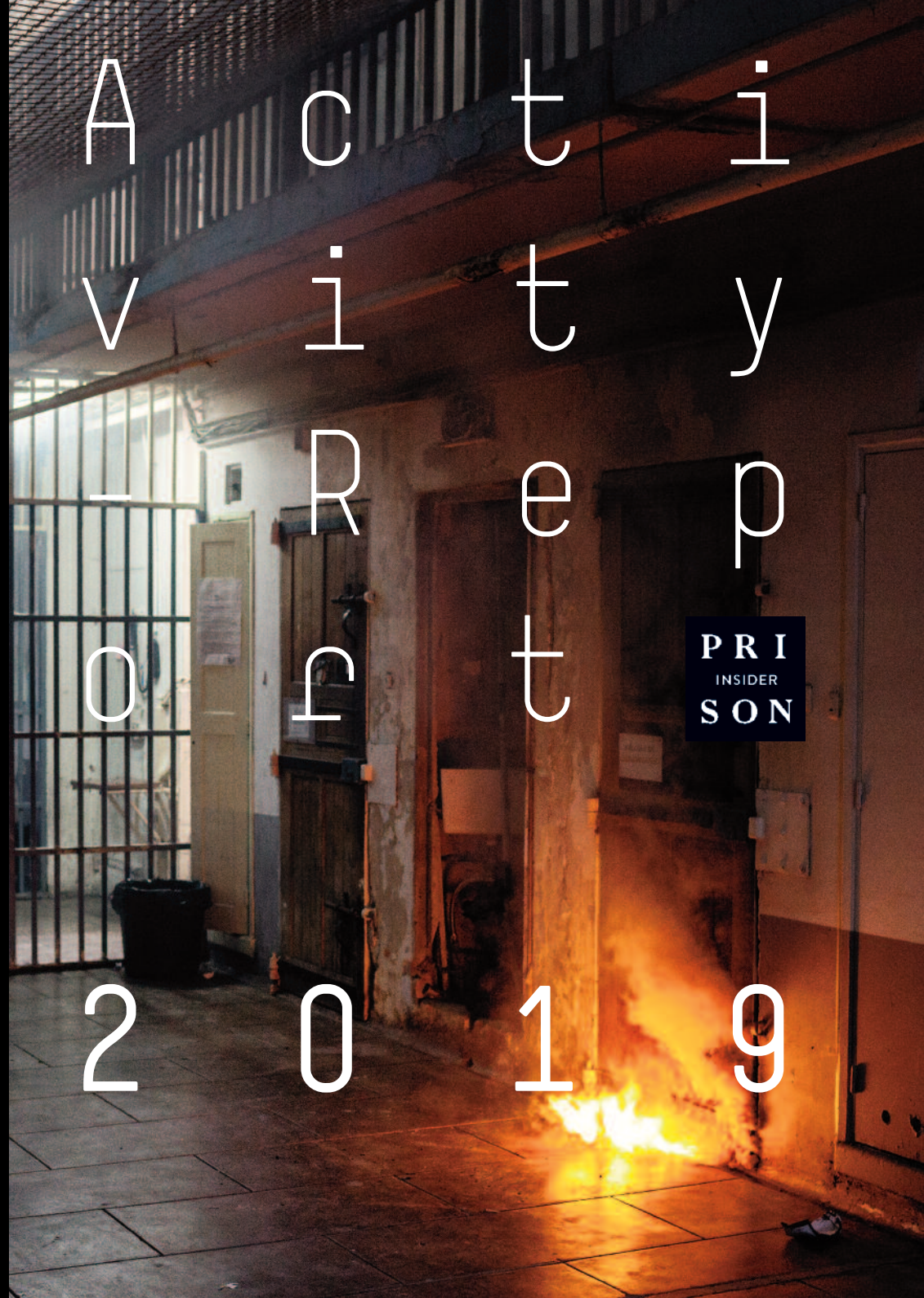


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# Prison Insider

## Activity Report 2019





# Indispensable

*"I was convinced that one cannot confront a man deprived of liberty without trembling, and that this horror came not from the more or less reprehensible acts that he may have committed, but from the treatment that we were coldly, deliberately, and voluntarily inflicting upon him." - Thierry Levy.*

As the sentence of imprisonment is pronounced and carried out in the name of the people, it is the right and the duty of every individual to inform him or herself about this practice and its meaning.

In Chad, the N'Djamena prison houses 2,048 prisoners in a space intended for 400. Imprisoned men, women and children suffer from malnutrition and are vulnerable to contagious diseases, such as HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis.

With 139 prisoners for every 100,000 inhabitants, England and Wales has the highest incarceration rate in Western Europe.

Everywhere in the world, LGBTI individuals are subjected to gang rape, harassment, humiliation and insults over the course of their detention.

Prison Insider aims to gather and provide publicly useful information on the state of prisons and detention conditions across the world. Our association does not practise advocacy. It is not the advocate of the data it produces, of the testimonies it publishes, nor of the comparisons that it makes available.

Lawyers, in particular, can make use of this information to defend incarcerated individuals. Any other individual or association may also use this data in order to understand, reflect and act.



The demanding work of collecting, processing, and presenting this data is carried out by a permanent team of young, motivated individuals who are deeply invested in the quality of the information they produce.

Prison Insider was created on the initiative of Bernard Bolze, who had already founded the French branch of the International Prison Watch (OIP) in 1990.

