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# Prison Insider

## Activity Report 2020





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MINEURS	011			
TOTAUX	303	016	112	002
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EB DIRAP			002	
EB TRIB	001		013	
EB CHU			001	
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# Prison Fever

Stunned, frightened, confined and restricted, the global population had no choice but to face the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The virus has not stopped at the prison doors. What measures did each country choose to ensure the health security of prisoners within their borders? What were the consequences of the pandemic on the living conditions in prisons?

Prison Insider, a public interest information site, virtually opened the doors of prisons in the entire world to provide an informed view of daily life behind the walls. From February on, a new page of the site was dedicated to the impact of the coronavirus on the prison world. This information is updated regularly and already covers 190 countries in some 7,000 newsflashes.

Several observations were made:

In the interest of fighting COVID-19, public authorities drastically restricted prisoners' fundamental rights, while often unable to enforce social distancing or provide masks, hand sanitiser gel and disinfecting products. Family visits were suspended in India, Belgium, the United States, South Africa, Mexico, Iraq and everywhere else. Incarcerated people were confined to their cells and deprived of most activities. It was not long before prisoners rebelled in response to these radical and dehumanising regulations. This sometimes led to bloodshed.

Later, a number of states opted for opening policies, implementing early releases. Prison overcrowding was eliminated in some places before picking up again, sometimes worse than before, following a repressive policy hinging on prisons.

Our determined, independent and impartial team, inspired by a deep commitment for the respect of human dignity, relentlessly collected data from four major sources: the current legislation in each country, independent control bodies, non-profits and non-governmental organisations as well as personal accounts from prisoners and their loved ones. This colossal undertaking is especially important as Prison Insider is the only entity in the world to carry it out.

2021 promises to be particularly critical for the reinforcement of the three major focuses we have already clearly identified: inform, compare and share testimonials. Prison Insider will continue to work on its ambitious project to create a prison index with the contributions of prestigious *grandes écoles* and universities.

It is thanks to your invaluable support that the Prison Insider team continues to work. Thank you!

Roksana Naserzadeh and Éric Jeantet,  
Co-Presidents

# Upslope winds

In early 2020, as the now-infamous novel coronavirus spread around the world, humankind held its breath. An atmosphere of self-preservation spread as well, as people focused first and foremost on protecting their own health and the health of their loved ones. Death comes for us all, but disease emphasises inequality. Our worried eyes turned towards the most vulnerable and defenceless, as ill treatment observed under normal circumstances becomes more serious and more frequent in times of crisis.

At Prison Insider, the organisation of our work and our planned projects were turned upside down. On 18 March 2020, our little team launched the news feed *Coronavirus: Prison Fever*. Week after week, by topic and by country, the news feed reports measures taken and the consequences of the pandemic on the living conditions in prison. A significant amount of time during the first lockdown was dedicated to this urgent work. The shift to remote working was completed across the board thanks to the smooth and efficient actions of the entire staff, from permanent employees to *service civique* volunteers and interns. The COVID-19 file grew rapidly, a project that would have required a herculean effort if the methodology and network had not already been established ahead of time. The team, a little exhausted, is proud to see the usefulness of the work done.

Prison Insider gained visibility, confirming the public's interest in our non-partisan, multi-faceted presentation of information. We observed a significant increase in media coverage and our readership starting in April. This continued into autumn with an online press conference and two virtual international conferences.

The restructuring work and the change in scale, initiated in 2020, resulted in new partnerships with the research centre Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research at Birkbeck, University of London; Amnesty International; the Council of Europe and the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*. These collaborators all share a common feature: they support and appreciate our actions to monitor, document and publish information on imprisonment conditions across the world.

Florence Laufer, Director





# Prison Insider : off to a running start

**2014-2016** : Creation of the association

- > Name selection, logo creation and initial site structure
- > Constitutive General Assembly, **5 July 2015**
- > Submission of articles of association at the Prefecture of Rhône (France), **31 August 2015**
- > Publication in the Official Journal (*Journal officiel*), **12 September 2015**
- > Creation of the first tools for collecting information (chart creation)
- > Setting up a small team
- > Reaching out to correspondents, drafting of the first country profiles
- > Move into the organisation's first premises, **1 July 2016**
- > Test website goes online, **20 September 2016**
- > Registered charity status obtained (*organisme d'intérêt général*)

**2017-2018** : Early days and building on strong foundations

- > Release of the first issue of the newsletter *WEEK*, January **2017**
- > Publication of **20** country profiles across five continents
- > Prison Insider's first *\*Grand soir\** event with Jean-Marie Delarue and Wajdi Mouawad
- > Five months of coaching through the corporate patronage of the

# 2020, facts and figures

- consulting firm Algoé: setting up a roadmap and a strategic development plan, January 2018
- > Quality control of the research methodology by experts: Jean-Marie Delarue, Controller-General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (Contrôleur general des lieux de privation de liberté, 2008-2014); Marc Nève, lawyer at the Liège Bar and former Vice-President of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT); and Patrick Marest, former Director of the French section of the International Prison Watch (*Observatoire international des prisons*)
  - > First significant demonstrations of support from the Council of Europe

## 2019 : Consolidating the team

- > Organisation of the first public General Assembly, 29 March
- > First meeting of Friends of Prison Insider (*Amis de Prison Insider*)
- > First steps toward the creation of a prison index
- > Recruitment of Florence Laufer as Director
- > Two positions within the team became permanent
- > New website developments: comparison tool upgrade and creating of a new country profile format

