Belgian Prison services: Interagency collaboration

Police – Court – Prison - Probation

Introduction 4 stakeholders

Police

- Law on the Integration of all police forces dd 7.12.1998
  - One global structure (statute, strategic national plan, remuneration, uniform, budget, …) with two distinct pilars:
    - federal police force ; Minister of Internal Affairs (and Minister of Justice)
    - Local police force ; local mayor (and prosecutor; investigating judge)
- 187 local police zones

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Court

Division in two types of magistrates

- Prosecution: conduct the official claim and prosecution
- Courts: judges who take the court decisions

- 12 judicial districts; 5 judicial ressorts (Mons, Liège, Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent)

- Every division and sub-entity holds its own administration (registrars, …)

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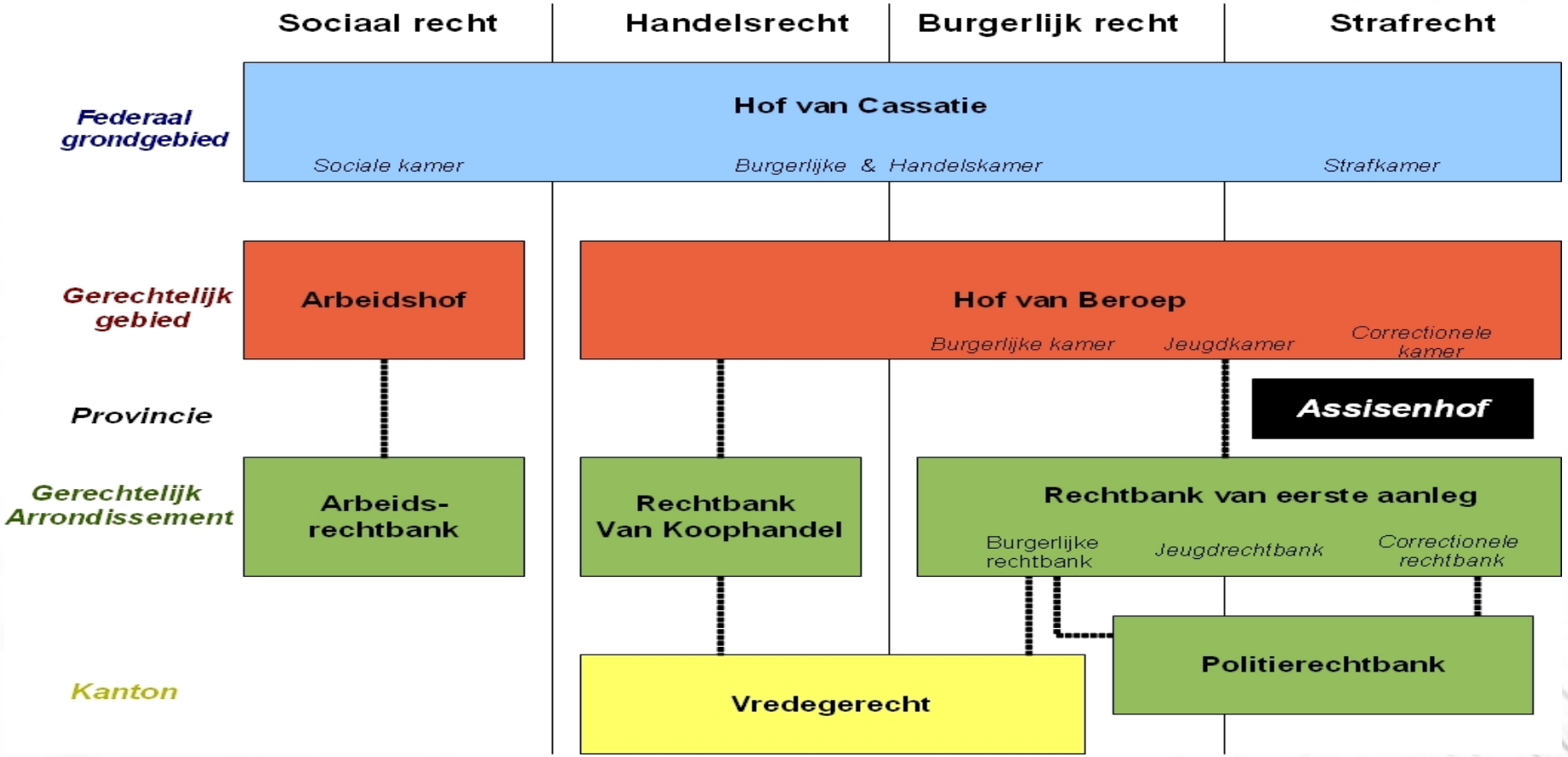

