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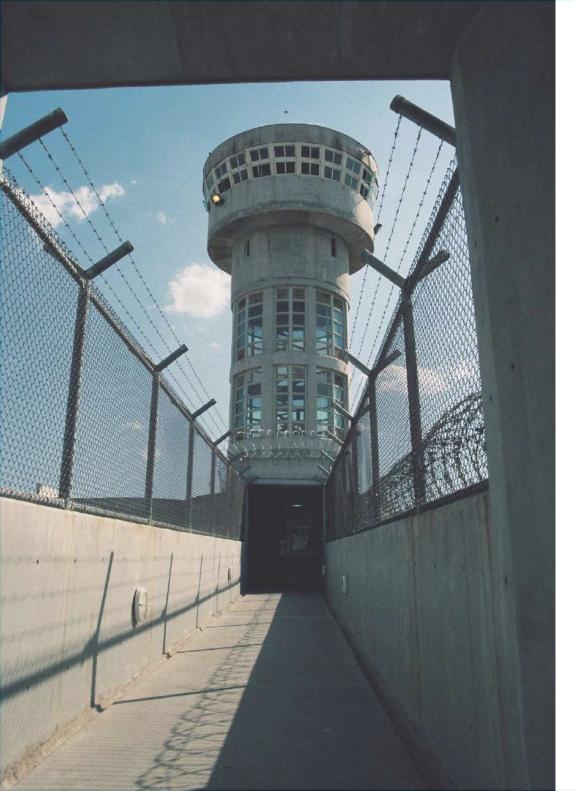
ACTIVITY REPORT — 2024

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A WORD FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

"Prisons do not disappear social problems, they disappear human beings."

ANGELA DAVIS
Are prisons obsolete?

Since its creation by Bernard Bolze in 2016, Prison Insider has opened the doors of prisons around the world to the public through its informative work on prison conditions.

Its dedicated team, led by Florence Laufer, does tremendous work that is demanding, technical and meticulous in order to deliver information in three languages and three complementary areas: informing, comparing and sharing testimonials. Since 2019, the team has notably worked on a one-of-a-kind project: creating an index on living conditions in prisons, based on the minimum standards used to evaluate the respect of the rights of incarcerated individuals.

Over the course of six years, this major project mobilised an interdisciplinary consortium, including the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the National Conservatory for Arts and Trades (CNAM). Lola Martin Moro's work, supervised by two public research laboratories, resulted in her defending a thesis in economics and applied mathematics on the construction of this tool. The results of the Prison Life Index have been available on Prison Insider's website since December 2024. Anyone can use them to view and question penitentiary policies and practices. This work is set to continue, and updated results are scheduled to be shared in 2027.

The *Prison Life Index* is a unique tool, as necessary as it is accurate, that furthers the goal of informing and raising awareness on rights in prison. Our work as a whole received recognition from the Fondation René Cassin, which presented the *Jacques Ribs award for human rights* to Prison Insider in December 2024.

Although the Prison Life Index — as you have undoubtedly understood — was pivotal this year, it was nevertheless only one part of the work carried out by Prison Insider, which published new content throughout the year:

- a new country profile, for Türkiye
- two thematic papers: Without a roof or a choice: The difficult road from prison to a habitation and Prisons in the eye of the storm: How correctional administrations are responding to the climate crisis
- several long-form articles to expand the *Caught in the Spiral series*
- new testimonials, interviews, focus articles, etc.

As for what still remains in the shadows, the team continued work on the *Connecting Stories Beyond Bars* project, which, in a few months, will lead to a series of videos that aim to amplify voices from organisations advocating for the friends and families of people in prison in six countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada - Quebec, France, Mexico, and the United Kingdom). A new project was also launched – *Unmasking Truth* – which aims to counter disinformation on imprisonment conditions and the rights of people in prison and will lead to the publication of new formats on the website.

In addition to its work producing content for the website, Prison Insider continued to travel far and wide. The team was invited to numerous national and international seminars and conferences to share its expertise. Nathália Keller Rorato, in the new development position, helped strengthen project monitoring and evaluation as well as impact monitoring. She also supported the organisation's consolidation by establishing new strategic partnerships.

This year again, we cannot help but admire the exceptional Prison Insider team and its tireless dedication to producing stellar work.

ROKSANA NASERZADEH & ERIC JEANTET Co-Presidents

ONE PURPOSE, ONE JOURNEY

Prison Insider is a platform that produces and disseminates information about prisons around the world. Its objective is to inform, compare and share testimonials on prison conditions as they relate to fundamental rights. Its work contributes to the fight against torture and the prevention of human rights violations. To that end, Prison Insider collects, verifies and synthesises available data. It produces knowledge and makes it accessible to the general public. Prison Insider also develops, mobilises and leads a diverse network of committed individuals around the world. Its ultimate purpose is to make information available for action.