## 2020 : Making headway

- > Launch of the news feed *Coronavirus: Prison Fever*, 18 March
- > Adapting to remote teamwork, March-December
- > Further development of the website: creation of interactive modules ahead of the publication of comparative studies
- > Organisation of a press conference, 22 September
- > Organisation of two international online conferences, 9 and 13 October
- > Continuation of work to create a prison index

4 years,  
52 contributors and partners across 19 countries,  
25,000 monthly visitors,  
5 permanent employees,  
2 freelancers,  
6 *service civique* volunteers (French national volunteer service),  
7 interns,  
1 newsletter in 3 languages,  
191 countries represented,  
600 articles listed in our international press review,  
7,000 newflashes in our feed on COVID-19 in prison,  
69 regular volunteer translators,  
7 working languages,  
245,000 euros in budget,  
480 donations, from 1 to 5,500 euros,  
15 financial partners,  
6 programmes.





# Our activities, our commitments

## [ INFORM ]

Providing a collaborative space with information on detention conditions, country by country, for anyone to use

The team dedicated the first half of the year to updating key figures regarding **175** countries. A number of data are now available for almost every country in the world, including whether or not the death penalty is applied, human development index, total number of prisoners, percentage of prisoners awaiting sentencing and average term length. A targeted press review is also available.

Throughout the year, the country profile department monitored events occurring in the ten European countries with profiles created in accordance with our most advanced methodology. These events are then written up in a journalistic style as “newsflashes”. This is the result of a methodology that was developed over several years. Health measures, suicides, collective movements, acts of violence, changes in the prison population and observations from supervisory authorities all appear in the following profiles: Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

Three new country profiles were published during the year, in partnership with the city and metropolitan area of Lyon (for the profiles on Morocco and Tunisia) and the Council of Europe (for Romania). They were written in English and French with the support of our network of contributors in these countries. These profiles provide answers to our **380**-item questionnaire, based on international standards on detention conditions.



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 \* Prison Fever \*  
 \* On 18 March 2020, Prison Insider launched the news feed \*  
 \* Coronavirus: Prison Fever. The second half of the year was \*  
 \* spent creating reports from the information gathered, with \*  
 \* the collaboration of new partners. \*  
 \* • *COVID-19 and contact with the outside world.* The project \*  
 \* was conducted at the request of and in collaboration with \*  
 \* the Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research (ICPR) \*  
 \* as part of a larger study conducted in ten countries. \*  
 \* Prison Insider conducted documentary research and \*  
 \* interviews with experts and formerly incarcerated people \*  
 \* and their loved ones, focusing on five countries: South \*  
 \* Africa, Brazil, Hungary, India and Thailand. Publication is \*  
 \* expected in 2021. \*  
 \* • *Comparative study Managing uncertainty in prison: diverse \*  
 \* responses to COVID-19.* How did penitentiary systems \*  
 \* confront the sudden emergence of the novel coronavirus? The \*  
 \* study was carried out in the context of the “COVID-19 and \*  
 \* prisons” project of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de \*  
 \* Chile* with the financial support of the Chilean National \*  
 \* Agency of Research and Development (*Agencia Nacional de \*  
 \* Investigación y Desarrollo, ANID*) and the Council of \*  
 \* Europe. The initial results of the study are set to be \*  
 \* published in three languages in the first quarter of 2021. \*  
 \* • *Prisons, health conditions and COVID-19.* Prison Insider \*  
 \* is working with Amnesty International to generate a report \*  
 \* on 35 countries. Amnesty International plans to launch a \*  
 \* campaign in favour of the right to health in prison, based \*  
 \* on information provided by Prison Insider. \*  
 \* • *Map of confirmed cases and deaths in prisons around the \*  
 \* world.* In May, Prison Insider began supporting the \*  
 \* interactive map started by Justice Project Pakistan. This \*  
 \* tool reports available figures from official sources and \*  
 \* non-governmental sources. However, due to inconsistent \*  
 \* publication, lack of transparency and insufficient tests, \*  
 \* these sources do not provide a complete picture. The \*  
 \* Prison Insider news feed offers a necessary complement to \*  
 \* fully understand the situation. \*  
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[ COMPARE ]

Enabling comparison of the realities of detention between countries

The global impact of the health crisis highlights, now more than ever, the importance granted to comparison. Everyone wants to know how others are acting to guide their own behaviour. Our work provides food for thought on policies and prison practices around the world. Our “Prison Fever” news feed, for example, is structured around topics so that measures taken by different countries might be compared.

The comparative studies started in 2019 were continued. Studies on the living conditions of prisoners sentenced to death in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Democratic Republic of Congo were added to those completed on Belarus, Cameroon, India, Japan, Mauritania and Pakistan. The French non-profit National Union of Families and Friends of People with Mental Illness or Psychiatric Disorders (*Unafam*) provided significant support for a study on the treatment of prisoners with mental disorders in eight European countries.

