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Since the beginning of the pandemic 92 inmates (0.8% of the average population) get infected. 32 are still Covid +
118 staff members get infected. 28 are still absent at work.

During the epidemic, there were 6 cases reported in March-April 2020, all recovered. It is the first positive test since then.

* INMATES
- 6 inmates infected as of 12 August 2020
- 243 recovered inmates
- 30 COVID-positive inmates released and/or transferred to their home under the measure of "house arrest"
- 4 inmates dead (of whom 2 died after being released from prison to "house arrest")

* PENITENTIARY ADMINISTRATION STAFF
- 1 (one) staff member infected as of 12 August 2020
- 317 staff members recovered
- 2 staff members dead

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The figures in Catalan prisons since march 2020 are as follows:
- Inmates: 16 active positive cases and 172 already recovered (total 188)
- Staff: 16 active positive cases and 185 already recovered (total 221)

The numbers for Prison Administration of the Republic of Slovenia are following (13 October):
- 7 staff members positive on COVID-19,
- 0 inmates positive on COVID-19,

In Denmark, 3 inmates have tested positive. All three have recovered.
Finland
At the moment prison visit take place almost normally in Finnish prisons. The only restriction is that visitors must wear face masks. If the visitor does not have a mask the prison provides one. If the visitor refuses to wear a mask, she/he is not allowed to visit the prisoner.

Netherlands
Visits still take place in the Netherlands with restrictions. The restrictions being: health check at the entry of the prison and visits take place behind plexiglass.

Poland
The visits in prisons last 60 minutes, without a direct contact, only for adults. A visitor needs to register for a visit (specific time of the visit) by phone or e-mail at least one day before the visit.

Czech Republic
Personal visits in prisons are facilitated with a Plexiglass only and number of visiting persons is limited to 2 (one adult plus one child), normally 4 persons would be allowed. Time is not restricted - 3 hours per month are kept but they have to be used on one occasion, not divided into 2 or even 3 visits as it used to be before the pandemic. Of course, all the hygienic measures are applied - disinfection is available and compulsory to use at the prison entrances and in the meeting rooms, temperature is measured at prison entrances, no food or drinks are allowed during the visits, no physical contact, no goods/items can be brought to inmates by the family members.

Spain
At the moment, due to "second wave" and quarantine throughout the nation, there are no visits in the prison facilities at the Israel Prison Service. We keep the videos phone calls so that the inmates can stay in touch with their families.

Estonia
In Estonia starting form October long-term family visits are cancelled. Short-term visits in secured individual rooms where visitors and detainees are separated by glass continue as normal, while following all hygiene and disinfection requirements. Also, everyone entering a prison is checked with a no-touch thermometer and in case of cold-like symptoms is denied entry.

Latvia
As from 8 October 2020, the Latvian Prison Administration has re-introduced restrictions to ensure epidemiological safety in prisons, except for:
- the state and local authority officials and employees who visit prisoners;
- third parties in order to ensure basic functions of the Administration.

The short-term visits may be organized through the Plexiglass and contacting by phone within the technical possibilities of the relevant prison. Family days and long-term meetings with relatives and other persons are cancelled.

Inmates who serve their sentence in open units of the prison, except the inmates who are employed by the company outside the prison territory, are prohibited to:
- leave the prison territory;
- welcome guests.

The performers of procedures must be informed about the quarantined prisoners. The Centre for Disease Prevention and Control shall be informed about the release of a prisoner who has been placed in quarantine from detention or after serving a custodial sentence.

Bulgaria
Bulgarian prisons and detention centers are still open for visits. All visitors must respect the anti-epidemic rules, wearing a face mask and conduct obligatory thermometry. Only the prison’s hospitals and prisons groups, in which the inmates are under quarantine for 14 days, are closed for visits. There are no others restrictions for visits in prisons and detention centers. A virtual visit via Skype is an option for the inmates and detainees.
Following the conclusions from the meeting of the Central Crisis Staff of the Slovak Republic related to the spread of COVID-19, the prison visits were prohibited from 6 March to 30 June 2020. This general prohibition of the physical prison visits was lifted from 1 July with the approval of the Chief Health Officer of the Slovak Republic. The prison visits can be carried out only without any direct contact and under specified sanitary and organizational-technical measures, such as:
- maximum number of visitors: 3 persons including children;
- maximum length of the visit: 1 hour;
- using protective means (visiting groups are separated by barriers; inmates are separated from visitors by a transparent washable barrier, usually it is a Plexiglas);
- behaviour of visitors during the visit (keeping social distance; no physical contact, using face masks, etc.);
- measures carried out after each visit (disinfection of visiting room also using germicidal emitters at least for 20 minutes).