Prison Insider was created by Bernard Bolze, founder of the International Prison Observatory (OIP). It began in 2015, years after OIP ceased to be international. People from various backgrounds – economics, associations, institutions and academia – came together to create a modern information format. Thanks to their efforts, the website was launched in 2017 in English, French and Spanish.

The association, initially made up of volunteers, experienced steady and rapid growth. In 2024, the team included ten employees and three freelance translators, as well as eleven civic service (service civique) volunteers for a few months each. Supporting such a workforce was made possible by financial backing from national and international partners. Over the years, Prison Insider's selection of publications has expanded to include country profiles, the Prison Life Index, thematic papers, interviews, testimonials, podcasts and an international press review. In addition to the website, Prison Insider also provides training, awareness activities and services, and continuously shares the knowledge it has produced via different channels. Thanks to these rich, diverse activities, Prison Insider is recognised today as a major force in the defence of the rights and dignity of incarcerated people around the world.

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THE RADICAL NATURE OF NUANCE

"The prison has become a looming presence in our society to an extent unparalleled in our history or that of any other industrial democracy."

ELLIOT CURRIE
Crime and Punishment in America

Indifference is not an option in the face of the chilling rise in extreme hatred. The instruments for defending human rights established in peacetime are no less relevant in wartime. At a time when the information battle can be disorienting, documenting the prisons of the world is a daunting task. Striving for the transformation of prison conditions means embracing complexity above all else: denouncing rights violations without yielding to simplistic solutions or dramatic positions. It means analysing, explaining and giving insight, to contribute to producing credible responses. And if we want to move the needle, we have to agree to engage with those who think differently.

Prison is a pitiless mirror of our societies. It claims to lock up the flaws of individuals, but it mainly reveals those of the structures surrounding them. No one can ever be summarised by a single action: there is a context, a story, a tangled web of causes that led to the offence — when detention is not purely arbitrary, that is. And if society does not want to tolerate certain behaviours, it is responsible for preventing them from emerging. That is the role of public services — social services, health care and education.

These days, we know that prison does more harm than good: it breaks the people it locks away, and their loved ones, and it wears out those who keep it running. The studies show that it does not address insecurity or reduce recidivism. In 2020, many countries successfully cut back on their reliance on imprisonment, without creating any new legal instruments. What would it take today to remind us of our ability to take action?

Strong foundations have already been laid. They have been, at least in theory, approved by the majority of States. The international frameworks assert that incarceration must remain a last resort and that it must only deprive people of their liberty, without infringing upon other fundamental rights.

Information is the best weapon. We bet it could be the antidote to the illusion of repression and the manipulation of ignorance.

FLORENCE LAUFER
Director

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PRISONS IN 2024

The reliance on incarceration is increasingly systematic and widespread. The prison population in Türkiye rose by 100,000 people in one year. The unfortunate record of 80,000 incarcerated individuals in France was reached at the end of 2024. The Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research (ICPR) counted 11.5 million people incarcerated around the world in 2024. As we are writing these words, at the beginning of 2025, these figures continue to climb.

Who are the people suffering under these imprisonment policies? The vast majority are men, although female incarceration is on the rise. Over 733,000 women were behind bars in early 2025, according to figures from the ICPR. This ever-growing number rose three times quicker than the male prison population did between 2000 and 2022.

Reasons for the imprisonment of women vary around the world and include drug trafficking, theft, vagrancy, witchcraft, debt, begging and more. Most of these crimes have one thing in common: the absence of violence. In many instances, these criminalised behaviours are matters of survival for these women: they are trying to provide for their families or cope with economic pressure. Even the fact of being a woman can be criminalised. The sexual and reproductive practices of women are subject to legal control, with some being criminalised in many countries.

Women in prison endure numerous violations of their rights, such as difficult access to care, limited contact with loved ones, inhumane living conditions, and rare or even no access to fresh air and activities.

This reality is not limited to women — it is true for everyone in prison. Although violations vary in frequency and severity from one country to another, the conclusion is clear: the international standards relating to human rights in detention are not respected anywhere.

Inform

Prison overcrowding is endemic on an international scale. All of the correctional facilities in the Philippines are extremely overpopulated: Dasmariñas Prison, for example, holds 312 women in a space designed for 11. In numerous countries, incarcerated people do not have beds, and – in Ireland and France, for example – sleep on mattresses in questionable condition.

In Côte d'Ivoire and Lebanon, prison overcrowding is so severe that incarcerated people must take turns sleeping due to the lack of space.

