

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
- 1.3.2022: 3114

Western region

- Closed prisons (5): 600
- Open institutions (5): 364
- Total: 964
- 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
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 - 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 strategic goal – 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

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Total number of prisoner 1.3.2022: 1047

Probationary liberty under supervision: 115 An outside placement: 35 Total: 140







Thank you!

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