For more than five years he conducted persistent, rigorous work in order to design, perfect, and develop this project, which is as ambitious as it is indispensable. Bernard Bolze has brought together economic, cultural, non-profit, institutional and educational stakeholders. Today, Prison Insider has a solid foundation and a growing reputation. Having achieved so much, Bernard Bolze is joining the Board of Directors and passing on the torch to our new Director, Florence Laufer, while supporting her as she takes up her duties.

Because we are driven by the pursuit of excellence, consumed by passion and, above all, deeply convinced that Prison Insider is indispensable as the only organisation in the world that has chosen to conduct this research, we need the help and support of each and every person involved in order to achieve our goals.

Roksana Naserzadeh and Eric Jeantet  
Co-Chairs

# Moving forward

Florence Laufer assumed her duties as Director of Prison Insider on 4 August 2019, following a careful selection process. The responsibility that falls to her is great, as is the confidence we all have in her.

So here I am, at the end of a career that had me chasing what remains a dream: creating an organisation that will expose, on a global scale, the challenges of imprisonment, its impasses, its horrors, and its perspectives, too.

Creating something is never simple. The Prison Insider team, our Board of Directors and those who support our work in a thousand different ways have, for three years now, been working to build an organisation dedicated to those confined to a place neglected by democracy: prison. This undertaking could only ever be collective.

Prisons are a consequence of poorly distributed wealth. The more this wealth is concentrated in the hands of the few, the more problems multiply, and the faster the freedom-depriving machine runs. An individual crushed by imprisonment is wretched, oppressed... or dissident. Dissidents call for solidarity. The poor and the wretched never do. It is up to Prison Insider to swing into action when no one else is in a hurry to do so. And we, who carry little to no weight, consider that the poor, oppressed, imprisoned individual deserves the most valuable attention.

Creating, on a global scale, an organisation concerned with the fate of ordinary prisoners is a misunderstood necessity. There is very little time separating democracy from what could happen next. Time is running out.

Bernard Bolze,  
Co-Founder of Prison Insider, Director 2015-19, Founding Director





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# The blind spot of democracies

I arrived in the summer of 2019, eager to run the beautiful adventure that is Prison Insider, after some fifteen years supporting the forces of social change. I have managed programmes in diverse areas, including international cooperation, social cohesion in the context of migration, and the resolution of religion-based conflicts.

Over the past six months, I have discovered a dynamic and demanding organisation. Inspired by the unfailing support of the Board of Directors, drawn from all walks of life, and of a big family of allies, I am delighted to be joining a professional and ultra-committed team.

The organisational work that has already begun remains to be completed: further refining the processes of production of information, scaling up the sustained rate of publication, be it updates or new information; strengthening the organisation's core competencies and *raison d'être*, all while finding time and resources to develop new projects.

In order to encourage concrete change, one must be familiar with detention conditions around the world. Our rigorous, independent, and accessible information enables policymakers to gather knowledge and insights before taking action on prison policies and practices. It allows citizens to participate in the public debate. And it offers a venue for prisoners and their loved ones to make their voices heard. Prison Insider documents failures in the area of human rights and compares practices to show that prison systems can change. Prison Insider's non-partisan and multi-dimensional information constitutes a mission of public interest.

Florence Laufer, Director





# Prison Insider : off to a running start

## 2014-2016: Creation of the association

- > Name selection, logo creation, and first structural elements
- > Constitutive General Assembly, 5 July 2015
- > Submission of articles of association to the Préfecture of Rhône [France], 31 August 2015
- > Publication in the Official Journal, 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

## 2017: First year of the platform

- > Release of the first issue of the WEEK newsletter in January
- > Publication of twenty country profiles across five continents
- > First Prison Insider Grand Soir event with Jean-Marie Delarue and Wajdi Mouawad



## 2018: Structuring and consolidation

- > Five months of coaching through a *mécénat de compétence* (skills-sharing programme) from the consulting firm Algoé: setting up a roadmap and a strategic development plan
- > Quality control of the research methodology by experts Jean-Marie Delarue, Controller-General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (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 branch of International Prison Watch
- > First demonstrations of support from the Council of Europe

## 2019: Consolidating the team

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

Florence Laufer, aged 41 years, has an academic background in human geography. She has worked for Entraide protestante suisse (Swiss Church Aid) in Lausanne, the United Nations in New York, and the Cordoba Peace Institute in Geneva. In these positions, she directed programmes on development cooperation, conflict transformation and the integration of cultural and religious diversity.

She is a citizen of three countries (Switzerland, Italy and France) and speaks five languages (French, English, Italian, Spanish and German). She left Paris for Lyon with her family to begin her work at Prison Insider.

# 2019, Facts and figures

3 years

73 contributors and partners across 21 countries

20,000 monthly visitors

5 permanent employees

2 freelancers

1 full-time and dozens of part-time volunteers

6 *service civique* volunteers (French national volunteer service)

1 weekly newsletter in 3 languages

97 countries represented

900 articles listed in our international press review

30 regular volunteer translators

12 working languages

122,300 euros budget

400 donations ranging between 1 to 5,000 euros each

12 financial partners

2 programmes



# Our activities

## [INFORM]

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

Since the summer of 2019, the international department has been testing a new methodology for producing and updating country profiles.