The general condition of cells is alarming. In Georgia, a lack of oxygen exacerbates health risks, causing migraines. There is no natural light in the solitary confinement cells in Norway – even in the ones that have windows. The artificial lighting is switched on at all times. In Portugal, humidity levels are high, and there have been reports of patches of mould on the walls. Earwigs, bedbugs, mice, cockroaches and fleas also occupy prisons in large numbers, especially in Chile.

When the situation is so alarming, what courses of action are available? Information has a role to play — it must shine a light, everywhere and at all times, on the degrading conditions incarcerated people endure. And, of course, we are driven by our firm belief that some alternative could take the place of prison.

INFORM

he Information team kicked off 2024 by publishing the country profile for Türkiye, created in collaboration with the NGO Civil Society in the Penal System Association (CISST). This factual and comprehensive review of Turkish prisons is complemented by two interviews and a testimonial. In April, Prison Insider travelled to the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium for the "Political prisoners: Isolation, ill-treatment and torture" conference to present the profile to several civil society actors.

The team then tackled the production of the country profile for Côte d'Ivoire. This work falls within the scope of the *Archipel II project*, supported by the Agence française de développement (AFD). As the *Prison Life Index* team was creating an evaluation for the country, the two teams pooled resources to streamline the process of producing the profile and preparing the index's evaluations. Two Prison Insider staff members travelled to Abidjan in November to conduct interviews with associations, institutions, legal experts and people who had been released from prison. The publication of the country profile for Côte d'Ivoire and its prisons is scheduled for early 2025.

In addition, the team continued tracking news and stories throughout the year, enriching existing country profiles and updating statistics on prisons around the world. The key figures for each country were updated.



753 news briefs were written about 17 countries.

Our press review of international news includes 545 articles covering 93 countries in three languages.

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PRISON LIFE INDEX

How can information on the various facets of prison conditions be made more accessible and used to support change? The Prison Life Index was created to address the need for a scientific evaluation tool that quantifies and concisely reports the compliance of States with international standards.

The index is the result of six years of joint efforts by a interdisciplinary collaboration between academics and members of civil society: the Prison Insider team, a multidisciplinary consortium, and two research laboratories, LAMSADE and LIRSA. The first version went live on 5 December 2024. It covers 12 countries: Australia, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Georgia, Ireland, Lebanon, Norway, the Philippines, Portugal, Scotland and South Africa.

The Prison Life Index is based on the main international instruments relating to prison conditions. It includes 61 indicators related to the living conditions of people in prison, divided into five dimensions: Eating, sleeping, showering; Medical care; Being protected; Being active; and Being connected. The results draw on evaluations by people with recognised expertise, completed according to a detailed protocol.

None of the 12 countries assessed respect international standards. Violations were observed in each category, with varying frequencies and severity levels. For any individual right, there could be several reasons for its violation. For example, the right to call one's loved ones could be violated due to restrictions, insufficient or malfunctioning telephones, excessive surveillance or even censorship.

The right to receive visits from friends and family is significantly hampered in **Australia**, often due to the remoteness of prisons. In **France**, this is the cause of frequent and serious rights violations. The remoteness of prisons affects women and children in particular, as few prisons or units are reserved for them.

In **Chile** and the **Philippines**, visitors are frequently subjected to invasive searches and degrading treatment. In **Georgia**, incarcerated individuals whose loved ones cannot bring them anything to wear have trouble clothing themselves, as the prison service does not provide clothing.

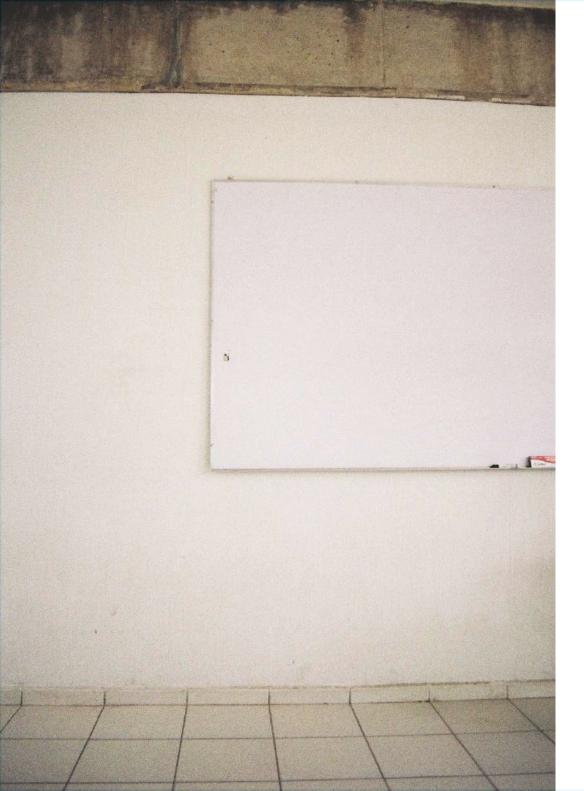
In **Norway**, the excessive use of solitary confinement, in particular for people with mental disorders, is regularly denounced. In **South Africa**, the segregation regime, quite similar to solitary confinement, forces incarcerated individuals to spend 22 to 23 hours in their cells, without any human contact. In some high-security facilities, it can even last several years.

