

QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to help the Secretariat ensure a follow-up to Resolution n°2, adopted at the 30th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Justice and to plan the next activities in the penitentiary field, as well as in order to better respond to the needs of our member states' prison administrations and the probation services, we should be grateful to receive your replies to the below questions.

The replies are strictly anonymous and will be treated with the utmost attention by the Council of Europe Secretariat.

1. In which areas do you encounter difficulties in implementing the Council of Europe standards?
(Please give numbers to the below areas, 1 being the most important)

- 1 Prison overcrowding
- 2 Treatment of dangerous offenders
- 3 Treatment of pre-trial detainees
- 4 Treatment of long-term prisoners
- 5 Treatment of elderly offenders
- 6 Handling and reduction of violence between prisoners
- 7 Staff training
- 8 Number of staff
- 9 Provision of healthcare
- 10 Provision of mental healthcare
- 11 Exercice of religious freedom
- 12 Organisation of work related activities
- 13 Organisation of educational activities
- 14 Organisation of leisure activities
- 15 Preparation for release
- 16 Cooperation with civil society
- 17 Cooperation with judicial authorities (especially the judges in charge with the execution of the sentences)
- 18 Other : _____

2. Do you consider it pertinent to fix the maximum prison capacity (numerus clausus) for each prison institution?

- 1 Yes
For what reasons? : _____
- _____
- _____

- 2 No
For what reasons? : _____
- _____
- _____

3. According to you would the regular consulting of the prisoners' opinion on issues related to organisation of everyday life in prison help better manage the penitentiary institution?

- 1 Yes
For what reasons? : _____
- _____

2 No

For what reasons? : _____

4. From your point of view, a modern prison institution should have the following characteristics :
(Multiple choice possible)

- 1 open type
- 2 semi open type
- 3 closed type
- 4 have only individual cells
- 5 have collective recreation rooms inside the prison wing
- 6 have treatment programs for addictions
- 7 have a large offer of school training
- 8 have a large offer of professional training
- 9 have paid work for detainees
- 10 Participation of inmates in the organisation of everyday life
- 11 Individualized programs
- 12 Other : _____

5. According to you which should be the minimum age of criminal responsibility?

- 1 10 years old
- 2 12 years old
- 3 14 years old
- 4 16 years old
- 5 18 years old

6. According to you as of what age a person may be deprived of liberty?

- 1 10 years old
- 2 12 years old
- 3 14 years old
- 4 16 years old
- 5 18 years old

7. What are the major problems encountered by you in the treatment of juvenile offenders?
(Number your choices, 1 being the most important)

- 1 Staff training
- 2 Staff number
- 3 Separation of juveniles from adults in the detention centres
- 4 Prison overcrowding
- 5 Acts of violence among detained juveniles
- 6 Organisation of educational activities
- 7 Organisation leisure activities
- 8 Organisation of individualized programs
- 9 Preparation for release
- 10 Other : _____

8. What measures addressing foreign offenders may improve their treatment in prison?
(Multiple choice possible)

- 1 Reinforcing of the learning of the national language of the country of detention
- 2 Facilitating contacts with external world (visits, telephone and mails)
- 3 Facilitating contacts with the consular services
- 4 Translation of internal rules and regulations in several major foreign languages
- 5 Facilitating access to a legal adviser
- 6 Creating the post of cultural mediator to improve understanding of different cultures
- 7 Facilitating access to interpreters
- 8 Increasing access to information abroad (printed media, TV channels)
- 9 Promoting contacts between foreigners in detention to combat isolation
- 10 Other : _____

9. According to your penal system, electronic monitoring is a measure that:

- 1 doesn't exist. Go to question 11.
- 2 is an independent sanction.
- 3 is a substitute to imprisonment in the execution of sentences
 - 1 at the beginning of execution
 - 2 at the end of execution (transition to liberty)
- 4 replaces a pre-trial detention
- 5 is always accompanied by other sanctions
- 6 is always accompanied by a guidance

10. According to you does the system of electronic monitoring need to be ameliorated? If the answer is "yes", in which way?

11. Do you consider satisfactory the cooperation between prison and probation services for better preparing prisoners for their release?

- 1 Yes
For what reasons? : _____
- _____

- 2 No
For what reasons? : _____
- _____

12. If the answer is « no » how could it be improved? _____

13. Do you consider your system for conditional release satisfactory?

- 1 Yes
For what reasons? : _____
- _____

² No

For what reasons? : _____

14. If the answer is « no » how could it be improved? _____

15. The Council of Europe has a significant expertise in Europe in the penitentiary field. It is active in elaborating international standards, in the establishment of monitoring mechanisms and in technical assistance to the respective national authorities. Do you think that these activities suffice?

¹ Yes

² No

16. If the answer is « no », in which areas does the Council of Europe need to develop its future activities? (Multiple choice possible)

¹ Elaboration of recommendations

If the answer is « yes », on what specific issues? _____

² Enlarging the technical assistance to all member states

If the answer is « yes », on what specific issues? _____

³ Organisation of regular multilateral exchanges and meetings between the national experts

If the answer is « yes », on what specific issues? _____

⁴ Promotion of national good practices

If the answer is « yes », on what specific issues? _____

17. Do you consider it pertinent to elaborate binding rules (conventions) in the penitentiary field at European level?

¹ Yes

² No

18. If the answer is « yes », in what specific areas you consider this to be particularly important?

19. If the Council of Europe organises a Conference which will bring together representatives of the prison and probation services, judges and prosecutors from our member states in order to discuss penal policy and systems of sanctions and measures, do you consider this to be

¹ Very useful

² Useful

³ Of little use

⁴ Not useful at all

20. If the Council of Europe puts in place a collaborative site to be used by the prison administrations with a data base of good practices developed by the member states, do you consider this to be

- 1 Very useful
- 2 Useful
- 3 Of little use
- 4 Not useful at all

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21. Do you think that your services will be ready to send to the Council of Europe on regular basis information (in English or French) regarding their good practices in order to publish them on the site ?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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22. If the answer is « yes », in which areas would you propose good practices?

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23. What topic would you wish to discuss at the next Conference of Directors of Prison Administration (CDAP) ?

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24. What service do you represent?

- 1 Prison administration
- 2 Probation service

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