(a) We are developing a template comprised of a set of responses to certain indicators and questions: the percentage of women, minors, and foreigners detained, incarceration and occupancy rates, the evolution of these rates over time, the implementation (or lack thereof) of policies for suicide prevention, the organisation of health care services, the existence (or lack thereof) of monitoring mechanisms, hygiene and quality of meals served, access to work or activities, staff training and its duration, the possibility of sentence reduction, etc. Some 400 indicators provide details on the legal framework and the organisation of the penitentiary system in a given country. These indicators are reviewed and expanded from one year to the next to ensure that all legislative and regulatory changes are appropriately recorded.

(b) We collect the most significant events that occur over the course of the year. Suicides, collective movements, violence, key developments, legislative advances and notices from supervisory authorities are included. These events are recorded based on the information monitoring carried out by the team and the contributors.





We are refining our collaborative working methods and have the future prospect of an optimal processing method for the stream of information that reaches us. We are working on strengthening our network of contributors, with the aim of improving our capacity for mobilisation and action. Finally, we send out direct requests to administrative authorities so as to update our information with official figures regularly.

The first quarter of 2019 was dedicated to producing four new country profiles: Germany; England and Wales; Norway; and the Netherlands. These reports, produced with the support of the Council of Europe, are available in English, French and the language of the country. Three members of the team visited the locations to meet with the contributors.

As a result, a total of 18 country profiles have been put online under the new format. We have initiated a review of 10 of them to ensure consistency in the numbers, sources and wording of our information: Germany; England and Wales; Belgium; Spain; France; Italy; Norway; the Netherlands; Poland and Portugal.

The creation of new country profiles, notably Tunisia and Morocco, was initiated at the end of the year.



## [COMPARE]

## Enabling comparison of the realities of detention between countries

Prison Insider is starting to work on new publications, in the form of comparative studies, designed to complete the country profiles. Each study focuses and expands on a specific aspect of detention, such as the maintenance of ties between incarcerated parents and their children, imprisonment of women, organisation of sanitary facilities, or access to digital technology.

Comparative studies initiated in 2019:

- \* The treatment of individuals suffering from mental disorders in eight European countries
- \* The application of the right to vote in more than twenty countries across the globe
- \* Detention conditions of individuals sentenced to death in Belarus, Cameroon, India, Japan, Mauritania and Pakistan
- \* Detention conditions for women in Morocco and Tunisia
- \* Use of solitary confinement in the countries of the Council of Europe

The methodology and format are taking shape. Our approach is that of merging knowledge from incarcerated individuals and their loved ones, human rights organisations, researchers, professionals, and others. This thematic dimension creates a dialogue between testimonials, reports, news stories, and unprecedented initiatives.

Comparison is a difficult exercise. Prisons tend to present the same recurring mechanisms: provisional detention, disciplinary sanctions, performance of activities or jobs, etc. These are expressed, from one country to the next, in all kinds of ways. We invite the reader to compare approaches, identify nuances and listen carefully when a dissonant voice emerges. We draw attention to the point of view it expresses. These publications enable the creation of lasting ties with individuals and organisations for whom prisons are not always the

central focus. Current studies have presented an opportunity to work, for example, with the National Union of Families and Friends of People with Mental Illness or Psychiatric Disorders (UNAFAM - *Union nationale de familles et amis de personnes malades et/ou handicapées psychique*) and the international criminal court of the Free University of Brussels (study on solitary confinement). These joint projects further consolidate and expand the commitment of all involved.

[ *Index* ]

Prison Insider is working on the creation of an index, provisionally called ‘prison normalisation index’. This tool is intended to rank each country according to its prison system, using a system grading the possibility granted to prisoners to eat, sleep, feel safe, maintain family ties, access his/her rights, etc. This project builds on Prison Insider’s comparative approach. For some, this idea is contentious and will be disputed. We have chosen to accept the challenge, recognising that the task needs to be taken seriously. Yasmine Bouagga, Samantha Enderlin, Philippe Pottier (experts) and three academic partners have been meeting since the summer of 2019: the Laboratory for Analysing and Modelling Systems to Support Decision-Making [LAMSADE-UMR CNRS 7243, Paris-Dauphine University], the Centre for Studies and Research on Diplomacy, Public Administration and Policy [CERDAP2, Grenoble Alps University], and the Criminal Law Research Centre [Free University of Brussels].

## - Website Development -

The developments that began in late 2018 have vastly changed our activities. Part of 2019 consisted in making the comparison tool and country profiles fully operational. We knew that the operation



would take considerable effort, but the results are there. Our comparison tool enables us to put the detention practices of a group of countries into perspective. The user can choose from hundreds of criteria and compare the organisation of health care services, the evolution of the number of people incarcerated by category, or even a description of the prison estate.

The second half of the year gave rise to a new development. The web agency Rezo Zero is supporting this process. This new organisation contributes to greater readability and facilitates access to the publications.

The user is now invited to approach the website contents from two angles: by country and by theme.

-> <Country> remains unchanged and gives access to the country profiles.

-> <Theme> gathers all the other publications. These are associated with a set of tags. It is possible to choose the type of publication - portfolio, testimonial, artistic vision, news report - and cross-reference it with one or more themes (women, minors, alternative punishments, health, etc.).

This tool remains under construction. The year 2020 will be dedicated to its development.

## - Translation -

Prison Insider works in three languages: French, English and Spanish. This means there are six different bilingual combinations for translation.

The photographic correspondence project InsideOutside and some comparative studies and testimonies have already brought in translators in Arabic, Russian, and Italian. Projects carried out on Poland and Portugal were translated into the languages of the countries concerned. As part of Prison Insider's cooperation with the Council of Europe in 2019, the translation department took on the translation of country profiles into German, Norwegian and Dutch. Project management involving languages not spoken within the team is complex. These projects provide an opportunity to improve both our translation and proofreading processes, as well as to evaluate current room for improvement. We do everything we

can to ensure that language does not constitute a barrier to carrying out new projects.