% Prison Insider continued working on the prison index that was started  
% in **2019**. This tool will be used to evaluate countries according to a  
% grading system based on factors such as how well prisoners can eat,  
% sleep, feel safe, maintain family ties and access their rights.  
% Our work in **2020** served to clarify the extent of the task before us.  
% We needed to define the factors that contribute to the quality of  
% life in detention, cite the fundamental rights and international  
% standards related to each of these factors, and identify the  
% universal parameters used to measure them.  
% Numerous questions guided our discussions. How could the respect of  
% norms be measured uniformly? Do international conventions encompass  
% all rights for prisoners? How should disparities be factored in when  
% they occur within one area, between different categories of  
% prisoners, from one institution to another or depending on the  
% detention regime? How should prisoners' experiences be included?  
% Students of prison law at the *Université Libre de Bruxelles*, a  
% partner for this project, were engaged to examine international texts  
% relating to detention.  
% The interdisciplinary consortium comprised experts [Bénédicte  
% Fischer, Bernard Bolze, Damien Scalia, Marion Bayard, Meltem Öztürk,  
% Philippe Pottier and Samantha Enderlin] and four research  
% laboratories (the LAMSADE of the *Université Paris-Dauphine*, the  
% CERDAP<sup>2</sup> of *Sciences Po Grenoble and Université Grenoble Alpes*, the  
% *Centre de recherche en droit pénal* of the *Université Libre de*  
% *Bruxelles* and the Lirsa of *Le Cnam*). This group was further  
% strengthened by a doctoral student recruited for a period of three  
% years. In **2020** the project received funding from the French Ministry  
% of Europe and Foreign Affairs (*Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires*  
% *étrangères*).

## [ SHARE TESTIMONIALS ]

Combining views, words and accounts to explain the realities of imprisonment

Prison Insider encourages readers to compare different points of view to better understand what it means to be locked up. Accounts such as photographs, testimonials, artistic initiatives and interviews all give weight and meaning to our work.

## # Photography

Although it already boasted a number of portfolios, the site enlarged its image collection at the beginning of the year.

"POINT de vues" is a portfolio of **30** or so images accompanied by a joint interview with the two creators who collaborated on the project. The photographers Delphine Dauphy and Marc Loyon visited both the Vezin-le-Coquet prison on the outskirts of Rennes and the women's prison in the city centre seven times. Their work examines daily life in prison, the prison space and the relationship between detention and the city. "*We are in quite divided spaces, not somewhere we can extend our view as far as the eye can see, as we can in a more classic landscape. Visually, the spaces are confined and closely linked to the privacy of the individuals. In these locations, I felt like I didn't have time to contemplate.*"

We are currently considering how to develop new formats and emphasise the introduction of information through images.

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### /// InsideOutside ///

InsideOutside is a photographic correspondence with **15** or so prisoners around the world. The project began in **2017** with the photographer Bertrand Gaudillère of the *Collectif item* and has been published on our website and our Instagram account since last year. The final responses were published in December. Looking forward, possible next steps could include a book and an exhibition. Find out in **2021!**

*Can prison be described?* InsideOutside sprang from the particular belief that prisoners, regardless of their place of incarceration, the length of their sentence, their gender, their age, and their material conditions of detention, share the same experience: the impairment of their senses by the prolonged deprivation of liberty. Each month, Prison Insider asks several prisoners, separated by countries, walls and cultures, to react to Bertrand Gaudillère's images. They talk about their perception of Touch, Sight, Taste, Smell and Hearing, and for good measure, Time and Space. The responses have arrived as freeform text. They are all published on our website.



## # Journalism

Prison Insider presents various perspectives on incarceration. Whether these viewpoints are original, unpublished, or from specialists, they open doors to the exploration of a wide variety of prison-related themes. Here are some excerpts:

### Life after prison.

The French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (ESEC) issued a notice on the issue of reintegration. If it is truly a primary mission of the prison administration, why does reintegration seem to be a low priority? Antoine Dulin, who wrote the notice, explains, *“We do not prepare tools to enable reintegration, even though it works in other countries. We do not take advantage of imprisonment to make it a useful period. This is a community failure.”*

### Flaws.

Agnès Callamard, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for the United Nations, describes the situation in Iraq, where she served her first mission, *“Torture is almost systematic. The trials are only a parody of justice, and the accused individuals are in danger of receiving death sentences, all of which represents a violation of the international obligations of the states.”*

### Vulnerability.

Prisoners have a disproportionately high rate of poor mental health. The rates are even higher for incarcerated women, who number **700,000** worldwide. Olivia Rope works for Penal Reform International (PRI). She developed a guide for prison staff on addressing mental health needs of female prisoners. *“In many countries, there are major shortages of specialised, trained healthcare staff to address the many mental health needs of people in prison.”*

### Dead end.

*Some are in pursuit of liberty and others hope to regain theirs. Migrants, like prisoners, are often robbed of their freedom. En route, migrants increasingly face walls, barriers, detention centres and even prison. Journalist Camille Grange investigated migration routes [project FRVR, Resacoop].*

### Incidents.

In Italy, visitation was suspended in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, resulting in protest movements breaking out in multiple prisons, killing **12**. The NGO Antigone shared its perspective with us.

### Lockdown is not imprisonment!

*“Prison metaphors during lockdown are misleading, and we should be now careful to avoid misinterpreting the meaning of freedom and the deprivation of freedom.”* -An original column for Prison Insider, written by the geographers Olivier Milhaud and Franck Ollivon.