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Probation

Probation Law dd 29.06.1964:

- The offender is entitled for not-incarceration for a specific period of sentence time, if the offender follows certain conditions

Important modification 2014

- Possibility that the entire sentence is conducted under probation

State reform made probation a Community responsability; not longer a federal responsability. Therefore the laws, management, services are all on Community level

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Prison (EPI)

Directorate General, as part of the Ministry of Justice:

- 35 prisons

- On 6th Mai 2018:
  - 10.370 inmates
  - 1.870 electronic monitoring
  - 1.982 suspension of penalty
  - 9.220 capacity

Interagency collaboration

All 4 stakeholders share all necessary information in real time, automated and digital.

We desire an interconnectivity that provides all stakeholders in real time with all necessary intel, regardless the source of the 4 stakeholders

Scope

Investing in IT, to create an intersection modulair IT system ‘security’ where the input of certain defined parameters in an existing IT-application is automatically transferred to all the other IT-applications of the 4 stakeholders.

Today's situation

Numerous independent IT – applicaties

- Police: iBelgium ; police portal EPI; GID; ANG; …
- Court: Mach (traffic penalties); Surtap ; Vaia; Just-X and Just scan (database court decisions); CJCS-GS; …
- Probation: SISET; …
- Prison: Sidis Suite (OMS); consult online; Prison Cloud; Justix; …

Today's situation

PC@work

- Providing courts and prisons with the right tools
  - Increasing and upgrade desktops/laptops
  - Using the same operating system: Windows 10 (end of 2018) and Windows 365 (scope forthcoming years)

Numerous local initiatives and therefore, non-existing connections between existing database and IT-applicaties, even within the same service

Numerous political stakeholders, on federal and regional level.

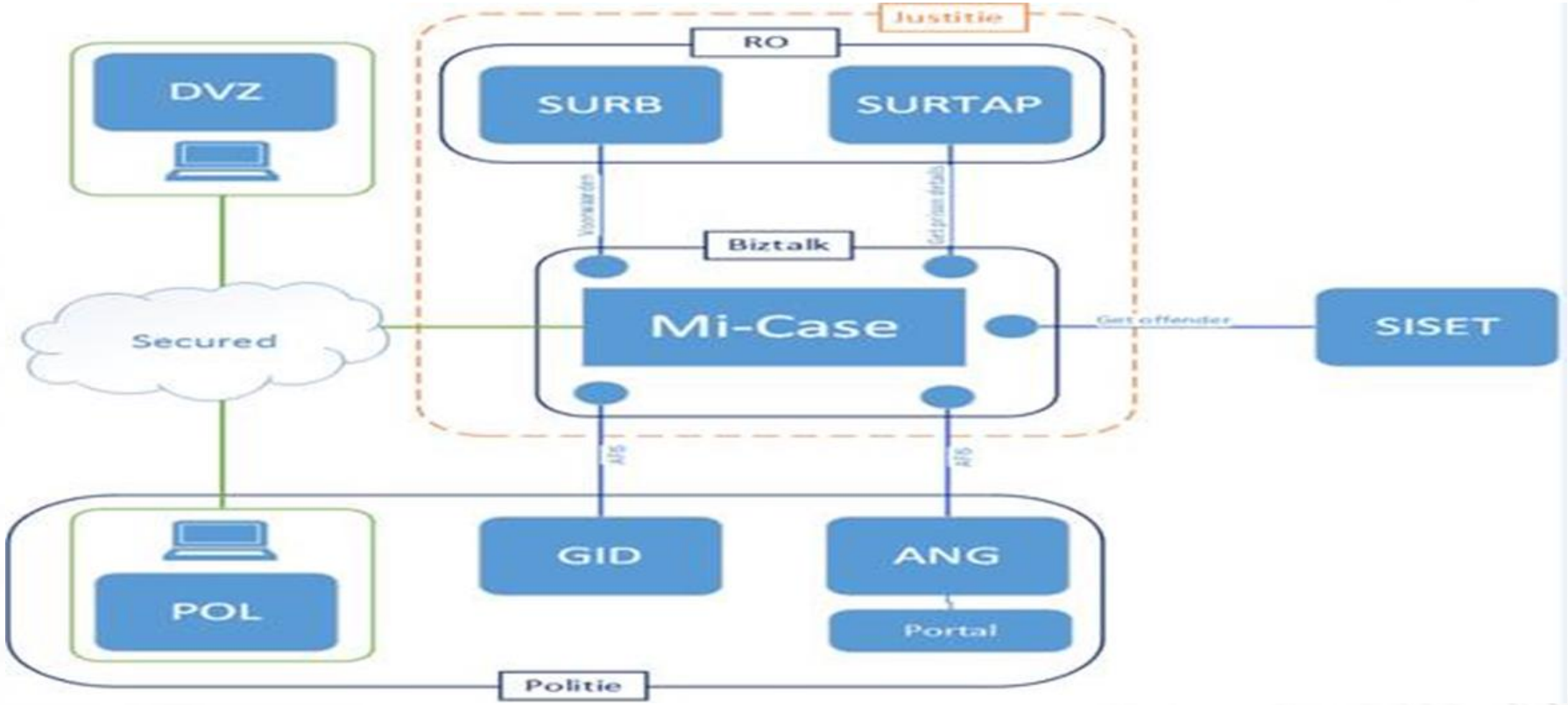
Today's situation: Existing IT-collaboration

