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# QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- Did your country recently designed new prisons ? Or is planning to design ?
- Does the Prison Service have an input in the design ?
- What are the leading criteria that you apply in design?
- Are the designs unique or do you use standards ? (for example: same cellblock in all the prisons ?)
- Can you illustrate this with pictures, plans ?
- Are there topics on which you want advice from the expert group ?

# PRISON SYSTEM OF SLOVENIA

- 6 prisons, 14 different locations
- Capacity: 1,322
- Average number of inmates 2015: 1,463
- Average occupancy 2015: 111 %
- 70 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants

# PRISON SYSTEM OF SLOVENIA



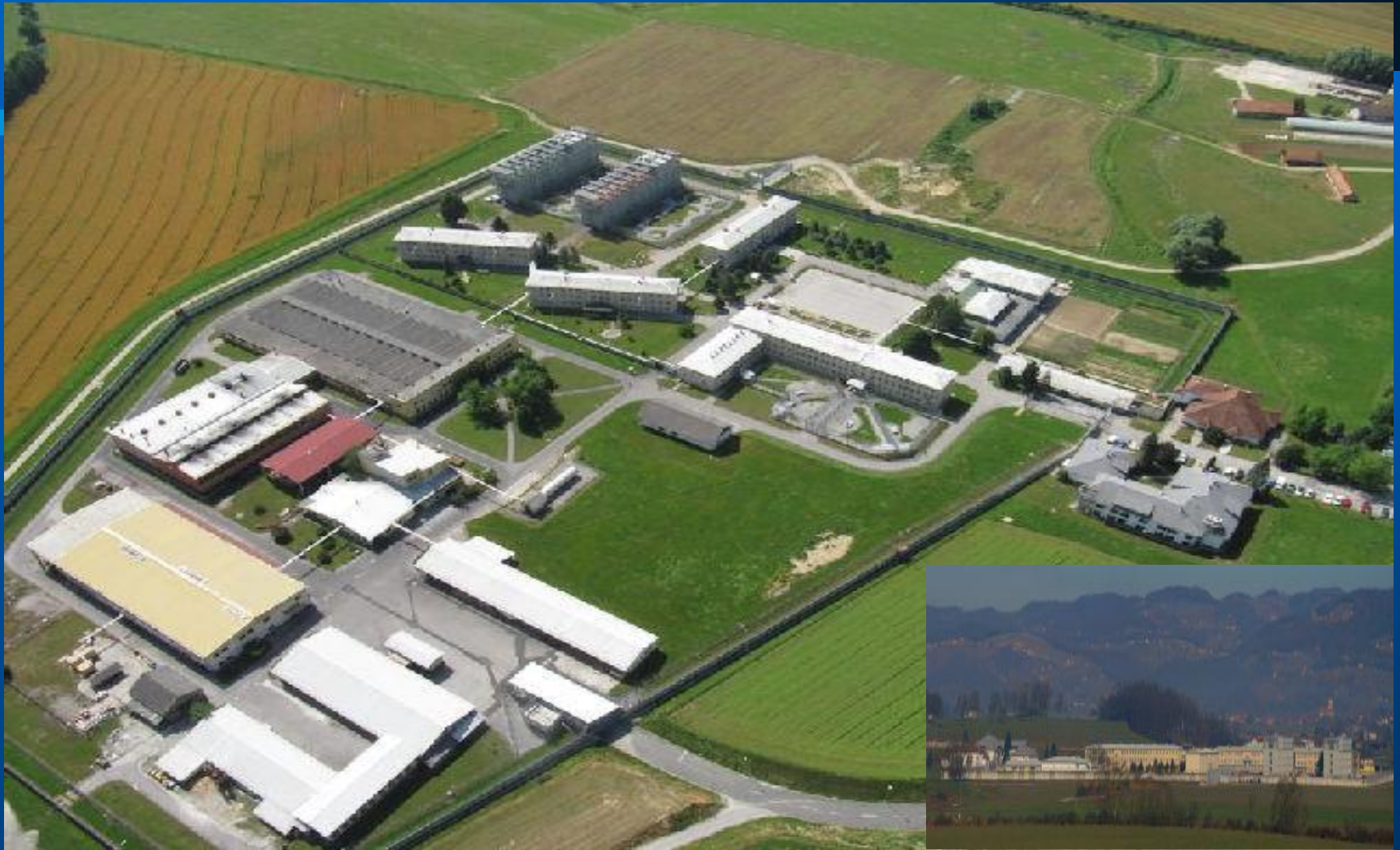
# Designing new prisons



- Not much experience
- Only two new prisons have been built since the Second World War
- Some buildings built for other purposes have been renovated into prisons
- Plan 2020: two new prisons