### Not crazy or dead.

The number of political prisoners incarcerated under the Argentine military dictatorship reportedly reached almost **10,000**. Accounts of their treatment in Coronda prison have been compiled in a book whose translation was coordinated by Sergio Ferrari, a former political prisoner. In his words: *“We didn’t know if our imprisonment would last one month, six months, one year or twenty-five years. We were imprisoned at a time when the dictatorship was still ongoing. The entire situation was unclear, and the political circumstances were unstable. We didn’t have a clear idea of the future.”*

### The impossible confinement.

Frédéric Le Marcis is an anthropologist interested in epidemic responses and prison environments in different African countries. He analysed how lockdown is used as a means of containing the epidemic: *“With COVID-19 came a paradigm shift, those who usually lock others up, became locked down, imposing lockdown as a form of risk management. We have the means to confine ourselves and the means to continue to feed ourselves. In countries where structures and capacities are weaker, like in some African countries, this was simply impossible.”*

### Locked up outside.

How does someone truly become free?

Marcus spent his childhood in a children’s home before serving more than **20** years in prison in Belgium. Confinement is all he has ever known. An article generously provided by Myriam Djebiri, Jimmy Foucault and Zoé Vancoppenolle, second-year journalism master’s students at ULB in Belgium.



## # Testimonials

They put a face, words, and a story to prison conditions: these are the words of some of the millions of incarcerated people. Prison Insider also provides a space for people who work in prisons to speak out. Excerpts.

Qwantay, United States.

*“I could have written about the treatment from the guards, the terrible food that I dared not to taste, the hard concrete bench I had to sleep on that night. [...] But when this day could very well be the first day of the rest of your life behind bars, your mind tends to focus on more profound things. It is like your life flashes before your eyes.”*

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Safeer, Pakistan.

*“ I needed a heart of steel to be able to survive in jail on death row.. Being on death row made me truly understand the concept of death. During my incarceration I witnessed about 50 executions. It’s an experience that changes you forever.”*

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Gisèle, prison director, Central African Republic.

*“ In terms of security, we handle incarceration without weapons. In terms of healthcare in the Kaga-Bandoro prison, there isn’t a nurse or a social service. I handled first aid, using the knowledge I had learnt during my training.”*

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Jacques, Cuba.

*“ The prison consists of four one-story-buildings made of reinforced concretes. Each building is occupied by a minimum of 90 prisoners with double bunk beds, made of simple iron bars bed supports, the mattresses are five centimetres thick, mouldy, dirty, smelly and very old.”*

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Samy, France.

*“I think I’ve caught it. I’ve got a cough. I’ve been told that it has to be a dry cough, but I’m coughing phlegm. It’s weird, I think I have some of the symptoms. Yesterday, I had blurred vision and everything. Apparently, they want to lock us up.”*



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D., Burundi.  
*“Not all prisoners are treated the same, particularly when it comes to reductions in sentence length and presidential pardons. Some people aren’t allowed to talk or move around the prison. Others are placed in solitary confinement (tingi tingi).”*  
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Robert, United States.  
*“Prisoners suspected of having COVID-19 are called over the unit’s unintelligible microphones and told to report to the officer’s desk. They make the trek like dead men walking. Sent to medical to be evaluated.”*  
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Kyle, United States.  
*“So I tell her. About the night terrors. About the weight of 19 years in prison, having passed the half-my-life-in-prison mark last year and not knowing how much farther I can carry the weight.”*  
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Marion, prison yoga teacher, France.  
*“Yoga, like other activities, provides a breath of fresh air for the prisoners, a way to get involved in something, to pass the time and to escape for a brief moment. Today and every day, they find themselves facing, with no respite, the reality of prison.”*  
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Larbi, France.  
*“People who don’t have experience with prison... we recognise them. They have a look... like they’re saying ‘act like I’m not here’. They practically don’t exist.”*  
Larbi Belaïd passed away this year. His experiences led him to spend 35 years in prison. His testimonial and a text dedicated to the friendship he shared with Prison Insider are available on our site.  
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Testimonial series *Entre les murs* (In betweenwalls)

Six accounts of former prisoners and six perspectives on lockdown and prison, by journalist Margot Hemmerich.  
et la prison. – par Margot Hemmerich, journaliste.

Roland. *“When we speak of modernity in our new prisons, we’re actually talking about social distancing. The more gadgets there are, the less human contact there is. Everything goes on behind those electronic gates..”*  
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Emilio. *“In prison, you’re treated like you’re nothing. For me, that was the worst thing. Nobody can be okay in a cage.”*  
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Clément. *“I wouldn’t exactly say I was unhappy in prison. But I can say for certain that it’s impossible to be happy there. You’re in a state of permanent suspension. Your perspective is incomplete. Yet the lockdown felt harder at times.”*  
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Stéphane. *“During my last stint in prison, I spent three-fourths of my sentence alone in my cell. That’s how I learned to live alone.”*  
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Thierry. *“I can’t compare myself to someone who hasn’t been in prison. It’s hard to tell if being in prison helped me adjust to the lockdown better than those who haven’t been in prison.”*  
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Éric. *“There are prisons within prisons: confinement unimaginable to those on the outside. Total isolation.”*  
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## -§- Translation

Prison Insider continues to publish in three languages in order to increase the reach and accessibility of the information we share. Website content is available in French, English, and Spanish. Translations are thus done in six different language combinations.

This year, there were fewer translation projects involving so-called “rare” languages. We continued to reach out to our network for the translating and proofreading of Portuguese, Russian and Italian texts for partner organisations’ communications or as part of the InsideOutside project. The translation department also summarised certain texts written in German or Dutch for the needs of information monitoring focused on coronavirus in prison. The department is building up its skills so that a lack of fluency in one or multiple languages is never an obstacle to launching a new project.

