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**Prison health in Europe: Missions, Roles and
Responsibilities of International Organisations**

PC-CP

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- a) follow the implementation of Rules and Recommendations
- b) prepare binding and non-binding instruments
- c) develop communication (CDPPS)
- d) provide assistance and guidance
- e) SPACE

Standards and European Prison Rules

From Recommendations to Standards. In particular:

- a) effective and equivalent medical treatment
- b) information and prevention
- c) in the area of psychological support
- d) medical confidentiality
- e) psychological support
- f) prevention of “critical events”
- g) psychiatric support and care
- h) prevention of ill-treatment
- i) control of hygienic conditions
- j) Independence of health care staff
- k) improvement of health staff professionalism and human rights awareness.

Major Challenges

- **Improving material conditions:**
 - taking out of service of substandard facilities
 - access to natural light and fresh air
 - effective daily exercise
- **Safeguarding the right to healthcare**
 - information and screening
- **Reinforcing safeguards against ill-treatment**
 - independence
 - effective medical screening of detained persons
 - effective system of reporting (role of the medical service) and accountability
- **Establishment of a system of patient's consent to medical treatment**

The PC-CP topics of discussion/recommendations

- **accessibility**
- **preventive role (v / ill-treatment)**
- **preventive role (v / trasmissible diseases)**
- **equivalence**
- **consent and confidentiality**
- **systematic monitoring**
- **professional independence and**
- **professional competence**