For its translation work, Prison Insider relies principally on a network of volunteers, supported internally by two professional translators, who are in charge of project distribution and coherence. The volunteers are recruited by partners with structures already in place (e.g. United Nations Volunteers, University of Western Brittany), not-for-profit networks (e.g. Rhône-Alpes Solidaires), and through personal and professional contacts. Prison Insider calls on professionals in translation and publishing, future professionals in training, and native speakers as much as possible.

2019 was an opportunity to verify the suitability of the system put in place in the course of the past three years. Two professional translators were available to deputise during parental or maternity leave. The results were encouraging. The process, set up in 2016, allows new staff to quickly get their bearings within a rather short training period. New follow-up tools, developed collaboratively, allow an even closer organisation of Prison Insider's output, and greater and more effective cooperation between the various departments.

Thanks to the partnerships with translation training programmes, Prison Insider welcomed five interns in 2019. All are students pursuing specialised programmes: Masters in Trilingual Translation, Terminology, and Documentation at the University of Pau and the Adour Region; Masters in Translation at the University of Nanterre; the Institute of Translators, Interpreters, and International Relations at the University of Strasbourg; and the University of Language Studies and Translation in Seville (ISTRAD). The work with interns is rewarding, as it increases the organisation's visibility among future translation professionals and allows us to position ourselves alongside training bodies as a partner in the training of future professionals.

Since its creation, Prison Insider has been able to count on the support of some 190 volunteer translators, of whom nearly thirty are regular collaborators.





# A different outlook

Prison Insider mobilises crossed viewpoints and various languages in order to grasp the complex implications of imprisonment. Photographs, testimonies, artistic initiatives and interviews make up the many narratives that give depth and meaning to our work.

## # Photography

A new portfolio has been added to the previous dozens displayed on our website. All of them offer access to information through images.

Jérémie Jung shares his work from Latvia. His photographic series *Pāri mūriem* (“over the walls” in Latvian) offers a glimpse into the daily life of ten young men incarcerated in the country’s sole juvenile prison. Behind the walls, they express their hope and boredom. Jérémie Jung explains his approach and his direction of the photography workshops, before revealing the prison administration’s interference in his work: *“I did not expect to face censorship, as everything had been described and approved. I was asked to develop the film behind bars so that the staff could view them. I was ordered to remove “sensitive material” from the negatives with a kitchen knife.”*



## InsideOutside

Prison Insider is pursuing the InsideOutside project, launched in 2017 with photographer Bertrand Gaudillère from *Collectif item*. It consists of a photographic correspondence with fifteen people detained around the world.

**Lack of images, lack of words: Who is to speak for the prison?** 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 asked several prisoners, separated by countries, walls, and cultures, to react to Bertrand Gaudillère's images. They talk about their perceptions of Touch, Sight, Taste, Smell, Hearing, and, for good measure, Time and Space. As of November 2017, their responses have arrived as freeform texts that are regularly published on our site. The photographs open a dialogue: a testimony, a symbolic transfer with the outside world, an invitation to read what is experienced and what is thought inside.

**Can you express Smell?** *"Beauty still exists. That I know. Despite the walls that keep me locked in this prison, I know that beyond them, things have retained their colour, their flavour, their scent. Everything in here is bland, even the air. In the distance I see trees, the countryside, mountains, and forests, but in here, everything has lost its scent."* - Inma, Switzerland.

**Can you express Taste?** *"We wait every day in our cells, torn between waiting and sadness, for what others have decided for us. They decide for us. They decide our lunch menu, our dinner menu, just as they decide every other aspect of our lives, if you can call it a life."* - Giuseppe, Italy.

**Can you express Hearing?** *"Once triggered, these audible memories manage to transform the noises I hear: the rusty squeak of a door hinge becomes the call of a seagull, the clicking of the keys transforms into pebbles dislodged from the water's edge by hurried feet. The simple memory of the seagulls' cry, inspired by this image from the other side of the world, frees me in a way and allows me to roam an oceanic mental landscape of memories."* - CH, Japan.

The texts are regularly published on our website and Instagram page. They will be completed in 2020.



## # 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:

### Small prisons.

The Rescaled movement, launched in Belgium in April, promotes the use of smaller establishments located in the heart of the city. Hans Claus, project spokesperson, wonders, *"is society ready for such a change?"*

### Open prison.

Unit 6 at Punta de Rieles, Uruguay, is entirely open during the day and aims to resemble the outside world. Its director Luis Parodi explains: *"I take it upon myself to treat individuals, detained and non-detained alike, with the utmost respect and strive to make this place similar to the outside world. Knowing that they will be released one day, it is essential for them to leave in better condition than when they arrived."*

### Vote.

The European elections are held in May. Two experts answer our questions on voting in prison. François Korber, former inmate and founder of the association Robin des lois (France) emphasises the intrinsic value of allowing inmates to vote: *"It introduces more democracy into prison."* Vanessa de Greef, jurist and researcher, (Belgium) points to the *"lack of political will"* to ensure an effective practice.