Our network of volunteer translators and editors, mostly made up of professional, or future professional translators, constitutes the backbone of the translation department. In keeping with professional ethics, native speakers are recruited for these projects. Our volunteer translators come from a variety of backgrounds: universities, non-governmental organisations, United Nations Volunteers, and professional and personal networks. In 2020, in the course of routine projects, they undertook the translation and proofreading of almost 590,000 words, a little more than the entirety of *Les Misérables*. Their translation work is coordinated and supervised by two professional translators at Prison Insider. This support and coordination effort occurs just as much during projects (communication with volunteers, file management) as it does before their start (creation of and updates to glossaries and style guides) and after they end (preparation and review of completed files and communication with other departments).

2020 was a year marked by major personal, collective and social upheaval. The COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences have had far-reaching effects. Prison Insider, like others, had to adapt



and the translation department did too. Thanks to new tools and to our motivated teams and volunteers, *the Coronavirus: Prison Fever* news feed was translated at least once a week since March, to the tune of **195,000** additional words (add *Great Expectations* to the already-translated *Les Misérables* to get a concrete idea!) that were produced and incorporated into the site. Certain volunteers lent a hand specifically to accomplish this new task.

Our partnerships with translation programs continued. In **2020**, we welcomed two remote interns from the Institute of Translators, Interpreters, and International Relations at the University of Strasbourg and the Multilingual Specialised Translation at Grenoble Alps University. Our partnership with the University of Grenoble was also strengthened in December through a long translation project involving five students. This work alongside future professional translators and training programs helps increase Prison Insider's visibility, train future professionals and perfect our processes and practices.

In **2020**, **105** volunteers participated in the translation department's work. Sixty-nine of those volunteers worked on multiple projects.

### -§- Site development

In the first quarter of the year, the team devoted two days to optimising the website. The goal was to have a platform suited to the presentation of our work, on the occasion of the planned press conference launch.

The first day was dedicated to updating our history and introducing team members and our methodology. The methodology section, now available online, outlines our sources, our reference texts and the way we work.

The second day involved reorganising the website menu into three sections: Inform, Compare, and Testimonials.

[ **Inform** ] allows users to view our posts through two angles: countries or topics.

-> *Countries* leads to country profiles.

-> *Topics* includes all other publications. Categorisation work was still left to be done. The whole team worked on matching articles to tags (*work, torture, women, minors, access to legal rights*), to geographic areas and to publication types (*news, testimonials, analysis, \*Grand Soir\* events*) and took care of all publications available on the site since it launched in **2016**. Thanks to this massive undertaking, the site is easier to navigate. Users can now view all articles linked to a certain tag and direct or deepen their reading.

[ **Compare** ] leads to our comparison tool, with which users can directly examine and compare prison policies across hundreds of countries and properties.

[ **Testimonials** ] allows users to access publications featuring all kinds of accounts, including testimonials, photographs, interviews, and InsideOutside.

The second half of the year gave rise to a new development in anticipation of the publication of our first comparative study: dynamic modules. The web agency Rezo Zero is supporting this process and has provided several mock-ups. The goal is to mix a variety of words, perspectives, and publication types via pop-ins that will appear at a certain navigation level, proposing testimonials, graphics and additional data to complement what the user is reading. This functionality remains under construction; **2021** will be devoted to perfecting it.



# Indicators

## ◇ Website

We have a steady number of **25,000** monthly users and observed some peaks in site visits, reaching **33,500** in April. Most visitors end up at our site following an online search and they mainly look at country profiles and testimonials. The most common languages of navigation are:

English: **44%**

French: **28%**

Spanish: **21%**

## ◇ International press review

The press review collects the most recent and noteworthy facts and legal news from prisons around the world. It is populated by numerous voluntary contributions, information monitoring and documents sent by partner organisations. About **600** articles were added in **2020**. They provide a complement to the published country profiles and those under construction.

## ◇ Social media

Facebook: **4,925** followers (+**600**/year)

Twitter: **3,900** (+**1,000**/year)

Instagram: **790** (+**390**/year) -- Prison Insider's page was entirely dedicated to posts from the now-complete InsideOutside project.

LinkedIn: **1,000**

Prison Insider also has a YouTube channel where *\*Grand Soir\** events, two conferences organised in **2020** and several other clips can be viewed.



# Prison trends

The COVID-19 pandemic surprised most governments due to its rapid spread, complexity and intensity. Caught off guard and unprepared, the authorities reacted. Our monitoring work allowed us to identify major trends.

One of the first measures implemented was the suspension of visits. In response to these restrictions, several incidents erupted, and, in Italy, prisons went up in flames. Protest movements, both inside and outside, subsequently broke out across the entire world.

Measures deemed “compensatory” were implemented. In Brazil and Thailand, computers and tablets were provided for the first time. Video calls were authorised, a relief for many families. Yet access was unequal: internet connections were bad, equipment defective or quantities limited.

Problems, such as the short time allowed for conversations, and their lack of privacy, were flagged.

In France, 50 additional euros of telephone credit were allocated to each prisoner. While cell phones are typically prohibited in prisons, Chile authorised their use to guarantee prisoners’ rights to maintain ties with their loved ones. A similar policy was implemented in the Buenos Aires province of Argentina.

In many countries, visits are the sole source of food, medicine and goods for incarcerated people. In Argentina and Brazil, prison food is of poor quality and health and personal care products insufficient: the quality of one’s life inside depends on outside packages. The pandemic has made deliveries more complicated and costly, if not impossible.