Political pressure to use the OMS of the prison services (Sidis Suite) as the mothership to create the interconnectivity between all the stakeholders.

Sidis Suite

- Operational since 2014; sponsor and founding father DG Hans Meurisse
- About 35.000 users and 3.500 logins during work hours
- Consult rights for numerous agencies and services, with a focus on EPI but growing and expanding (constantly in project modus)
- Current project leader, since March 2016: Patrick Fransen
- Micase as the content holder of the rich database (all incarcerated inmates; open and closed detentions)

Sidis Suite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Sidis Suite

Existing and operational:

- Consult online – just scan
- Prison Cloud
- Police Portal EPI – GID
- APFIS
- Automatic notifications by email
- Security levels of inmates (source police)
- External stakeholders with input rights (DVZ; police; security of state)
- Numerous external stakeholders with consult rights

Existing, non-operational:

- Transportation inmates
- Bailiff platform; using ebox as content distributor
- Automated transmission of all necessary parameters to all the agencies social welfare

Consult online – Just scan

Just X – just scan

- Scanning all existing court decisions of the penal court
- Storage in own common data base
- Current roll out in 70% of the penal districts
- Laywer can consult the inmates file

Consult Online

- Connecting every prison with the courts data base
- Granting the inmate to read his specific file in a secure environment
- Roll out started July 2017; finalised in Juin 2018

Prison Cloud

Existing is three Belgian penitentiary facilities

Enables the inmate, by means of a thin cliënt, to connect in his cell.

- Direct access consult online
- Consultation penal files

Police Portal

Certain defined (by police and prison) parameters are :

1. Input in sidis suite
2. Automatically sent to the Federal police
3. Both for new input as for changes in existing data

Encrypted in a daily message

Message broker system (storage and notification when a sent-failure occurs)

Police Portal

Police builds up a ‘technical copy’ based on the sent message

This ‘thin OMS EPI’ is used by every police man in daily police work

A select number of police officers hold consult rights to consult every aspect of the OMS , when additional information is required