Prisons in **Scotland** are not equipped with hospital units. As such, incarcerated individuals must be relocated to receive care, which is significantly complicated by the private contractor's inability to provide transport between the prison and the hospital. In **Portugal**, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) has reported cases of incarcerated people being forcibly medicated. The cocktail of antipsychotic and anti-anxiety drugs administered is akin to a chemical straitjacket.

On **5 December 2024**, Prison Insider presented the results of the Prison Life Index during a public event at the Paris Bar (France), which brought together legal professionals, civil society professionals, institutional professionals, academics and the media. Other events will follow in 2025, in English and in Spanish.

The team is working on adapting the methodology to roll it out on a larger scale. Prison Insider is actively seeking financing and partnerships to expand the number of countries covered by the Prison Life Index. The goal is ambitious: the next edition of the index is scheduled for the end of 2027, with the evaluation of 50 countries, including updates for the twelve countries that were evaluated in 2024.

2024



COMPARE

The team continued to explore new themes in 2024:

without a roof or a choice analyses, across four articles, the difficult road towards habitation for people after their release from prison. The series explores problems encountered in the Lyon metropolitan area and elsewhere (Canada, Finland, and more) and some food for thought and potential solutions from those who assist them in finding permanent habitations. This production received support from the Lyon metropolitan area (France) and resulted in a paper publication in French.

PRISONS IN THE EYE OF THE STORM examines the impacts of climate change on prisons, which are often old and located in areas particularly prone to flooding or extreme temperatures. Two long-form articles document how prison services are organising their responses to disasters and their varying degrees of commitment to the green transition. These productions draw on research conducted by Prison Insider for the French Directorate of Prison Administration between July 2023 and February 2024.

CAUGHT IN THE SPIRAL questions – through first-person accounts, interviews and conversations – the human and social costs of the recourse to imprisonment in France, Haiti, Morocco, Tunisia and elsewhere. At the end of the year, the team published a long-form article, *Women bearing the weight of the law*. It explores the systems where minor acts become grounds for charges criminalising hundreds of thousands of women all over the world. For this article, it sought out associations and groups working to transform faulty political and judicial systems.

This work will continue in 2025. Two long-form articles are already in the pipeline: one on the links between colonisation and prison, the other on the criminalisation of activism. For the rest, you'll just have to wait and see!

TESTIMONIALS

"Some of the staff even mocked me and joked about my health issues. They seemed to assume that prisoners were always feigning illness."

ISCU V.

incarcerated in Switzerland since 2015

"We met other prisoners during recreational walks, and we asked them what they had experienced in their former prisons. We were all devastated."

PINAR SELEK incarcerated in Türkiye from 1998 to 2000
Prison Insider ambassador

Prison Insider encourages readers to compare different points of view to better understand the realities of prison. In 2024, fifteen interviews, four testimonials and one focus article were added to the website. After Libel published the print version of InsideOutside in December 2023, seven of its twelve compositions were published online in 2024.

CONNECTING STORIES

The Connecting Stories Beyond Bars project aims to strengthen and amplify the voices of the relatives of people in prison in six countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Mexico and the United Kingdom. Prison Insider is developing capacity-building activities alongside one association for the loved ones of incarcerated people in each country and is working to produce video content that will be published in 2025.

PRISON OBSESSIONS, THE PODCAST

Are prisons still holding on to the same obsessions? Clara Grisot is the host of the third season of our podcast Écouter aux portes (in French). The last episode, on Internet use and telephones, was released in February 2024.

TRAINING AND RAISING AWARENESS

Prison Insider has carried out training and awareness activities for several years. A new step was taken in 2024: the incorporation of an educational element and awareness-raising among various audiences through the Archipel project, funded by the Agence française de développement. This approach aims to better share, showcase and leverage the information produced, by reaching out to the public to promote the respect of human rights in prison.

The team continues to regularly run a training module aimed at civic service volunteers, entitled "Prisons here and elsewhere: issues impacting dignity in detention". Four training sessions were held in 2024, in Grenoble and Lyon. Nearly 80 young people participated in this training on the rights of incarcerated people and the issues surrounding incarceration in France and abroad.

In addition, the team expanded other similar activities. Workshops were offered to professionals, and modules on fundamental rights in prison were delivered in various contexts, in particular at universities. Prison Insider supports and guides growing numbers of young people and change-makers in their projects to share information and produce citizen action related to detention.