Where they are starting up again, family visits are subject to constantly changing health protocols: temperature checks for visitors, disinfection of visit rooms, installation of barriers (Plexiglas dividers), and mandatory masks. These constraints, which differ from one country to another, from one institution to another, and from one week to the next, weigh on the morale of prisoners and their loved ones. In Belgium, some people have chosen not to bring their children on visits as long as physical contact is prohibited. Because of their age, children are sometimes prevented from visiting. In Chile, certain incarcerated women have not seen their children for nine months. This may cause irreparable damage.



# Here and there

## January

- Participation in the *Enfermement* [Imprisonment] seminar, École normale supérieure (ENS), Lyon
- Remarks at the Lyon Institute of Human Rights (IDHL), Catholic University of Lyon (UCLy)

## February

- An evening with Prison Insider, *\*Grand Soir\**, Act 5. Towards Humanity, Carreau du Temple, Paris
- *Take care*, an evening with the MAS association. Carte blanche for Jean-Marie Delarue, Controller-General for Places of Deprivation of Liberty, 2008-2014, exhibition visit “Prisons : au-delà des murs” [Prisons: Beyond the Walls], musical walk by Louis Sclavis, Musée des Confluences, Lyon

## March

- Participation in the meeting and discussion “Qu’est-ce que militer contre/en prison?” [Organising against/in prison], Brussels (Belgium). Coordinated by Genepi-Belgium, the Free University of Brussels (ULB), Human Rights League (LDH) and Damien Scalia, professor of prison law at ULB and president of LDH’s *Prison Commission*

## April

- Invitation from Le Pavillon des Causeurs and Pierre Barmony. Knowledge- and practice-swapping forum open to all, Lyon

## May

- Prison Insider’s general meeting, held online

## September

- Prison Insider press conference, Lyon



- “The history of Lyon prisons,” Heritage Days event, the Catholic University of Lyon (UCLy)
- Start of preparatory work for “Concertina, summer gatherings focused on incarceration.” The working group involved in this preparation brought together close friends of Prison Insider and its founder Bernard Bolze. First edition planned for summer **2021** in Dieulefit (Drôme, France)

#### October

- Prison Insider’s international event “Coronavirus: Prison Fever”, online
- Prison Insider’s international event “Prisons in Europe: where are we headed?”, online
- Participation in the “Places of violence, places of memory” meeting organised by the Montluc Prison Memorial and the Neuengamme concentration camp memorial (Hamburg), Crossborder Factory (Berlin), Cultural Heritage without Borders (Tirana, Albania), online
- Event for Catherine Réchard’s film “Ai-je le droit d’avoir des droits” [Do I have the right to have rights], Saint-André des Arts theater, Paris

#### November

- Participation in the Judicial Intervention Group SOS-Torture Africa’s regional laboratory “Litigation, detention, torture and the right of defence in the time of COVID-19” (OMCT and Open Society Justice Initiative), online
- “Contemporary prison challenges: perspective on managing radicalisation”: class visit for Marion Vannier (lecturer in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Manchester), Sciences Po Grenoble
- Participation on the panel “Towards a future without mandatory detention” organised by the Open Society Foundation and the World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments, online

#### December

- Participation in the international symposium “Monitoring sites of deprivation of liberty in the time of COVID-19” organised by the National Body for the Prevention of Torture (INPT), online

## One, two, three conferences

**22** September. Prison Insider held a press conference to present its most recent work and its last three years of progression. Several administrators of the association took the floor: Nicolas Cohen, lawyer from the Brussels Bar / Rokšana Naserzadeh, lawyer from the Lyon Bar (defence lawyer), co-chair / Louis Perego, writer, and former prisoner. A guided tour of the website, an intercession by the Director of Prison Insider and a lively time concluded the final component of the morning. The entire event was live stream and replayed on our Facebook page. About ten journalists from the local and national press were present. They were given a press kit specially designed for the occasion. This was also available in English.

*- Prison Insider extends a special thanks to Muriel Ferrari for her kindness and hospitality.*

Prison Insider organised two international conferences and invited several experts to discuss.

**8** October. Coronavirus: The prison fever. Speakers: Vincent Ballon (International Committee of the Red Cross, for the unit of persons deprived of liberty), Frédéric Le Marcis (anthropologist, University of Lyon), Alice Awakian (Lebanese association Ajem), Coline Constantin from Prison Insider.

**13** October. Prisons in Europe: Where are we going? Speakers: Marcelo Aebi (criminologist, project “Annual penal statistics of the Council of Europe” - Space University of Lausanne, Switzerland), Saskia Bricmont (Belgian environmentalist MEP, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs - Libe), Marie Berquin (lawyer and co-president of the Belgian section of the International Prison Observatory), Carolina Nascimento of Prison Insider. Conference moderated by Dominique Luciani-Mien, Jean Moulin Lyon III University.

Both conferences were held online. They were video recorded on our site and on our YouTube channel. Reports were posted online. These events are supported by the region of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.