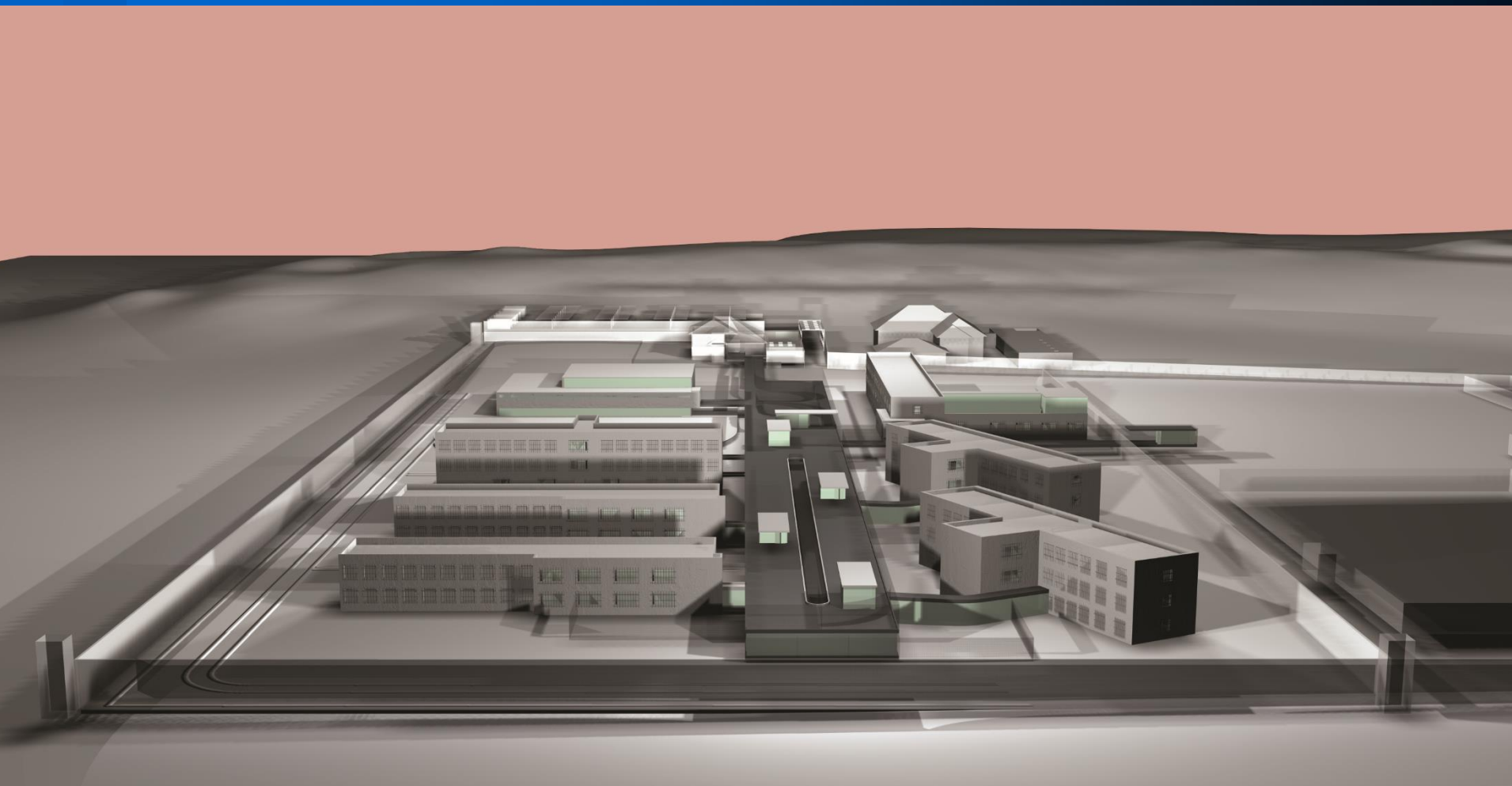
# DOB PRISON (built 1962)