At present, the prohibition of physical prison visits is possible only upon the decision of the Regional Health Officer due an adverse epidemiological situation in particular region or due positive COVID-19 cases within the prison population in particular prison (such visits are currently forbidden in one prison).

As an alternative to physical visits, we introduced video-visits from 15 May 2020.

**Slovakia**

Sweden closed down all visits during the spring due to Covid-19. Since September 1st we are allowing visits at the open facilities. If everything works out according to plan, visits in all security levels will be open for visits again by November 16. Visitors can only meet their relatives from separate sides of a window. They can see and talk to each other but they are not able to touch.

Firstly to remind you that the 1st COVID incident in the country was on the 9th of March and in Prisons on the 10th of March we put in place preventive measures against the threat and we re-engineered our procedures accordingly. We terminated the visits by the 15th of March but since then we offered a variety of choices for contact with the outside world. On the 2nd of June after restructurating the visiting areas with plexiglass separator we allowed 2 visits per month and very recently we allowed 7 visits in a month. Each visit may consists of 3 adults and children. They are all provided face mask and gloves from our department given that they comply with the rest of the criteria (no symptoms and body temperature below 37+). All visits are done with a plexi-glass separator, thus no physical contact is allowed. Still we maintain the variety of available means for contact. The visitor/s of each inmate has a distance of at least two measures and between them again there are plexi-glass. Further there are disinfectants with which the visitors clean their place before they sit to begin the visit and before they leave the visiting area.

If any visitor or inmate violates the rules the visit is terminated. For the inmates in the closed prisons leaves and transfers for attending family events are terminated as from 15th of March.

We try to limit the in- and outflow of people in prison facilities as much as possible, so only the people that are strictly necessary for the functioning of the prison are allowed to enter the prison facility.

Estonia

The Criminal Sanctions Agency of Finland has not received petitions from Human Rights Organizations.

Bulgaria

We are very careful regarding the people who enter our facilities: the staff, lawyers, other civil staff, welfare services, medical staff, schools teachers, visitors, police staff, ombudsperson office. It goes without saying that if they present symptoms or their body temperature is more than 37+, are not allowed to enter our premises. Surely, we do not allow TV crews during COVID period.

Cyprus

During the pandemic period Estonian Prison Service has not been contacted by TV crews that would like to enter prison facilities. In case this would happen, we would carefully consider whether or not the visit is necessary. Therefore, we do not have a procedural rule in this matter. Every request is being handled individually, depending on the necessity of the occasion.

Czech Republic

The TV crews have to contact the prisons directly with the request to enter the prison. It is up to the prison director to make a decision whether to allow the crew in or not. During the lockdown no TV crews were not allowed into prisons, their permission may be given after very serious considerations. All precaution measures should be taken to minimize the risk of infection (sanitizing, face masks, social distancing, etc.).

Sweden

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Croatia

The Prison Service of Croatia has not received any petitions from Human Rights Organizations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Bulgaria**

Bulgarian Helsinki Committee is organizing the conduction of focus groups in the prison in the town of Belene. The focus groups are aimed at informing the staff and the inmates about the Covid-19 infection, the ways of spreading and prevention measures.

Estonia

The Helsinki Committee in Estonia has not received any petitions related to the Covid-19 pandemic from Human Rights Organizations.

Czech Republic

The Prison Service of the Czech Republic hasn’t received any petitions concerning the restrictions related to C19 pandemic from Human Rights Organizations so far. However, we do receive from these organizations letters or inquiries related to the C19 issue but the communication focuses more on actual measures taken, possible necessary limitations of the rights of inmates and compensations provided. In some cases they deal with individual complaints of particular inmates.

**Finland**

The Criminal Sanctions Agency of Finland has not received petitions from Human Rights Organizations.

