Prison Health Services in order to improve prisoners' health and custody conditions within the European prisons, hereby protecting the collective welfare of the population at large.

OBJECTIVES - 1

- To promote the exchange of scientific knowledge, research and development in the field of Prison Healthcare and Medicine
- To foster healthy conditions in the environment of European prisons
- To introduce scientific standards and indicators for implementation of prison health programmes

OBJECTIVES - 2

- To organize conferences and workshops and a three yearly European Conference on Prison Medicine and Healthcare
- To develop a conduct code and ethical principles for prison health staff
- To promote the collaboration and further partnerships with key European institutions active in the field of prison health
- To pursue the right of equal conditions of treatment and health assistance for European prisoners

OBJECTIVES - 3

- To build-up Working Groups on specific health issues
- To promote the dissemination of general information on Prison Healthcare and Medicine hereby supporting public awareness on prison healthcare issues
- To develop training materials for both inmates and staff, in European prisons

MEMBERS

Regular Members

National Organizations or Societies whose aim is to improve Prison Healthcare and Medicine

Individual Members

Medical practitioners and technical experts who live in countries where no national organization is found yet, and who are (or aim to be) actively engaged in the field of Prison Health

HWB Regular Members

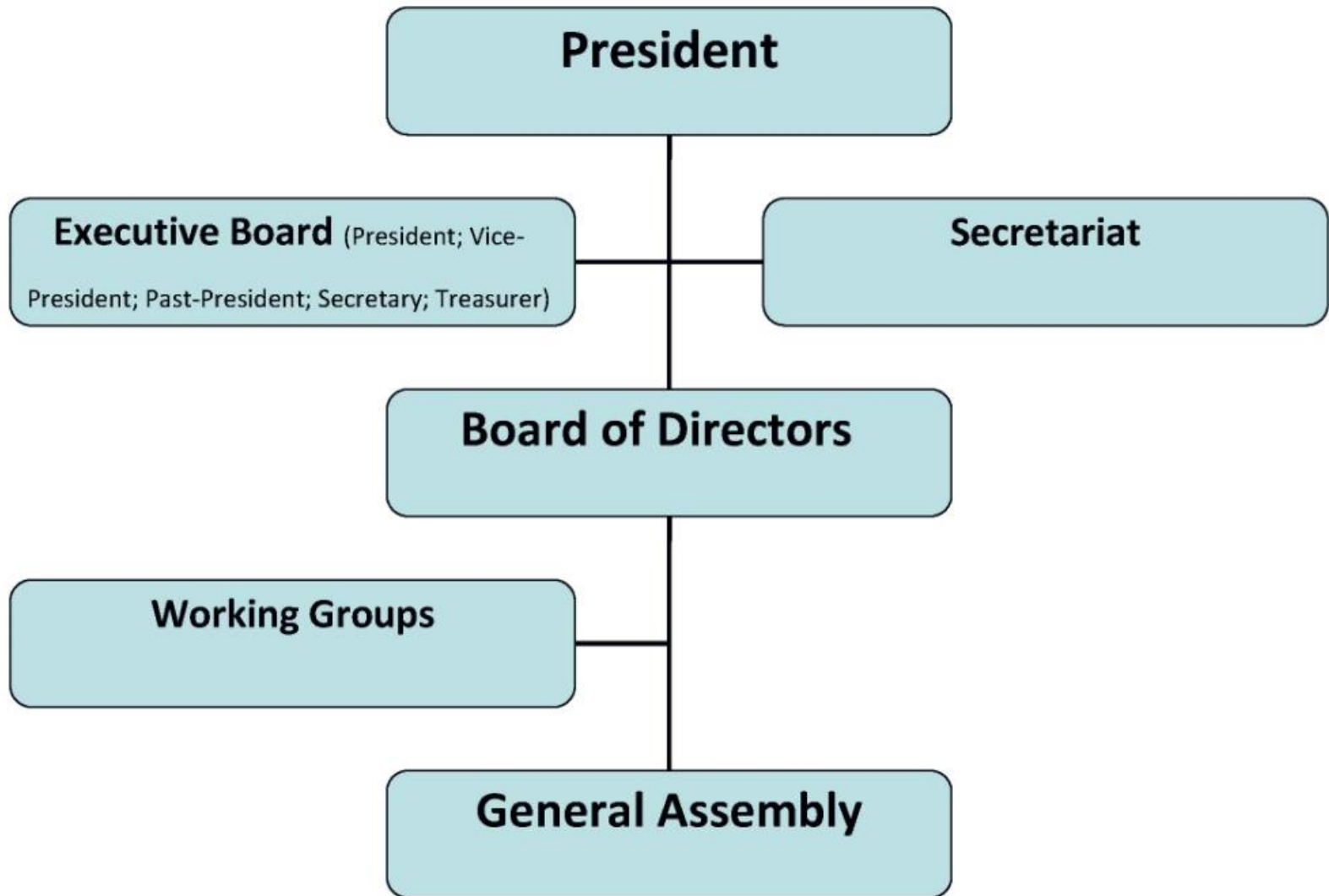
- SIMSPE (Società Italiana di Medicina e Sanità Penitenziaria)
- SESP (Sociedad Española de Sanidad Penitenciaria)
- APSEP (Association des Professionnels de Santé Exerçant en Prison)
- PHE (Public Health England)
- DJI (Dutch Prison Services)
- Swiss Prison Doctors Association (to be confirmed)
- Berlin Prison Hospital (to be confirmed)

HWB Individual Members

EXPERTS who have demonstrated their interest to join HWB come from :

- Swedish Prison and Probation Services
- Belgian Prison Health Care Services
- Austrian Prison Health Service
- Luxemburg

HWB - ORGANOGRAM



General Assembly

- Meets at least every three years, normally at the Congress of the European Federation
- Open to all members
- Functions:
 - Discuss important topics
 - Approve new projects
 - Discuss about ongoing projects
 - Approve byelaws and changes within HWB

Board of Directors

- One member from each National Society, designated to act on its behalf
- Meets at least once a year, and at the European Federation Congress
- Functions:
 - Establishes policy of HWB
 - Elects the Executive Board
 - Approves reports concerning HWB activities and makes recommendations thereto
 - Nominates delegates for official meetings

Executive Board

- Includes: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Past President
- Elected by the Board of Directors; each HWB regular member has to nominate a candidate
- It is elected every two years by the Board of Directors

President

- The President chairs all regular and extraordinary meetings of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the General Assembly
- Makes comments and suggestions to the decisions and activities of HWB's Board of Directors. He/she can also promote new projects which he/she considers particularly significant for the Federation's objectives
- In case of absence, the President is replaced by the Vice-President

Executive Board (Specific duties)

Secretary

- general supervision of the meetings and keep the minutes
- distributes copies of the minutes to each of the Board members, to the National Societies and to the individual members
- updates HWB membership contact lists

Treasurer

- carries out the membership fees duty collection
- general supervision of the financial affairs of the HWB
- custodian of all funds – keeps the financial records updated

Working Groups

The Board of Directors can appoint working groups on different issues:

- infectious diseases,
- drug and/or alcohol addiction,
- mental disorders,
- hygiene,
- disease prevention,
- human rights
- etc.

Each Working Group is composed of experts in the referred field. The activities and researches will be regularly reported to the HWB.

HWB - LOGO



FUNDS

- Members' contributions
- Allocations
- Donations
- Subsidies
- Sponsorships
- Income from HWB's activities
- Revenues from congresses, workshops etc.
- Bequests and gifts

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