In 2024, Prison Insider formalised its partnership with Concertina – Summer Gatherings to Explore Imprisonment. Prison Insider contributes to co-organising this three-day event where several hundreds of people gather for various experiences: round tables, workshops, film screenings, radio programmes, art and photography installations, concerts, etc. In 2024, the theme explored during the Gatherings was "Margins". The date has already been set for 2025, with a new topic: "Appetites".

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A challenge remains for 2025; how can we further raise awareness on the realities of detention and reach audiences with many different backgrounds? The team plans to expand its activities and facilitate discussions during public events. Stay tuned!

Graphics remain an essential asset, appearing alongside our publications and in our outreach work. This year, Valentin Lombardi once again designed all of the visuals for our productions, which help catch the eve, make it easier for viewers to access content, and foster dialogue. These illustrations are key elements in our social media communications. New formats and collaborations on artwork will be explored in 2025.

TRANSLATION

The team in charge of translation at Prison Insider is made up of three people who split the tasks of project management, translation and revision into each of the site's three languages. It continued to go strong, with nearly 380,000 words translated in 2024, the equivalent of about 1,300 A4 pages. As the workflow continues to be fine-tuned, the three professional translators, with support from around twenty volunteers, are better able to ensure the standard of work vital to the dissemination of reliable and relevant information.

IMPACT

Monitoring impact is essential for Prison Insider to be able to document the significance of its work. This approach took on a new dimension in 2024, with the creation of the Development Officer position. The tools put in place in 2023 were also reinforced.

The team identified the following key dimensions for analysis: the visibility of the website and social media accounts and engagement with them; the mobilisation and influence of our publications; enquiries from various stakeholders; and financial development. Our impact can be effectively evaluated via indicators, thanks to the development of a precise, codified monitoring tool.

We measure, in particular, the number of actions completed with the public, mentions in the media and the use of our content in studies and reports. The Prison Insider team worked directly with over 7,300 people. Our information was shared by 42 media outlets, evidence that our platform is increasingly recognised as an authoritative source on prisons.

The analyses produced help establish strategic foundations for the future. One of the major observations in 2024 was that the number of social media followers and newsletter subscribers remained relatively stable, with no significant change. In response, the team is looking to develop a more targeted approach to expand its audience and boost visibility.

Specific tools were designed to monitor and evaluate Prison Insider's projects. Analysing their findings gives us greater insight into the impact of our actions. This reinforces our accountability to audiences and our relationships with partners and backers while also consolidating our associative project.

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"I find the work you do to bring visibility to the effects of imprisonment in both Europe and other regions of the world very interesting. You involve testimonies and construct reliable information."

Association of relatives of incarcerated individuals, Argentina

"I commend you on the work you do to advocate on behalf of incarcerated people and to make their voices heard."

> Non-governmental organisation for re-integration assistance, Morocco

"As someone engaged in global life imprisonment research, I frequently refer to Prison Insider as a useful resource."

Researcher, Norway

In December, Prison Insider received the Jacques Ribs award for human rights from the Fondation René Cassin -International Institute of Human Rights.

DISSEMINATION

Our website logged 330,640 visits in 2024, an increase of 4.75% compared with 2023. Visitors were located around the world, in particular in France, the United States, Spain, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Belgium, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and Germany.



We continued to gain social media followers:

INSTAGRAM: 2,315 (+31% year-on-year) **LINKEDIN**: 5,662 (+32% year-on-year) **FACEBOOK**: 5,521 (+51 year-on-year)

Prison Insider decided to suspend its activities on X at the end of 2024, as the platform no longer functioned in a manner conducive to our information dissemination work. This decision enabled us to explore other channels (Bluesky. Mastodon) and seize new opportunities to build engagement with human rights.

The WEEK newsletter, sent out every other Friday in three languages, presents our latest articles, an international press review, an events calendar, and reading, film and podcast suggestions. Over 5,100 people have subscribed, with an open rate of 36.9%, an increase of 17.5% compared with the previous year.

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IN THE MEDIA

Prison Insider confirmed its role as a reference on prison conditions and human rights. This year marked a new phase, with the distribution of the InsideOutside book at the beginning of the year and the launch of the Prison Life Index in December. The platform was approached for its expertise by the press both in France and abroad. Here are a few examples of our appearances in the media.

5 JANUARY

"La surpopulation dans les prisons en Belgique est-elle pire que chez nos voisins?"