APFIS

Automated Palm and Fingerprint Identification System

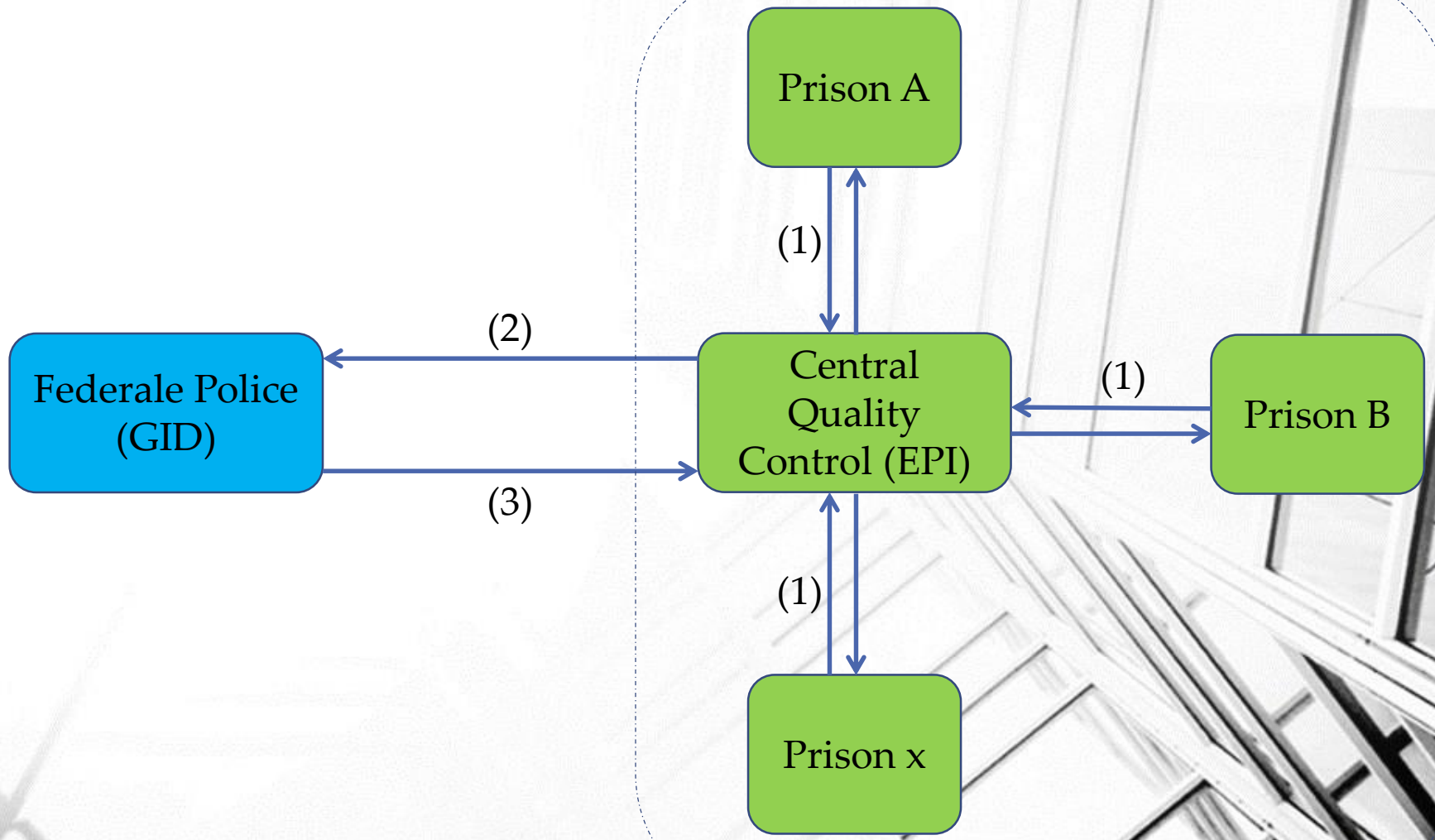
All inmates are obliged to give their fingerprints digitally when incarcerated, using a high-quality scanner and saved in OMS EPI

Prints are transferred and compared into the police database GID

- HIT: the known apfis-number is transmitted to EPI and encrypted in OMS
- NO-HIT: a new apfis-number is created and sent to EPI

The APFIS-number will become the identificator of an inmate

60% of all inmates are scanned; the whole population in Octobre 2018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Federale Police (GID)
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Prison B
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Prison x

