

The European Prison Observatory

Detention conditions in the European Union

Bruxelles, 12 January 2015

Fondation Universitaire, Rue d'Egmont 11

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 Welcome
Alessio Scandurra. Antigone

09:15 EU interest in the area of detention conditions
Jesca Beneder (European Commission)

Session I – Detention in Europe

09:45 Prison conditions in the partner countries
Relevant news and recent events of the penitentiary systems in their countries will be presented by the partner organizations: Susanna Marietti (Antigone); Barbara Liaras (Observatoire international des prisons - section française); Sophie Vidali and Nikolaos Koulouris (Special Account of Democritus University of Thrace - Department of Social Administration and Political Science (EL DUTH)); Anhelita Kamenska (Latvijas Cilvēktiesību centrs); Marcin Wolny (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights); António Pedro Dores (University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)); Iñaki Rivera Beiras (OSPDH - Universitat de Barcelona); Will McMahon (Centre for Crime and Justice Studies).

11:15 Discussion

11.45 Coffee break

12:15 Prison in Europe: overview and trends
Alessandro Maculan, Francesca Vianello (Università degli studi di Padova)

12:45 Best practices and guidelines on detention
Barbara Liaras (Observatoire international des prisons - section française)

13:15 Discussion



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13:30 Lunch

Session II – Prison conditions and national authorities

14:30 National monitoring of prison conditions and the European standards

Monica Aranda Ocaña, Iñaki Rivera Beiras (OSPDH - Universitat de Barcelona)

15:00 Improving Prison Conditions by Strengthening Infectious Disease Monitoring

Cinzia Brentari (Harm Reduction International)

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 The institutional perspective: prison management in England and Wales: Jamie Bennett, governor of HMP Grendon, UK

16:45 The institutional perspective: prison management in Italy: Mauro Palma, Ministero della Giustizia, IT

17:15 Discussion

17:35 End of the event



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