— Moustique (Belgium))

25 FEBRUARY

"El Marruecos que no visitó Sánchez: ruta por las mazmorras del reino"

— El Independiente (Spain)

12 MARCH

"Podcast: InsideOutside, une correspondance photographique pour dire la prison"

—RCF Radio Lyon (France)

3 APRIL

"Voices from solitary: Not captured on camera"

Solitary Watch (United States)

4 JUNE

"Prison Insider: Prisons on the margins of European elections"

— Irish Penal Reform Trust (Irlande)

12 JUNE

"Faute de détenus, les prisons s'inventent une nouvelle vie aux Pays-Bas"

— Slate (France)

28 JUIN

"Surpopulation carcérale : la France mauvaise élève en Europe"

— TF1 Info (France)

1ER SEPTEMBER

"Dr. Sosa: feed our children, give cash to our people in need"

— Amandala Editorial (Belize)

12 SEPTEMBER

"Tunisia: Journalists and politicians suffer abuse in prisons, groups warn"

— Middle East Eye (Middle East and North Africa)

20 NOVEMBER

"Prison, le nouvel asile : C'est le pays tout entier qui détourne le regard"

— La Croix (France)

24 NOVEMBER

"Carcere e cambiamento climatico, così il caldo fa aumentare le violenze e le morti dietro le sbarre"

— L'Unità (Italy)

5 DECEMBER

"Prison Life Index : un indicateur de la vie carcérale"

— Le iournal CNRS (France)

9 DECEMBER "Droits de l'Homme en Côte d'Ivoire : une réglité à concrétiser"

— 7Info (Côte d'Ivoire)

17 DECEMBER "Prison Life Index : l'indice lyonnais qui épingle les prisons sur le respect des droits"

— L'Arrière-Cour (France)

17 DECEMBER "Florence Laufer : Pas de soins médicaux, repas froids, surpopulation dans les prisons"

— Lyonmag (France)

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Prison Insider's publications were referenced by several platforms and networks, such as the Campaign to Decriminalise Poverty & Status, Incarceration Nations Network, the Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research, Irish Penal Reform Trust and Women Beyond Walls. Our productions were also used in reports and studies, including:

"Petty Offenses, Major Consequences: Decoding the criminalization of poverty in Haiti"

—Centre for research and exchange on security and justice (CRESEJ) in collaboration with the Bureau of Human Rights in Haiti (BDHH)

"Questions d'actualité et bonnes pratiques en matière de gestion des prisons"

 Report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

"Prisons in Lebanon Between Rights and Reality"
—Cedar Center for Legal Studies

"De-securitising & decriminalising migration and poverty: Advocating for a non-discriminatory approach in European policies"

—Avocats sans Frontières

"Global Prison Trends 2024"

—Penal Reform International

"Homeless, Not Guilty"

—Foundation for housing the underprivileged, FEANTSA and Avocats Sans Frontières

PARA INGRESAR
A VISITA FAMILIAR:
SOLO VESTIMENTA
EN COLOR: NEGRO
NO ESTAMPADO NEGRO
CALZADO PERMITIDO!
TENIS, HUARACHES.
Y ZAPATOS DE TACON
NI DESCUBIERTOS O
DE PLATAFORMA.

HERE AND THERE

Prison Insider does not limit itself to an online presence. The team organised numerous training sessions throughout the year and participated in conferences, symposiums and round tables on the topic of prisons. These gatherings are a prime opportunity to share knowledge and engage in dialogue.

A look back at a few of our speaking engagements and travel in 2024:

JANUARY

- Participation in the "Care in prison, 30 years after the Law of 1994: Progress, limits, outlook" symposium, organised by the TransFaire association, Paris, France
- Training with the association Albin, Clermont-Ferrand, France

FEBRUARY

— Masterclass on the Prison Life Index for members of the Plateforme Droits Humains, online

MARCH

- Participation in the "Day of reflection on prison overcrowding", organised by the Controller-General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty, Paris, France
- Lecture at the Indre 2050 symposium on adapting prisons to the area's potential futures, Châteauroux, France
- Participation in the workshop on decriminalising migration and poverty in European policies, organised by Avocats Sans Frontières, Brussels, Belgium
- Participation in the European symposium on small-scale detention, organised by Rescaled, as part of the WISH-EU project, Brussels, Belgium

APRIL

- Lecture at the "Political prisoners: Isolation, ill-treatment and torture" conference at the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
- Lecture at "European Common Space for Alternatives" on the impact of the law banning drugs, Marseille, France
- Participation in the Prison Insights event organised by Reshape, Lisbon, Portugal

MAY

- Involvement in the screening of the film Mis Hermanos, organised by Concertina, Bourdeaux, France
- Presentation of the thematic paper Without a roof or a choice as part of the Springtime Solidarity event by the Lyon metropolitan area, France

JUNE

- Involvement in the screening of the film Tehachapi, organised by Ciné Comoedia, Lyon, France
- Participation in the workshop on advocacy and education for the abolition of the death penalty, organised by the Council of Europe (CoE), Together Against the Death Penalty (ECPM) and the German Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Strasbourg, France
- Lecture as part of the continuing education session "Prison under consideration" by the National School for the Judiciary, Paris, France
- Participation in the workshop on the role of young people in advocating for and raising awareness about the abolition of the death penalty in Africa, led alongside the CoE and ECPM, Cidade Velha, Cape Verde
- Fourth edition of Concertina, Summer Gatherings to Explore Imprisonment, Dieulefit, France