**Capacity: 449**

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# DOB PRISON: NEW PROJECT (2005)



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**Only partially realized**

# DOB PRISON: NEW BLOCKS (built 2012)



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# DOB PRISON: SOME DATA ABOUT NEW BLOCKS

- The building surface..... 585 m2 (2X)
- The outside surface..... 1.361 m2 (2x)
- Capacity..... 176
- The type of cells..... single, triple
- Quadrature of cells..... 9 and 24 m2
- The cost of investment..... 12 mio EUR

# KOPER PRISON (built 2004)



**Capacity: 110**

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# KOPER PRISON: SOME DATA

- The ground surface..... 5.000 m2
- Useful surface of buildings... 5.512 m2
- The outside surface..... 1.591 m2
- Capacity..... 110
- The number of cells..... 72
- The type of cells.....Single, double
- Quadrature of cells..... 9 and 14 m2
- The cost of investment..... 8,68 mio EUR

# DOB PRISON: SEMI OPEN DEPARTMENT (2000)



Capacity: 70

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**Renovated into prison**

## DOB PRISON: OPEN DEPARTMENT (2010)



Capacity: 21

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**Renovated into prison**

# FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY DEPARTMENT (2011)



- a common project of the Ministries of Health and Justice )
- located in the University Medical Centre Maribor



# PLAN: TWO NEW PRISONS

- The construction of two new prisons is planned until 2020 as substitution for two existing prisons (Ljubljana, Ig)
- Capacity: 388 for men, 165 for women
- A substitute location has been acquired (available surface : 45.000 m<sup>2</sup>)



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# Does the Prison Service have an input in the design ?

- The Prison Service prepare project work in which is written what kind of prison is needed
- For project preparation and construction is responsible special department at the Ministry of Justice

# Does the Prison Service have an input in the design ?

## The project work included:

- Purpose and objectives
- Capacity
- Categories of inmates
- Regimes
- Type and quadrature of cells
- Other necessary facilities (for visits, sports, work, education...)
- External surface
- Number of staff
- Etc.

# What are the leading criteria that you apply in design?

- To ensure the effective implementation of our mission in accordance of legislation and international recommendations
- To substitute some inadequate prisons with new
- To improve living and working conditions
- To increase capacity



# Are the designs unique or do you use standards?



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# Some standards are used

- **Quadrature of cells:**
  - 9 m<sup>2</sup> for single cells
  - 7 m<sup>2</sup> per person for multi bedded cells



# Some standards are used

- Common living rooms for more cells



**Small kitchen, tables and chairs, TV**



# Some standards are used

- Sport and recreation



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# Some standards are used



**Each new prison has to have**

# Some standards are used

- Security doors





# Some standards are used

- Windows – steel bars



# Some standards are used

- Windows in Forensic Psichiatry Department



Polycarbonate (Leksan), thickness 10 mm, width 150 mm





# QUESTIONS

**We meet with the question of capacity when planning a new prison in Ljubljana. As you may know we are going to construct the new prison facility which will accommodate 388 men inmates (150 remand, 178 convicted, 60 open department). We took into account the trends of last years concerning the rate of the imprisonment and trends of imposition of sentences and capacity of other facilities. However we are interested how are you planning about the size of the new prison?**

# QUESTIONS

We were also asking ourselves how to organise cells, common places and which kind of model – type of prison (modular system for example) to choose. Neglecting the dimension of the parcel for the prison we ask ourselves how many floors could there be. **Are there any standards or recommendations in Europe in connection with this and concerning security and technical requirements?**

# QUESTIONS

**What should be taking into account what type of prison we need** (closed, semi-open or open prison (department)? Our experience when we visited the new prison in Beveren in Belgium was beneficial, but we were under impression of its high security equipment. If we compare this prison with our central prison in Dob, where we have prisoners with the longest sentences, we could say that Beveren prison is more highly secure than our one.

# QUESTIONS

**We would like to gather information in which states new prisons are built and of which sizes. As well we would like to know which new prisons received especially positive marks.** This way we could visit some of new prisons before we start our project and we could transmit some best practices.

**PURPOSAL: Information about all new prisons in EU at EUROPRIIS internet site**