# The organisation and its team

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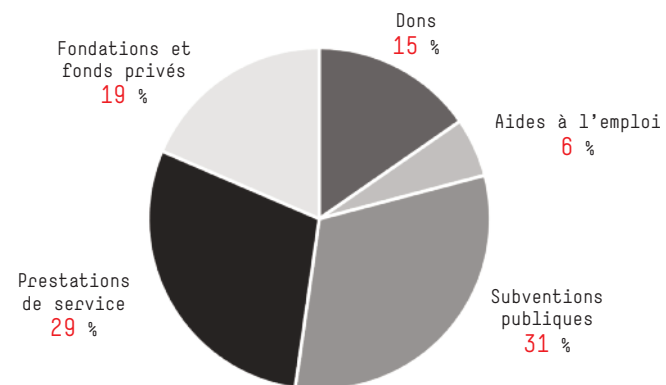
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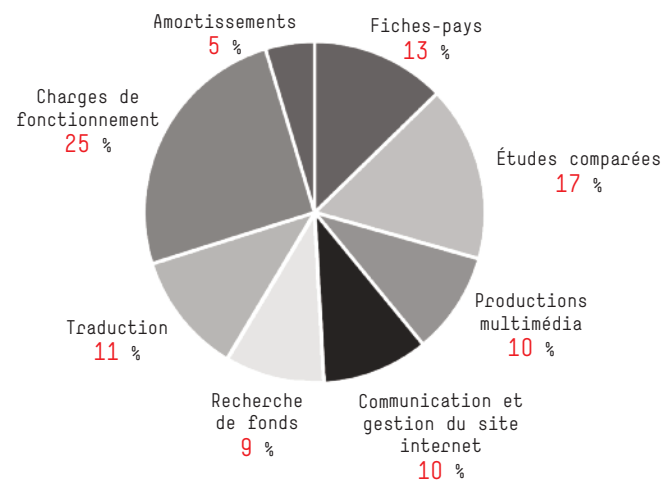


# Source and expenditure statement

Origine des ressources 2020



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# Balance sheet and income statement

## Bilan actif

	Brut	Amortissement Dépréciations	Net au 31/12/20	Net au 31/12/19
<b>ACTIF</b>				
<b>Immobilisations incorporelles</b>				
Frais d'établissement				
Frais de recherche et de développement				
Concessions, brevets et droits assimilés	43 200,00	39 060,00	4 140,00	12 780,00
Droit au bail				
Autres immob. incorporelles / Avances et acom				
<b>Immobilisations corporelles</b>				
Terrains				
Constructions				
Installations techniques, matériel et outillage				
Autres immobilisations corporelles	5 361,33	913,81	4 447,52	
Immob. en cours / Avances et acomptes				
Immobilisations financières				
Participations et créances rattachées				
TIAP & autres titres immobilisés	15,00		15,00	15,00
Prêts				
Autres immobilisations financières				
<b>ACTIF IMMOBILISE</b>	<b>48 576,33</b>	<b>39 973,81</b>	<b>8 602,52</b>	<b>12 795,00</b>
<b>Stocks</b>				
Matières premières et autres approv.				
En cours de production de biens				
En cours de production de services				
Produits intermédiaires et finis				
Marchandises				
Avances et acomptes versés sur commandes				
Créances				
Usagers et comptes rattachés	12 950,00		12 950,00	
Autres créances	8 333,33		8 333,33	406,66
Divers				
Valeurs mobilières de placement				
Instruments de trésorerie				
Disponibilités	75 485,52		75 485,52	31 102,38
Charges constatées d'avance				
<b>ACTIF CIRCULANT</b>	<b>96 768,85</b>		<b>96 768,85</b>	<b>31 509,04</b>
Charges à répartir sur plusieurs exercices				
Prime de remboursement des obligations				
Ecart de conversion - Actif				
<b>COMPTES DE REGULARISATION</b>				
<b>TOTAL DE L'ACTIF</b>	<b>145 345,18</b>	<b>39 973,81</b>	<b>105 371,37</b>	<b>44 304,04</b>



## Bilan passif

	Net au 31/12/20	Net au 31/12/19
<b>PASSIF</b>		
Fonds associatifs sans droit de reprise	10 000,00	10 000,00
Ecarts de réévaluation		
Réserves indisponibles		
Réserves statutaires ou contractuelles		
Réserves réglementées		
Autres réserves		
Report à nouveau	-9 546,65	8 489,47
<b>RESULTAT DE L'EXERCICE</b>	<b>-15 901,29</b>	<b>-18 036,12</b>
Subventions d'investissement		
Provisions réglementées		
<b>FONDS PROPRES</b>	<b>-15 447,94</b>	<b>453,35</b>
Apports		
Legs et donations		
Subventions affectées		
<b>Fonds associatifs avec droit de reprise</b>		
Résultat sous contrôle		
Droit des propriétaires		
<b>AUTRES FONDS ASSOCIATIFS</b>		
Provisions pour risques		
Provisions pour charges		
<b>PROVISIONS POUR RISQUES ET CHARGES</b>		
Fonds dédiés sur subventions	15 000,00	
Fonds dédiés sur autres ressources		
<b>FONDS DEDIES</b>	<b>15 000,00</b>	
Emprunts obligataires convertibles		
<i>Emprunts</i>		
<i>Découverts et concours bancaires</i>		
Emprunts et dettes auprès des établissements de crédits		
Emprunts et dettes financières diverses	20 000,00	
Avances et acomptes reçus sur commandes en cours		
Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés		
Dettes fiscales et sociales	42 060,58	12 091,96
Dettes sur immobilisations et comptes rattachés		
Autres dettes	31 758,73	31 758,73
Instruments de trésorerie		
Produits constatés d'avance	12 000,00	
<b>DETTES</b>	<b>105 819,31</b>	<b>43 850,69</b>
Ecarts de conversion - Passif		
<b>ECARTS DE CONVERSION</b>		
<b>TOTAL DU PASSIF</b>	<b>105 371,37</b>	<b>44 304,04</b>