### Small spaces.

Brigitte Brami is a French poet and former inmate. She shares her views about prison: *"Physical restraint is the definition of incarceration. Prison deprives us of coming and going and reduces the world to small spaces, such as the cell, the visiting area, the courtyard. In this way, it bends the prisoners' bodies."*

### Solitary confinement.

Belgium has been ordered to compensate several inmates in the De-Radex section of the Ittre prison. Nicolas Cohen, the plaintiffs' lawyer (and a Prison Insider administrator), explains: *"The living conditions are deplorable. The inmates do not really get any fresh air. Their outside space, officially called an inner courtyard, is a cage half-covered by a concrete roof."* Greenland has 139 inmates and six prisons. Johan, prison warden at the Aasiaat facility, explains: *"In France, you have bars because if a prisoner escapes, it's difficult to find him. Here, we are on an island: it is - 20 ° C, and the nearest town is more than 50 kilometres away."*

### Alternatives.

Restorative justice offers the possibility of dialogue between offenders and victims, as well as the possibility of redress. The programmes are still underdeveloped. We interviewed Maïana Bidegain, one of the first people to have benefited from direct mediation with her attacker, and director of a documentary on the subject.

Placement under electronic surveillance is based on the principle of house arrest and makes it possible to serve one's sentence at home. Is house arrest a step towards freedom or a new form of surveillance? Franck Ollivon, a French researcher who specialises in the subject, answers our questions.

### Surveillance and old age.

The prison population is ageing in Japan. A quarter of inmates are over 65, and this number will increase to 40% in 2050. Akaike Kazumasa is a sociologist and expert on the penitentiary system. He explains: *"The delinquency of the elderly Japanese population, especially women, has been an emerging phenomenon for the last decade and continues to grow. A minority say they prefer life in prison to life below the poverty line or a life of solitude."*



## # Testimonials

Testimonials give a face, words and a story to the detention conditions experienced by millions of inmates. Some arrive to us as spontaneous contributions. Others are collected through recommendations from contributors and connections across a diverse range of countries.

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Mwana, Democratic Republic of Congo.

*"I was hooded for almost two years, my feet chained and my wrists handcuffed. I slept on the ground for a year, without a sheet or a bed. We relieved ourselves in plastic bags, which we kept with us until morning to empty into the toilets."*

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Roland, France.

*"In total, I've spent over 25 years of my life behind bars. It's impossible for me to forget those I shared the prison adventure with. Because whether we like it or not, prison is an adventure."*

.....  
Mohamed, Mauritania.

*"I got fresh air from time to time, but not on a daily basis. I couldn't shower or wash myself all week. I could go to the bathroom only once a day. The nights were very hard; we had nothing. I slept on the ground, right on the floor."* - In partnership with Planet Refugees - Human Rights

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Homan, Iran.

*"I imagined they might come and take me to the gallows at any moment. It had already happened in my family. I was raised with the understanding that innocent people can be caught and executed. My trial barely lasted 20 minutes, with no lawyer."* - In partnership with the World Coalition against the Death Penalty.

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Sama, Morocco.

*"I was arrested and imprisoned because of my sexual orientation, because I am a transgender woman. Prisoners threw me to the ground, some urinated on my face. Then several of them raped me. It happened under the watch of the wardens, who let it happen. For two days, I had nothing to eat or drink."*

Series of testimonials: "a day in prison"

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Robert, United States.

*"My heartbreak turns to acid in my chest as this shitty world comes to life around me. Poison runs through my veins at the idea that I have to be a part of it. My eyes open, frustrated and angry. I don't wake up to my thoughts or contemplations, my desires or instincts. My daily waking experience is emotion; it's the anger of the defeated."*

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B., Swaziland.

*"Prison is no child's play. It can make or break the prisoner's spirit. The longest days are spent between four walls. You lose sense of time when you're locked up. One day feels like many, one year feels like an eternity."*

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Geoffrey, Japan.

*"Generally, in the five-day working week, two periods of 15 minutes are allotted for showering, bathing, and shaving. These increase in the summer months with an additional 10-minute shower and two 2-minute periods to splash water on your face. Many rules are applied, but they change constantly and are yelled through loudspeakers."* - In partnership with Prisoners Abroad.

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Kyle, United States.

*"Phone calls are great. Hearing the voices of the people I love gives me the strength to continue my good behaviour, to fight through the noise in my head and not be swallowed up by it."*





# Indicators

## ◊ Website

The number of visitors vary between 20,000 and 25,000 per month. These figures are stable since the previous year. The access is mainly done following an online search.

The most selected languages:

English: 44%

French: 28%

Spanish: 18 %

2019 was devoted to new developments. These aimed to increase the number of visitors to our site. The response will be seen in 2020.

## ◊ International press review

The press review collects the most recent and notable facts and legal news from prison throughout the world. It is fed by numerous voluntary contributions, an informational monitoring and documents sent by partner organisations. Around 900 articles were added in 2019. They provide a complement to country profiles that are published and to those in construction.

## ◊ Social media

Facebook: 4,265 (+ 700/year)

Twitter: 2,880 (+ 400/year)

Instagram: 400 (+ 400/year) - The Prison Insider page is entirely dedicated to the publication of the InsideOutside project. It allows us to reach a different readership than that of other networks. The visual universe corresponds to the project's objectives.



## ◊ WEEK: Prison Insider's newsletter

The WEEK newsletter is sent out weekly in three languages. Other mailings are done for specific publications and announcements of events. Recent publications, the international press review, interviews, thematic dossiers, key figures, agenda: WEEK is the exclusive link to our readers, supporters, and partners.

