

Questionnaire Council of Europe/COPE*

	POLICY / PRACTICE	This is implemented in your prisons	If implemented, please describe	You do not implement, but would like to	You would like support from an NGO in implementing this	Contact information for follow-up by NGO	Comments
Children visiting prison							
1	Children are authorised to visit an imprisoned parent within a week following the arrest and, on a regular and frequent basis, from then on						
2	Restrictions imposed on contact between prisoner and the outside world are implemented in a way that does not violate the child's right to contact with their separated parent under UNCRC						
3	A designated children's space is provided in prison waiting rooms (e.g., bottle warmer, changing table, toys, crayons, games)						
4	Prison visits facilities provide child-friendly space that allows for personal contact, an environment conducive to play and interaction with parent						
5	Visits are organised so as not to interfere with school attendance (i.e., six days a week, including afternoons, Sundays, public holidays)						
6	Age-appropriate information about visiting procedures and rules (e.g., what can be taken to visits, security procedures) is available. Ideally in various languages						
7	Security checks are carried out in a child-sensitive manner that respects children's dignity and privacy						
8	Children may be granted visits with their parents that offer privacy, when necessary and in specific circumstances						
9	Children can learn more about their parent's life in prison and, when feasible and in the child's best interest, can visit or see photographs of areas in which their imprisoned parent spends time (e.g., cafeteria, recreation rooms, workshops, places of worship, parent's sleeping accommodation)						
10	Arrangements for child-parent activities are made on a regular basis, not attributed as "rewards" for prisoner's good behaviour						
11	Prisons have designated "children's and/or family officer", specifically trained to support children during visits.						
12	Systematic use of telephone technology and IT (e.g., videoconferencing, mobile telephone systems, Internet, including webcam and chat functions) allowed when face to face meetings between the imprisoned parent and children prove difficult to arrange.						
13	Prison rules allow for special leaves of absence for imprisoned parents for significant events in the lives of children (e.g., birthday, first day of school, hospitalisation)						
14	Possibility to influence support for prison journeys and placement in prison geographically accessible to children and families						
15	Parenting programmes that encourage the development of constructive parent-child relationships are offered in prisons						
16	Family advisory groups provide feedback, evaluation and guidance on how to improve facilities, procedures and children's experience of prison visits						
Prison staff and staff training							
17	Training is provided for all relevant prison personnel on the impact of a parent's imprisonment and the prison setting on dependent children and on making visit child friendly						
18	Specialised staff are present in child-friendly facilities during visits						
Data collection							
19	Information about the number and age of children whose parents have been imprisoned is collected.						
20	Efforts are carried out to ascertain who is caring for children in lieu of parent						
21	Statistics on children of prisoners is made available for public use.						
Review							
22	Review of the implementation of child friendly practices as described above occurs every 3months . Review involves childrens ombudsperson, prison authorities and NGOs if relevant						
<small>*With acknowledgement to Children of Imprisoned Parents [report by The Danish Institute for Human Rights, European Network for Children of Imprisoned Parents, University of Ulster, Bambhisenzasbarre, 2011] and the Italian Memorandum of Understanding, between The Ministry of Justice, The National Ombudsman for Childhood and Adolescence, Bambhisenzasbarre ONLUS, March 2014.</small>							