JULY

- Participation in training on the protection of human rights in the context of preventing and combatting violent extremism and radicalisation in prison, organised by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Warsaw, Poland
- Lecture as part of a webinar on voting rights, organised by The Sentencing Project, online

SEPTEMBER

- Presentation of Prison Insider during a webinar for the volunteers of the Prison-Justice programme by La Croix Rouge, online
- Lecture as part of the "Sustainability in Prisons" workshop organised by EuroPris, York, United Kingdom

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OCTOBER

- Trip to Abidjan for country profile research, Côte d'Ivoire
- Participation in the one-day conference on women in detention by Le Courrier de Bovet, Lyon, France
- Participation in the working seminar by Sidaction in support of developing activities in prison, Lomé, Togo
- Presentation of Prison Insider to the prison group of La Cimade, Lyon, France

NOVEMBER

- Organisation of a workshop for children on incarceration, organised by the City of Lyon, France
- Participation in an event on the impact of prison on families, organised by Association Possible and Wake-Up Café as part of the National Prison Days, Lyon, France

DECEMBER

- Launch event for the Prison Life Index at the Paris Bar, France
- Participation in the "Medico-legal to prison-hospital" symposium by the Saint-Bernard psychiatric hospital, Manage, Belgium
- Participation in the annual symposium of the national association of sentence enforcement judges on prison overcrowding, Paris, France
- Award ceremony for the Jacques Ribs award for human rights presented by the Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France



THE ORGANISATION AND ITS TEAMS

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OUR NETWORKS AND SUPPORTERS

NETWORKS

- Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme (AADH)
- Campaign to Decriminalise Poverty & Status
- World Coalition Against the Death Penalty
- Possible's National Community
- World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT, SOS-Torture Network)
- Plateforme Droits Humains (PDH)
- United Nations Volunteers

SPONSORSHIP

- Lawyers in the AADH network
- Benjamin Dumond, graphic designer
- SACVL

FINANCIAL PARTNERS

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- City of Lyon
- Council of Europe
- European Commission
- Fondation de France
- Freedom Now
- Isocrates Foundation
- Lyon Chair of Human and Environmental Rights
- Lyon metropolitan area
- Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

- Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Cifre initiative - convention industrielle de formation par la recherche)
- Ministry of Justice, responsible for the French prison service
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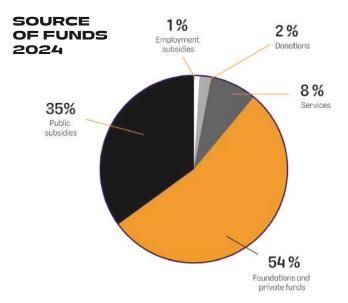




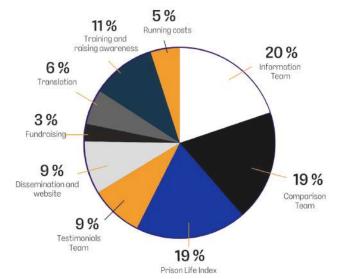




INCOME AND EXPENDITURE



USE OF FUNDS 2024



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BALANCE SHEET

Balance sheet - Assets	Cross	Depreciation Provision	Net at 31/12/2024	Net at 31/12/2023
NON-CURRENT ASSET		- 4		
Intangible assets				
Concessions, patents, licenses,	45 350	43 200	2 150	2 150
Property, plant and equipment	20000	0200	88092	9383
Other tangible fixed assets Financial assets	11 028	6 530	4 498	2 799
Other fixed financial assets	15		15	15
Totali	56 393	49 730	6 663	4 964
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debts receivable				
Receivables from customers and				
related accounts	9 3 0 1		9 301	8 096
Other receivables	23 823		23 823	160 384
Other current assets				
Liquid assets	347 160		347 160	350 971
Prepaid expenses	2 532		2 532	000 011
Total II	382 816		382 816	519 451
OVERALL TOTAL	439 209	49 730	389 479	524 415
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Capital witout rights of recovery First net position established			10 000	10 000
Profit or loss carried forward			15 863	14 109
Profit or loss for the financial year			634	1754
Net position (subtotal)			26 498	25 863
Total I			26 498	25 863
DEDICATED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			10 100	
Dedicated funds		10 000		
Total II		10 000		
DEBTS (1)				
Loans and sundry financial debts				6 667
Supplier debt and related accounts				902
Tax and social security debts			34 461	27 103
Other liabilities		26 359	28 159	
Deferred income			285 491	435 721
Total III			352 981	498 551
OVERALL TOTAL			389 479	524 415
(1) Of which due after one year				
Of which due within one year			352 981	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income and Expenditure	Year N 31/12/2024	Year N-1 31/12/2023
OPERATING INCOME	0 7 12 7 2 0 2 1	01/12/2020
Contributions	100	155
Sales of goods and services		
Sales of services	39 640	35 599
Income from third party funders		
Public subsidies and operating grants	178 145	84 342
Financial contributions	274 578	198 690
Write-up of provisions, impairment and transfer of costs	9 058	9 057
Use of dedicated funds		4 786
Other income	8 331	16 32
Total I	509 852	348 950
OPERATING COSTS		
Other purchases and external costs	128 349	82 312
Grants and subsidies	15 559	
Taxes, levies and similar payments	2 145	1667
Personnel costs	276 339	217 403
Social security contributions	75 499	44 202
Allocations for depreciation and provisions	1393	1 519
Carryforward of dedicated funds	10 000	
Other current operating costs	36	91
Total II	509 318	347 196
PROFIT OR LOSS (I-II)	534	1754
FINANCIAL INCOME		
Other interest and related income	101	
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT (III-IV)	101	
CURRENT RESULT before tax (I+II+III+IV)	634	
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VOLUNTARY IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Benefits in kind	46 724	43 27
Volunteer work	144 523	43 182