Automated notifications by email

Based on existing legislation (duty of prison service to share certain detailed information)

Mayor and his community administration (incarceration and release)

Police

- Inmates in electronic monitoring: start, end and modifications in address
- Inmates, registered with an extremist profile

Security of state

- Inmates , registered with an extremist profile

Regions, responsable for probation

- Inmates, registered with an extremist profile

Security levels of inmates

A specific categorisation of inmates, based on their profile for conducting extractions. The level is a necessity for all transfers and court appearances

Defines the number of needed police officers to conduct this task

Initially recorded by the local prison director

Police

- Received by a central police service
- Autorised or directly modificated based on additional police intel (mostly from local police forces)

Transportation inmates

Real Time ability for police forces to planify all extractions from and to prisons

- New module within OMS EPI, created in partnership with all envolved police forces.
- Two-modulair system
  - 'list court': court appearances or interogations; responsability of the local police zones, depending on the local Mayor
  - 'list transfers': transportation of an inmate from prison A to prison B; responsability of a distinct and centralised unit within the Police force

The implementation of this tool will increase the efficiency of extractions

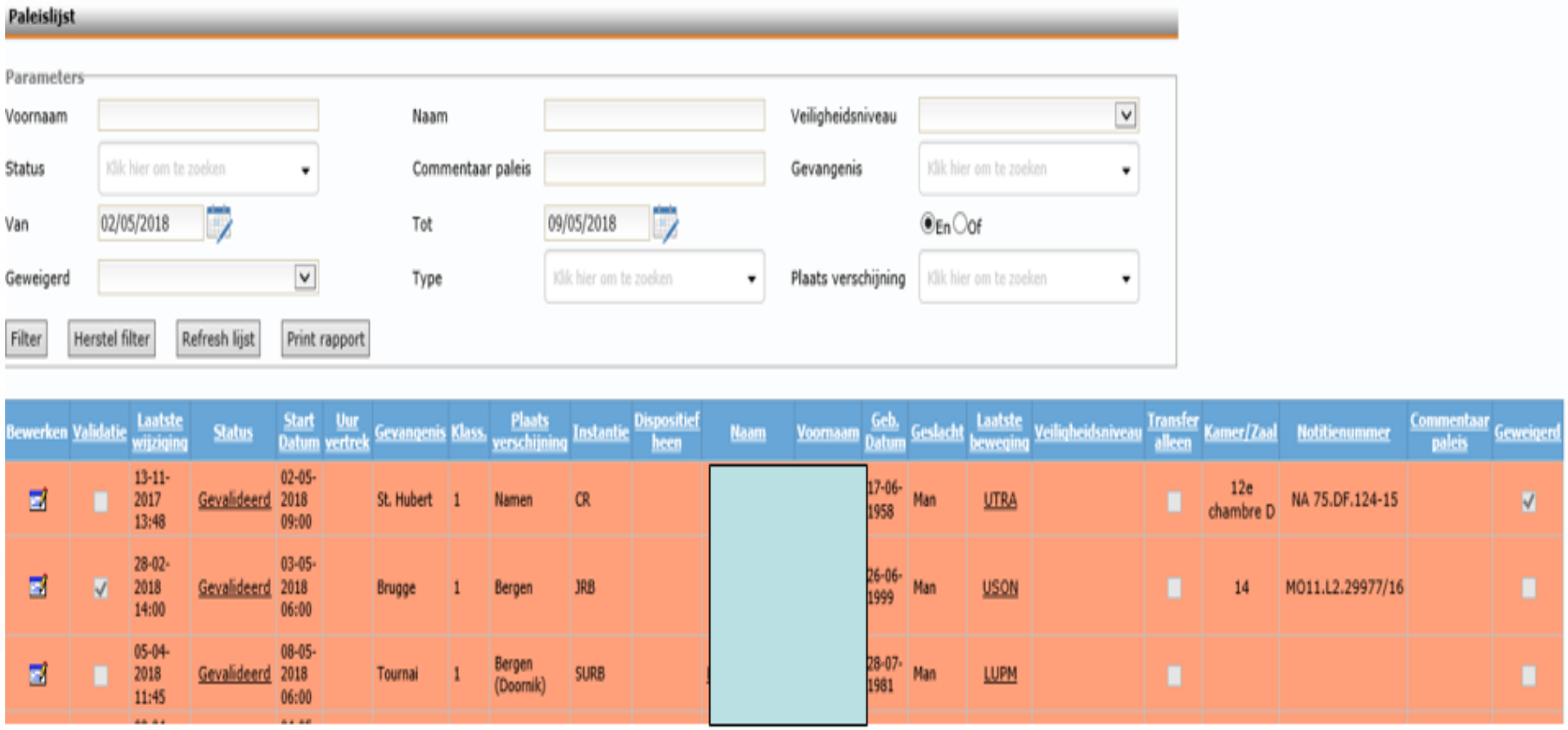
Operational from July 2018

Transportation inmates

The owner of the extraction can

- Check , in real time, all existing and new requests (input local prisons and courts)
- Indicates the necessary
  - Type of vehicule
  - Number of police officers required
  - Writes this directly into the OMS EPI, so prisons are immediatelly informed
- Validates the specific request and, if necessary fixes the exact data of transportation between prison A and prison B

Transportation inmates



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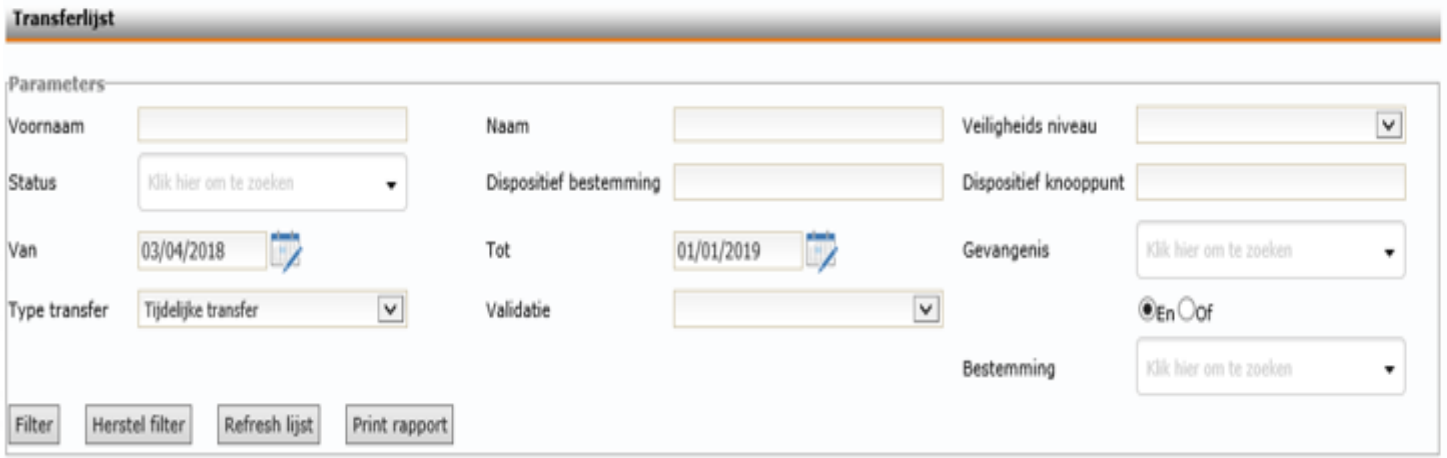

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Bailiff platform

A new initiative, where all penal and public court decisions are transmitted by an email, using ebox, towards the prison of incarceration

Using OMS EPI to define the concerned prison

First steps, but the road is long

Next years

1. Integration of some smaller IT-applications (surtap for instance) into OMS EPI
2. Huge shift of database OMS
   - Currently only justitable with a period of incarceration
   - Towards a database that contains all justitable
3. Defining the parameters that must be transmitted between the 4 stakeholders; goodwill and compromis for the political and top administration leaders
4. Re-writing all existing applications with common modules
5. Creating the underlying structure to transmit all intel for point A to B

Interagency collaboration

Any additional questions?