The number of recipients each week:

... 4,000 in French  
... 1,000 in English  
... 350 in Spanish

Join them, it's free!

## ◊ Entre nous

An insider newsletter for the people who have been part of our team or close to our actions, including administrators and major donors, was started at the end of 2019. Dubbed “*Entre nous*” (“Between us”), it is distributed periodically and aims to forge a lasting link with our closest supporters.

# Prison trends

The work we have done in several European countries and our monitoring activities have allowed us to observe major trends.

The average length of detention is 3.5 months in the Netherlands, 8.7 months in France, and 31 months in Portugal. Shorter periods indicate a fairly large-scale penal use of short sentences, considered by some to be unnecessarily desocialising.

The incarceration rate is particularly high in Russia [364 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants], Latvia [195], and Poland [197]. It is low in Slovenia [69], Norway [60], and Sweden [59]. In the Netherlands, the rate changed from 125 in 2006 to 54 in 2018, following a proactive policy aimed at reducing the use of incarceration. The rate recorded in England and Wales, 139, is the highest in Western Europe.

Prisons in France, Italy, Romania, and also Serbia, are critically overcrowded. The recorded occupancy rates indicate no prison overcrowding in the Netherlands [68%], Germany [85%], or Switzerland [92%]. Yet the balanced figures at national level does not mean that there is no overcrowding in specific facilities: Champ-Dollon prison in Switzerland accommodates 650 prisoners in 398 places. In France, overcrowding is mainly concentrated in detention centres. Some have an occupancy rate beyond 200%, compared with a national average of 116.5%. Recourse to solitary confinement or other disciplinary measures is increasing, particularly for those accused or convicted of acts associated with terrorism. Units reserved for the solitary confinement of persons accused or convicted of these acts have been criticised or condemned. Such is the case in the Netherlands [“*Terrorist enafdeling*” units] and in Belgium [“*De-radex*” sections]. Inmates spend little time outside their cells and are regularly searched.

During visits, they are separated from their loved ones by a window. Theoretical training for wardens lasts for three months in England, two years in Germany and Norway, and three years in the Netherlands.





# Here and there

## February

- Five team members attended the opening night of the exhibit *Prison: Beyond the Walls*, International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Geneva/Switzerland
- Participation in the Institute for Human Rights (IDHL), Catholic University of Lyon (UCLY)
- Participation in the inauguration of the MOOC *Prisons in Africa*, on the invitation of the Economy of Punishment and Prisons in Africa programme and the Association of Researchers in African Politics (ACPA), Centre Panthéon, Paris
- Meeting with Françoise Tulkens, former vice-president of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), Brussels/Belgium
- Three team members attended the 7th World Congress for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, Brussels/Belgium
- Meeting with Marie Berquin, President of the Belgian branch of International Prison Watch (OIP), Brussels/Belgium
- Public meeting with a local group from the French branch of OIP, Nîmes

## March

- Team members travel to the Netherlands, to Norway and to Germany
- Prison Insider public General Assembly, Catholic University of Lyon (UCLY)
- Meeting with the team of *Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme* [Act Together for Human Rights] (AEDH), Lyon



#### April

- Attendance at the performance of *La réunification des deux Corées* [The Reunification of the Two Koreas - adaptation] by Joël Pommerat, performed by inmates, Arles prison
- High-level conference, *Responses to Prison Overcrowding*, Council of Europe, Strasbourg
- Meeting with our partner Prisoners Abroad, London/England

#### May

- *Utopia and Abolition Sessions*, Théâtre de la Criée, Marseille
- Discussion of the film *Prisoners* by Marie Drucker, Le Puits-Manu Theatre, Beaugency [45]
- Participation in the European forum on prison and digital technologies at the Sorbonne Institute for Legal and Philosophical Sciences and the European Prison Litigation Network, Centre Panthéon, Paris
- An evening with *Prison Insider*, Act 3. *Towards Action*, Reims [51]

#### June

- Meeting at the occasion of Nicolas Daubanes exhibit, Centre for Contemporary Art, Saint-Resitut [26]
- Meeting with Jean-Charles Froment, Director of the Institute of Political Studies (IEP), Grenoble [38]
- Participation in the Incarceration Nations Network (INN) seminar, Bollate prison, Milan/Italy
- Participation in the conference on prison and mental health, Paris Bar

#### September

- Inaugural conference of the Master 2, *Sentencing Law* at the Institute of Criminal Sciences and Criminology, School of Law, Aix-en-Provence [13]
- Participation in International Days at the National School for Prison Administration (ENAP), Agen [47]
- Meeting with the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Council of Europe, Strasbourg [68]

#### October

- Meeting at the occasion of the play *Prison Possession* by François Cervantès, Guingamp Theatre [22]
- Attendance at the performance of *Marius* by Joël Pommerat, featuring inmates from the Arles prison, Les Baumettes, Marseille
- Attendance at the opening night of the *Prison: Beyond the Walls* exhibit, Musée des Confluences, Lyon
- Participation in the round table *The End of Prison, A Night of Law*, Jean Moulin Faculty, Lyon
- An evening with *Prison Insider*, Grand Soir, Act 4. *Towards the Dream*, Lyon
- Participation in the conference *Detention Conditions of People Facing Capital Punishment Worldwide. A Political, Media, and Legal Blind Spot?* with Planet Refugee-Human Rights, Grenoble