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Total	191 247	86 460
VOLUNTARY IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS COSTS		
Free provision of goods	46 724	43 27
Volunteer personnel	144 523	43 182
Total	191 247	86 460

OUTLOOK FOR 2025

We will continue to fight for the rights of incarcerated people with several flagship initiatives. We are working on new ways to bring visibility to that which can't be seen, to give a voice to those that others would prefer to silence and to undermine entrenched beliefs.

Public opinion is fuelled by myths about prison. With our new project *Combatting disinformation on rights of people in prison*, we are getting involved in the fight against misconceptions and the manipulation of facts. Fact-checking articles and engaging visuals will be published throughout the year. Thanks to support from the European Media and Information Fund, we will also initiate new kinds of collaborations with independent journalists in order to produce in-depth investigations.

With the support of Porticus, we will continue to assist groups and organisations of friends and relatives and amplify their voices in favour of political change. The team will travel to meet them in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Mexico and the United Kingdom and participate in certain key moments and record their stories. These collaborations will result in the creation of a series of videos in four languages, which will be shared on the website and on social media.

In the fight against rights violations in prison, there is strength in numbers. The *Archipel* project brings together associations based in France and their international affiliates to spread knowledge. With the support of the Agence française de développement and the Fondation de France, the second phase boosts rights education and awareness about prison conditions.

A new collaboration has been launched in *Tajikistan*, thanks to funding from the European Union. The project aims to lay the foundations for a future national preventive mechanism against torture and will enable us to produce a country profile.

Lastly, we plan to continue the progress begun in December 2024 with the publication of the initial results of the *Prison Life Index*. As we wait for adequate funding, we will spend the year finely tuning the methodology and producing two test countries.

These various initiatives have just one mission: document, raise awareness and mobilise to break down the walls of indifference.

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A word from the photographe

A WORD FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER

My name is Diego Sebastián Ramírez, and I have made a career out of photography and videography. My goal is to capture moments that tell a story in a single photograph, with a visual language that is cinematic but also encourages reflection.

In 2020, I was able to participate in a project at the Puente Grande maximum-security prison complex in Jalisco (Mexico). This project began as part of an exercise for a university psychology course at ITESO (Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente) that worked with people deprived of liberty, helping them write texts both to support their personal development and encourage them to express themselves. When I joined the team, I made a suggestion and we decided to bring a 35mm camera into the prison, leading to the creation of a complementary visual project.

35mm photography relates to the ephemeral, the fleeting, even more so than with a classic digital camera. The result is only visible once the film has been developed. The photos are not digitally altered, which reinforces their spontaneity and demands incredible dexterity from the person operating the camera. It requires practice with the play of light, subjects, space. It is impossible to know ahead of time how the photos will come out; photography — in this case, journalistic or documentary photography — becomes a work of art, an experiment. It's the aesthetics of the grain, the framework, the colours that create a unique result, which is impossible to imitate digitally and does more for the incarcerated individuals than an article or a report.

The photographs and texts created by the participants of the programme were shared in two issues of the prison magazine *Rompemuros*, which began as part of the *Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program*, an international movement that aims to encourage critical thinking and lessen the

barriers of social exclusion through classes bringing together students and people deprived of liberty. The project was also supposed to include the creation of a documentary about the process of developing these texts, in collaboration with the incarcerated people and the students. Unfortunately, this was ultimately not possible due to the Covid-19 health crisis.

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