A Fast Track to an Outside Placement

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The Core Operations Department is in charge of eleven regional Prison and Probation Centres, which are made up of prisons and probation offices.

- Average daily number of prisoners 2 910
- Average daily number of community sanction clients 2 959
- Offenders who entered prison in 2018
  - 93% men, 7% women
  - 24% fine default prisoners
  - 42% sentenced prisoners
  - 34% remand prisoners
- 40% of prisoners released in 2020 stayed in prison for at most three months
Prisoner places in Finland

Client assessment centre is in charge of the placement of prisoners and the assessment of remand prisoners as well as the planning of the sentence terms based on the assessment.

Finland
- Closed prisons (15): 2026
- Open institutions (13): 966
- Total: 2992

Western region
- Closed prisons (5): 600
- Open institutions (5): 364
- Total: 964

- 1.3.2022: 3114
- 1.3.2022: 1047
Prison terms (on 1 May)
Length of the prison terms of sentenced prisoners released during the year

%
Sanctions

- Petty fine, not convertible into imprisonment
- Fine
  - Day fine or threat of a fine
  - Convertible into imprisonment
- Conditional imprisonment
  - May be enforced due to a new offence
  - Sanctions ancillary to conditional imprisonment:
    - Supervision of young offenders
    - Community service
- Community service
  - Instead of short-term imprisonment
  - Convertible into unconditional imprisonment
- Monitoring sentence
- Unconditional imprisonment
  - Fixed-term or life
- Special sanction: juvenile punishment
Towards more open enforcement?

1. Directly from freedom to the open institution
2. Probationary liberty under supervision
3. An outside placement
A prisoner who has a substance-abuse problem or who is assessed to have special problems in coping in freedom may, for a fixed period of time, be placed in an outside institution or a corresponding unit (institution), where he or she participates in intoxicant rehabilitation or in other goal-oriented activities improving his or her potential to cope (placement in an outside institution).

1. Target groups
2. Building partnerships outside the prisons
3. A fast track
4. Average cost 205 € per day
5. Success rate 80%
6. Feedback
Checkpoint 1.3.2022

Western region:
Closed prisons (5): 600
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Total: 964

Total number of prisoner 1.3.2022: 1047

Probationary liberty under supervision: 115
An outside placement: 35
Total: 140
GOAL
To improve the prisoners’ ability to live without crime.
To decrease the risk of repeated offending.

HOW?
Effecting the probability of repeated offending is the foundation of everything.
Effects are produced through...

CULTURE
Active support and motivation
Humane and respectful interactions
Coaching for change

LEADERSHIP

FOR WHOM?
The concept’s beneficiaries include the society, the personnel of the prison as well as the prisoners.

A prison is a LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR A LIFE WITHOUT CRIME
– safe, encouraging and supporting of participation in society –

WHY?
The prison concept is based on Finnish imprisonment act, which states that the goal of the enforcement of imprisonment is to increase the readiness of the prisoner to live a life without crime, by promoting the prisoner’s ability to manage his or her life and by promoting his or her adjustment to society as well as to prevent the commission of offences during the term of sentence.

The concept is also informed by the four core values of Criminal Sanctions Agency:

- Respect for humanity
- Justice
- Belief in the ability of a person to change and grow
- Security

SERVICE PROVISION
Supporting convicts’ independence and initiative
Matching services to convicts’ needs
Building partnerships outside the prison

FOR THE PERSONNEL
Sense of meaningfulness in work and opportunities for professional growth.

FOR THE SOCIETY
Safety and resource-effectiveness that is measurable.

FOR THE PRISONERS
Improved chances of participation in the society and of living without crime during and after the sentence.
Thank you!

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