## Compte de résultat

	du 01/01/20 au 31/12/20 12 mois	du 01/01/19 au 31/12/19 12 mois
Ventes de marchandises		
Production vendue	53 465,73	
Production stockée		
Production immobilisée		
Subventions d'exploitation	106 256,00	90 420,00
Reprises et Transferts de charge	10 183,49	12 278,79
Cotisations	135,00	200,00
Autres produits	27 938,03	19 490,33
<b>Produits d'exploitation</b>	<b>197 978,25</b>	<b>122 389,12</b>
Achats de marchandises		
Variation de stock de marchandises		
Achats de matières premières		
Variation de stock de matières premières		
Autres achats non stockés et charges externes	50 761,88	43 247,16
Impôts et taxes	466,00	324,00
Salaires et Traitements	121 469,26	87 261,61
Charges sociales	16 193,85	20 733,64
Amortissements et provisions	9 553,81	8 640,00
Autres charges	434,74	
<b>Charges d'exploitation</b>	<b>198 879,54</b>	<b>160 206,41</b>
<b>RESULTAT D'EXPLOITATION</b>	<b>-901,29</b>	<b>-37 817,29</b>
Opérations faites en commun		
Produits financiers		218,83
Charges financières		-218,83
<b>Résultat financier</b>		<b>-218,83</b>
<b>RESULTAT COURANT</b>	<b>-901,29</b>	<b>-38 036,12</b>
Produits exceptionnels		
Charges exceptionnelles		
<b>Résultat exceptionnel</b>		
Impôts sur les bénéfices		
Report des ressources non utilisées		20 000,00
Engagements à réaliser	15 000,00	
<b>EXCEDENT OU DEFICIT</b>	<b>-15 901,29</b>	<b>-18 036,12</b>
Contribution volontaires en nature		
Bénévolat	136 059,00	87 650,00
Prestations en nature	22 409,00	16 640,00
Dons en nature		
<b>Total des produits</b>	<b>158 468,00</b>	<b>104 290,00</b>
Secours en nature		
Mise à disposition gratuite	22 409,00	16 640,00
Personnel bénévole	136 059,00	87 650,00
<b>Total des charges</b>	<b>158 468,00</b>	<b>104 290,00</b>



# Heading towards 2021

The impact of the pandemic on the prisoner's lives of prisoners will persist in 2021. The coverage of the consequences in the *Coronavirus: Prison Fever* news feed therefore continues. This work will be accompanied by several updates and new country profiles, the publication of several large-scale comparative studies and the development of tailor-made information packages for field and research partners. This will be an opportunity to put our expertise and our methodology at the service of collective projects.

The preparatory work undertaken with a consortium of experts for the creation of a prison life index will be accelerated with the recruitment of a doctoral candidate and with the launch of a crowdfunding campaign. The support for the project by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs confirms the interest of public authorities.

To support the current growth of Prison Insider, a strategic production is underway with an external consultancy. This supports the path towards a serene development and additional financial sustainability.

We project that 2021 will be an opportunity to strengthen our partnerships with Lyon public authorities from the *Ville* and the *Métropole*, with international foundations and institutions, and with the perspective of the multi-year program supported by the French Development Agency. We are on the way to becoming a key player in making a significant impact in improving the detention conditions around the world.



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World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

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ERIM

Espaces latinos

International Federation of Christian Actions for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT)

Fédération des associations réflexion action prison et justice (FARAPEJ) [Federation of Associations for Reflective Action in Prison and Justice]

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Local prison cooperation group (GLCP), Lyon

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Laboratory for Analysing and Modelling Systems to Support Decision-Making (LAMSADE), Paris-Dauphine University

Le MAS

Mémorial de la prison de Montluc [Montluc prison memorial]

World Organization Against Torture (OMCT / Geneva)

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Plateforme Droits de l'Homme (PDH)  
Prizle  
Triangle Génération Humanitaire  
Union nationale des familles et amis des personnes malades et/ou  
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Friends of the People with Mental Illnesses or Psychiatric  
Disorders]  
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The catalogue assembles a documentary collection that illustrates the activities implemented by the ICRC, the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement, from the end of the 19th century to today, in its various fields of intervention. These archives are a way of keeping alive the memory of the victims of armed conflict and other violent situations.

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Panama City, La Joya prison, Panama, 2017.

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A guard stands near the table showing the number of prisoners  
Toliara prison, Madagascar, 2016.  
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The ICRC works in prison to ensure the material and sanitary conditions of detention  
Phnom Penh, correctional centre No. 1, Cambodia, 2016.  
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Spaces around detention buildings are used by prisoners to hang out their clothes to dry or to improvise kitchens  
Panama City, La Joya prison, Panama, 2017.  
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An ICRC team visits the prison health unit, accompanied by representatives of the Ministry of Justice  
Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guizhong prison, China, 2018.  
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Prisoners wash the passageways  
Panama City, La Joya prison, Panama, 2017.  
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Page 48 In many countries, the resources allocated in prisons are insufficient. The situation is particularly difficult in South Sudan, a country devastated by armed conflict and facing an economic crisis. Equatoria, Torit, central prison, South Sudan, 2017.  
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Page 50 Food aid is provided by the ICRC at a national level. The minors are accommodated in separate quarters from the other prisoners. However, they profit from the same rations, i.e., 300 grams of boiled cassava per day  
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