#### November

- Meeting Meeting at the occasion of the film *Cinq femmes* [Five Women] by Sandrine Lanno, Festival Interférences, Lyon
- Participation in the Plateaux *France-Tunisie* press conference, Lyon
- Meeting about the documentary *Portes ouvertes* [Open Doors] by Lola Fourt, Victor Goffinet, Lorie Guilbert, and Victor Perilhou, Halle Tropisme, Montpellier [34]

#### December

- Participation in the series of meetings "The Prison and Me" - *Prison: Beyond the Walls*, Musée des Confluences, Lyon
- Participation in the symposium of the National Authority for the Prevention of Torture (INPT), Tunis/Tunisia



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- Meals prepared by Roland Redt

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In addition to the previous acts (Act 1. *Towards Freedom*, Wajdi Mouawad and Jean-Marie Delarue, 2017/Act 2. *Towards Light*, Laurent Fachard and Nicolas Frize, 2018), two more acts followed:

- Act 4. *Towards the Dream*, took place on 21 October in the marquee at the Celestins Theatre (Lyons) as part of the *Sens Interdits* festival. It featured a discussion between Jane Sautière, novelist and author of *Fragmentation d'un lieu Commun* [Fragmentation of a Common Place], and Olivier Brachet, former Director of Forum-Refugees (1985-2009) and associate judge at the National Court for the Right of Asylum. The video is available on our website (in French).

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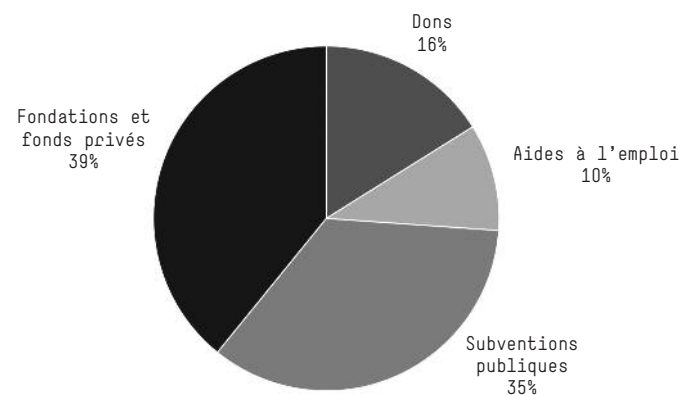
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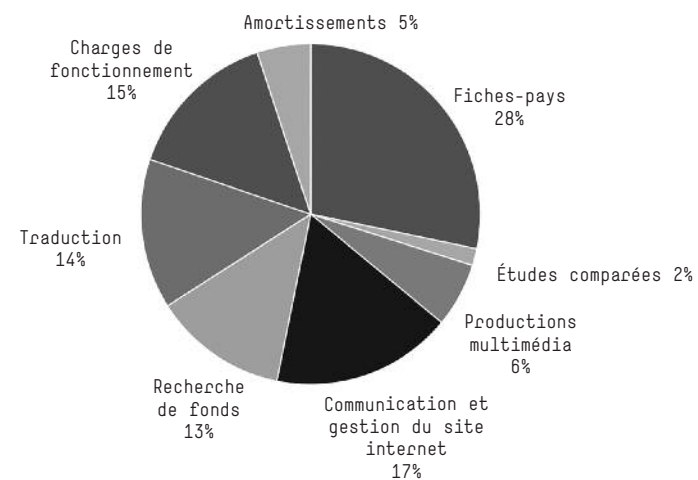


# Source and expenditure statement

Origine des ressources 2019



Emploi des ressources 2019







# Balance sheet and income statement

## Assets

	Brut	Amortissement Dépréciations	Net au 31/12/19	Net au 31/12/18
<b>ACTIF</b>				
<b>Immobilisations incorporelles</b>				
Frais d'établissement				
Frais de recherche et de développement				
Concessions, brevets et droits assimilés	43 200,00	30 420,00	12 780,00	21 420,00
Droit au bail				
Autres immob. incorporelles / Avances et acomptes				
<b>Immobilisations corporelles</b>				
Terrains				
Constructions				
Installations techniques, matériel et outillage				
Autres immobilisations corporelles				
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>43 215,00</b>	<b>30 420,00</b>	<b>12 795,00</b>	<b>21 435,00</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				
Autres créances	406,66		406,66	
Divers				
Valeurs mobilières de placement				
Instruments de trésorerie				
Disponibilités	31 102,38		31 102,38	55 193,59
Charges constatées d'avance				
<b>ACTIF CIRCULANT</b>	<b>31 509,04</b>		<b>31 509,04</b>	<b>55 193,59</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>74 724,04</b>	<b>30 420,00</b>	<b>44 304,04</b>	<b>76 628,59</b>



## Liabilities

	Net au 31/12/19	Net au 31/12/18
<b>PASSIF</b>		
Fonds associatifs sans droit de reprise	10 000,00	10 000,00
Ecart de réévaluation		
Réserves indisponibles		
Réserves statutaires ou contractuelles		
Réserves réglementées		
Autres réserves		
Report à nouveau	8 489,47	9 179,00
<b>RESULTAT DE L'EXERCICE</b>	<b>-18 036,12</b>	<b>-689,53</b>
Subventions d'investissement		
Provisions réglementées		
<b>FONDS PROPRES</b>	<b>453,35</b>	<b>18 489,47</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		20 000,00
Fonds dédiés sur autres ressources		
<b>FONDS DEDIES</b>		<b>20 000,00</b>
Emprunts obligataires convertibles		
Emprunts		
Découverts et concours bancaires		
Emprunts et dettes auprès des établissements de crédits		
Emprunts et dettes financières diverses		
Avances et acomptes reçus sur commandes en cours		
Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés		646,70
Dettes fiscales et sociales	12 091,96	5 733,69
Dettes sur immobilisations et comptes rattachés		
Autres dettes	31 758,73	31 758,73
Instruments de trésorerie		
Produits constatés d'avance		
<b>DETTES</b>	<b>43 850,69</b>	<b>38 139,12</b>
Ecart de conversion - Passif		
<b>ECARTS DE CONVERSION</b>		
<b>TOTAL DU PASSIF</b>	<b>44 304,04</b>	<b>76 628,59</b>

