Is the detention center open for new detainees to arrive? Upon arrival do you perform tests?

Do there any special restrictions for detainees in Detention Centres during the pandemic?

What is your long-term (up to 24 hrs) family visit policy?

What is your testing policy and why? (who, when, where and why?)

What is the number of COVID-19 infected inmates in your countries?
**Belgium**
- *Every new prisoner coming from the outside is being held in quarantine for 14 days and tested.*
- *The doctor of the prison decide if the prisoner who has symptoms has to be tested.*
- *Prisoners who have been exposed to an infected prisoner or staff member have to stay in quarantine and can be tested.*

**Northern Ireland**
- We continue to take new commitments into our prisons. All prisoners who are newly committed to prison during the pandemic must complete 14-day isolation in a specific isolation area within each prison. They are tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours of arrival, but must complete the full isolation period.

**Luxembourg**
- C-19 has no influence on the arrival of new detainees. New arrivals are however being isolated from the other detainees. They undergo a first test upon their arrival and a second test after 5 days. Overall, they spend 7 days in quarantine before being transferred to regular sections.

**Lithuania**
- New inmates spend 14 days in quarantine where they have tests done.
- Admission of inmates is carried out standardly (standardly was also carried out during the State of Emergency). The only area where restrictions were adopted during the State of Emergency, on the basis of an agreement with the Police Force, was the area of admission and transfer of convicts for the execution of criminal judgments of foreign courts.

**Finland**
- Finland has already dismantled all the COVID-19 restrictions in the prison system. Finland did not resort into temporarily increasing the prison place capacity but instead halted and slowed down the flow of new prisoners to the prison system. The sentences given by the courts were not straight implemented into practice (as in normal times) and the convicted citizen waited for their time to report to serve their sentence. This particular COVID-19 restriction has also ended and new prisoners are arriving to prison onwards from the middle of June.
- Upon arrival the prisoners are always checked by the healthcare personnel, but they are not automatically tested for COVID-19. If the arriving prisoner has similar symptoms that of COVID-19, test is mandatory, done immediately and the prisoner is put to quarantine. The Prisoner Healthcare Unit is preparing to start its own COVID-19 testing inside all the prisons.

**Slovakia**
- We register new detainees according with the standard procedure. No tests are performed upon their arrival, only if detainees have specific symptoms or they are convoysed from the COVID-19 listed countries.
- Finland introduced temporary COVID-19 restrictions in the prison system, concerning the prison leaves and prison visits in the beginning of April 2020. Leaves and visits were totally banned, but lawyers, parole officers and other officials were allowed to continue their mandatory work and visit prisoners if absolutely needed. Volunteers and normal citizens were not allowed to visit prison facilities. These restrictions were dismantled in all the prisons from the beginning of July.

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**Latvia**
- All the mentioned persons may visit Latvian prisons as from 1 August.
- All the above-mentioned persons are allowed to prisons, only they have to wear face masks and respect social distance.

**Slovakia**
- Yes. Within anti-epidemic measures all entering persons are obliged to: undergo contactless measurement of body temperature (the person is not allowed to enter if his/her temperature is over 37.0 °C, has symptoms of infectious disease or refuses to be measured); wear face mask during their stay in prison; keep social distance from others at least of 2 metres.

**Finland**
- Unit is preparing to start its own COVID-19 testing inside all the prisons.

**Are there Conjugal visits in these days?**
- **Northern Ireland** | NPS does not facilitate conjugal visits. |
- **Luxembourg** | Regardless of Covid-19, there are no conjugal visits in Luxembourg. (cf. question from Lithuania) |
- **Lithuania** | No |
- **Latvia** | Yes, conjugal visits have been resumed |
- **Slovakia** | Conjugal (intimate) visits are not carried out in Slovakia. We have only standard prison visits of close persons (at least 2 hours/month) with presence of the prison staff. Their procedure during the State of Emergency is stated above. |
- **Finland** | Because Finland has already dismantled all the temporary COVID-19 restrictions in the prison system, the prison leaves and prison visits are operating normally, including conjugal visits in prisons. The restrictions were dismantled in all the prisons from the beginning of July. |

**How does the staff work?**
- We have put robust cleaning regimes in place, with temporary handwashing stations in each establishment. Good hand and respiratory hygiene is promoted, hand sanitizer is widely available and social distancing is adhered where we can. Personal Protective Equipment is available for use when appropriate, for example, in the isolation areas. We continue to facilitate our staff to self-isolate if they become symptomatic, or if a member of their household becomes symptomatic, or if they are identified as a close contact of someone who is COVID-19 positive. Staff are offered testing and we also facilitate testing for their family/household. Even with a negative result, staff are required to complete the requisite isolation period. This has been very important in keeping COVID-19 out of our prisons.

**Northern Ireland**
- Our staff works on their regular schedule. The daily work is commensurate with the instructions of the Latvian Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.
- Prison staff had worked and work in the standard regime, with the exception that they must wear face masks in the prison (upper airways and mouth must be covered). There are also exception to this rule: movement outdoors with social distance at least of 2 metres; performance of work activities where they are alone or with permanent co-workers with keeping a social distance of at least 2 metres; permitted medical relief.

**Slovakia**
- COVID-19 restriction and countermeasures (targeted hand washing, disinfective liquids etc.) are still in place concerning personnel. Staff healthcare are doing excessive testing and quarantine is mandatory if relative symptoms emerge. Staff works in prisons as they worked before COVID-19, the inner core and aims of the work has not changed.