Lithuania

The Lithuanian Prison Department has not yet received any petitions from Human Rights Organizations.

**Cyprus**

We never received petitions in the past 6 years.

Netherlands

As of yet there have been no petitions from Human Rights Organization regarding the situation around C-19.

**Slovakia**

As of today, the Headquarters of the prison service has no records on a written submission, resp. a petition from any Human Rights Organization against the activities of individual prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we have records on several submissions from inmates and their relatives, in which these persons challenge or question the anti-epidemic measures taken by the prison service against COVID-19. According to our legislation, these submissions/petitions are forwarded for handling to individual prisons, against which they are directed.

Moreover, the Headquarters of the prison service is also aware that inmates and in some cases their relatives, send their submissions to the Public Defender of Rights. Then the Public Defender of Rights investigates these objections in the particular prison and the prison provides him/her the cooperation while doing so. It follows from the notifications sent on the results of the handling of these submissions by the Public Defender of Rights that in none of the cases was the violation of the rights of inmates or their relatives in the application of anti-epidemic measures against COVID-19 taken by the prison service.

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If this time of the pandemic, do you allow TV crew (reporters and cameras) to enter the prison facilities though there is a risk of infection to inmates / staff or the TV crew?

**Bulgaria**

From the beginning of the state of emergency in Bulgarian prison and detention centers TV crew (reporters and cameras) are not allowed to enter the prison facilities.

Finland

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Slovakia
In connection with the current situation, the contact of inmates with civilians who are not close persons/relatives of inmates or their legal representatives is prevented within the anti-epidemic measures adopted in prisons. Thus, the prison service makes every effort to eliminate the spread of COVID-19 in prisons also by currently preventing the TV crews or individuals from media from entering its premises.

Czech Republic
Under current restrictions TV crews are generally not allowed to enter the prisons, however the final decision is upon the prison governor.

If it possible we would like to have some of your information materials that are giving within the prisons to staff and inmates and the information materials outside of the prisons – to the public and the families in regard the situation inside the prisons facilities.

Bulgaria
In the attached file you will find the information material, which has been created by Ministry of Health and Medical University of Sofia. The information material is a part of developed written regulations with general prevention measures and a protocol for treatment of infected inmates and detainees, sent to all prisons and detention centers in Bulgaria.

Finland
The instructions material we have for our staff is written in Finnish. Information material for others is available in English on our website. Frequently asked questions (FAQ): https://www.rikosseuraamus.fi/en/index/topical/corona.html
Coronavirus information for prisoners (in Finnish, English, Swedish, French, Russian and Arabic) in the prisons’ intranet Portti: https://rikosseuraamus.fi/fi/index/portti/terveysjahyvinvointi/korona.html

Estonia
Estonian Prison Service has not produced additional information materials concerning Covid-19 pandemic, but we have directed people to use the Estonian Health Board web page that provides the latest information and advice, including the 24/7 hotline for Coronavirus related issues: https://www.terviseamet.ee/en/covid19
https://www.kris.es/en

Cyprus
I can provide materials with instructions for the inmates, visitors and staff but the instructions for the staff are only in Greek language.

Lithuania
No special information was prepared, the prisons used the information published on the web pages:
https://nvsc.lrv.lt/lt/naujienos/visuomeneni
https://koronatop.lrv.lt/en/#news

Netherlands
The information that is given to the public regarding the situation inside a prison is dependent on that specific situation, so this differs per prison facility. General information that is accessible to the public can be found on the following website: https://dji.nl/over-dji/coronavirus/index.aspx

Slovakia
In order to inform inmates, prison staff and others about COVID-19 situation (symptoms, how to decrease the risk of infection, washing hands procedure, etc.), the prison service uses information leaflets of the Public Health Authority that are available on its webpage (e.g. annex no. 1). In addition, an internal regulation was elaborated that regulates the procedure for anti-epidemic measures in the prison service taken in connection with the second wave of the COVID-19 epidemic.
Moreover, in connection with restrictions on regular prison visits, an information leaflet was elaborated containing the information about video-visits (annex, no. 2).

Czech Republic
We don’t have centralized materials that are provided to inmates, staff members or to the public. The measures adopted by Prison Service management (HQ) are communicated by the prisons individually.