## Balance sheet

	du 01/01/19 au 31/12/19 12 mois	du 01/01/18 au 31/12/18 12 mois
Ventes de marchandises		
Production vendue		36 070,04
Production stockée		
Production immobilisée		
Subventions d'exploitation	90 420,00	56 046,00
Reprises et Transferts de charge	12 278,79	10 049,68
Cotisations	200,00	200,00
Autres produits	19 490,33	21 374,94
<b>Produits d'exploitation</b>	<b>122 389,12</b>	<b>123 740,66</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	43 247,16	27 937,09
Impôts et taxes	324,00	100,00
Salaires et Traitements	87 261,61	56 378,03
Charges sociales	20 733,64	11 286,83
Amortissements et provisions	8 640,00	8 640,00
Autres charges		
<b>Charges d'exploitation</b>	<b>160 206,41</b>	<b>104 341,95</b>
<b>RESULTAT D'EXPLOITATION</b>	<b>-37 817,29</b>	<b>19 398,71</b>
Opérations faites en commun		
Produits financiers		
Charges financières	218,83	88,24
<b>Résultat financier</b>	<b>-218,83</b>	<b>-88,24</b>
<b>RESULTAT COURANT</b>	<b>-38 036,12</b>	<b>19 310,47</b>
Produits exceptionnels		
Charges exceptionnelles		
<b>Résultat exceptionnel</b>		
Impôts sur les bénéfices		
Report des ressources non utilisées	20 000,00	
Engagements à réaliser		20 000,00
<b>EXCEDENT OU DEFICIT</b>	<b>-18 036,12</b>	<b>-689,53</b>
Contribution volontaires en nature		
Bénévolat	87 650,00	93 500,00
Prestations en nature	16 640,00	27 000,00
Dons en nature		
<b>Total des produits</b>	<b>104 290,00</b>	<b>120 500,00</b>
Secours en nature		
Mise à disposition gratuite	16 640,00	27 000,00
Personnel bénévole	87 650,00	93 500,00
<b>Total des charges</b>	<b>104 290,00</b>	<b>120 500,00</b>





# Heading towards 2020

2020 will be rich in new developments: publication of a first comparative study, hosting of several conferences, optimised navigation of our revamped website. These new, ambitious projects are in addition to our regular activities: creating and updating country profiles and collecting testimonials and other various current events.

All of this will not be possible without an expanded base of long-term partners. Partnerships will be developed on two fronts. On the one hand, the work with contributors will be further rationalised, with an increase in the interactions, in production of content, in broadcasting, and in shared training. On the other hand, Prison Insider will intensify its outreach to potential financial partners in order to benefit from strategic support in the medium and long term. Applications are currently in progress with a number of French and international institutions and foundations. Beyond vital financial backing, these also provide an opportunity to extend the network through which our content can be highlighted and distributed. This is how Prison Insider will truly make a social impact: through information for change as a public service mission.

Though the object of our concern - the rights and dignity of prisoners - is complex, it is at the core of the functioning of our democracy. It can therefore attract the respect and support of everyone. In the old days, canaries placed into coal mines would stop singing in the presence of toxic gas. Prisoners should not have to play such a role. Let's not wait for them to fall silent to alert us to the imminent lack of oxygen.



# Our partners

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 Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT/Geneva)  
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# Photography

Grégoire Korganow is a French photographer. As a member of the team of the Controller-General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (CGLPL), he visited nearly twenty prisons between 2011 and 2013. This resulted in the 2015 series *Prisons*, exhibited at *Visa pour l'image* and then the *Maison Européenne de la photographie* (Paris). The eponymous book was published by Neus the same year.

Grégoire Korganow has been supporting Prison Insider since its launch. He shared an initial portfolio of around fifty pictures resulting from his work with CGLPL, which are included in the France country profile. He has offered fifteen additional pictures to illustrate this activity report.

*“The hell of incarceration mainly comes from the accumulation and the repetition of degrading treatment, which transforms the ordinary into a nightmare. On top of that, there is the violence that takes place in the dark corners and exercise yards. It is this intimacy of imprisonment that I seek to photograph, in colour, head-on, directly, without prejudice. I don’t get tied to a particular story. I proceed with little touches, I immerse myself in the geography of the environment, the light, the sounds, the prisoners’ stories... I capture the unspeakable: time stopping, life shrinking and fading away. I don’t show any faces. I don’t tell any stories. I stick to the treatment of individuals and their integrity.”*

– Grégoire Korganow.

Prison Insider expresses its friendship and gratitude to him.





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A photograph of a prison corridor. In the foreground, a fire is burning on the floor, casting a warm orange glow. The corridor has several wooden doors, some of which are open, revealing dark interiors. A metal grate is visible on the right side of the corridor. The walls are made of concrete and show signs of wear. The floor is tiled. The overall atmosphere is gritty and somber.

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