

Prison Insider

Activity Report 2022

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It's all about dignity, nothing but dignity!

"Take down that worn ladder that leads to crime and to suffering. Revise your laws; revise your codes; rebuild your prisons; replace your judges."

Victor Hugo, Claude Gueux, 1834 - Translation by the Nottingham Society, 1907

Day after day, the Prison Insider team develops public tools to inform, compare and testify on detention conditions. On 18 March 2022, Prison Insider published an article on the impact of the war on the Ukrainian prisons. From October onwards, the organisation published information covering the detention conditions of Iranian protesters in the context of the protests sparked by the death of Jina Mahsa Amini.

Country profiles give an account of detention conditions through the examination of 400 criteria, drawn mainly from the Nelson Mandela Rules. In 2022, Prison Insider carried out an extensive investigation into Lebanese prisons and produced a new country profile.

Thematic papers examine the practices of several countries in order to highlight the differences between them. In 2022, Prison Insider sought out to understand how addiction is lived behind bars and put the testimonials of persons with drug use disorders, those accompanying them and those defending their rights at the

heart of its report. It provides intersecting views in Belgium, Canada, France, Ireland and Moldova.

Prison Insider continues its work on the *Prison Life Index*: a tool to evaluate national prison policies, from rule-making to implementation. It will enable prisoners, their families and all those working in prisons to share information about conditions of detention. It will allow citizens to compare and evaluate the results of policies in order to take part in the public debate, and decision-makers to make informed decisions on policies and detention practices.

More than 11 million persons live in prisons worldwide.

Prison Insider contributes to the promotion of prison voices by launching "First Steps in Prison", season 1 of the podcast "Listening at the door": stories and insights into the meaning of incarceration through the experience of setting foot in prison for the first time (in French only). Judith recounts her visit to a friend in a French prison. Laure recounts her visit to a prison facility in Costa Rica, accompanied by the country's Minister of Justice, on the occasion of an international observation mission on the voting rights of prisoners. Wenceslas, now president of ACAT, an association in Côte d'Ivoire, recounts his first experience as a volunteer in prison. Ryan reflects on his arrival in detention at the Fresnes remand centre.

We admire the colossal and rigorous work carried out with consistency and determination by Prison Insider, under the leadership of Florence Laufer, its Director.

Prison Insider provides information of general interest. This work would not be possible without the support of French and international donors as well as civil society actors. Prison Insider is counting on their increased support for 2023 in order to keep producing information that is indispensable for democratic life.

Roksana Naserzadeh and Eric Jeantet, co-presidents

More Noise than Light

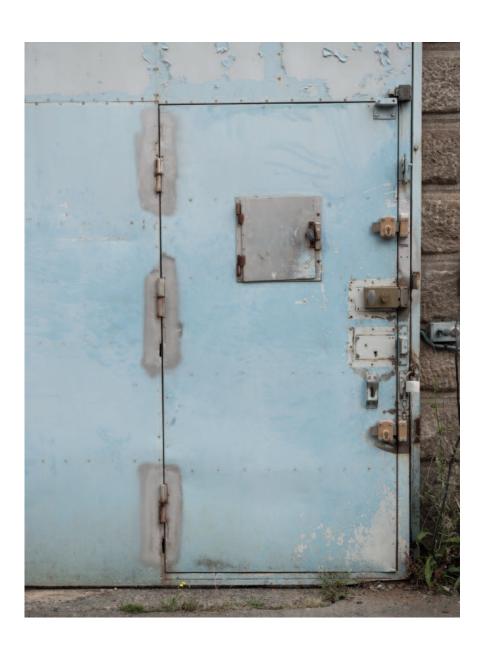
The planet is cracking at the seams. Prisoners are relegated to the last strata of the pyramid of priorities. The more critical the situation, the more difficult it seems to provide factual and nuanced background information. The fate of prisoners returns to the forefront of public debate with controversies that are as sensational as they are sterile.

On a daily basis, detained persons and their families live the impact of detention, the violation of their dignity and the erosion of their prospects. In this context, the civil society actors must commit themselves day after day. They play an immeasurable role in protecting the rights and preserving the dignity of detained persons. These are the realities in which new approaches are invented and solutions to urgent issues are found.

Prison Insider builds a bridge between these worlds. Our platform relentlessly collects and reports on all that is said, written or thought about prison conditions. We have a dream: that no one should decide to limit the rights of prisoners without first having informed their opinion in light of the facts. Let the debates be based on observed realities as opposed to security myths.

Depriving someone of liberty is a serious matter. Putting in place a system that guarantees dignified detention conditions is a courageous act. The public cost of prison may seem high compared with its results in terms of reintegration. But it remains infinitesimal compared to the human and social cost of confinement. The time is ripe to think about imprisoning less.

Florence Laufer, Director



Prison Insider: gaining ground

Prison insider is an Association under French Law. Since 2016 it has been recognised as being of public interest.

2014-2016

- -> Name selection, logo creation, and first structural elements
- -> Constitutive General Assembly, 5 July 2015
- -> Submission of the articles of association to the Prefecture of Rhône (France), 31-08-2015
- -> Publication in France's government register (Le Journal officiel), 12 September 2015
- -> Test launch of the website, 20-09-2016

2017-2019

- -> First issue of WEEK, our newsletter, 01-2017
- -> First significant support from the Council of Europe
- -> First General Public Assembly, 29-03-2019
- -> First meeting of the Friends of Prison Insider, 04-04-2019
- -> First steps toward the creation of a prison index: the Prison Life Index

2020-2022

- -> Launch of the newsfeed Coronavirus: Prison Fever, 18-03-2020
- -> Press conference, 22-09-2020
- -> Launch of the Archipel project, with the support of the French Development Agency (Agence française de développement, AFD), 03-2021
- -> Recruitment of a doctoral student for the development of the Prison Life Index, 03-2021
- -> Launch of training and awareness-raising activities with support from the Amnesty International Foundation France, 11-2021
- -> Beginning of the WISH project with the support of the European Commission, 03-2022
- -> Launch of the podcast "Listening at the door" [Écouter aux portes, in French only], 20-10-2022



2022 in numbers

6 years 7 employees 2 freelancers 9 civil service volunteers 2 interns 1 newsletter in 3 languages 192 countries represented 270 news briefs added to our 14 country profiles 2 thematic papers 380 articles collected in our international press review 67 regular volunteer translators 10 working languages used 318 570 euros budget 480 donations ranging from 1 to 5,500 euros each 18 financial partners 10 projects



Our activities and our commitments

[INFORM]

The Information Team has continued its work on producing and updating country profiles. At the beginning of 2022, Lebanon was added to the list of countries on file, with a factual and comprehensive review of Lebanese prisons.

The team then set about producing a country profile on the Republic of Congo. Two members of its staff went to Brazzaville in October and met with civil society organisations, legal professionals, and officials from the penitentiary sector.

The Congo country profile will be published at the start of 2023. It will be followed by an update on the Belgium country profile.

Information monitoring and news-brief publications has continued throughout the year. Fourteen country profiles are regularly updated with information on observed developments and new penitentiary statistics. This work concerns the following countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Tunisia and the United Kingdom.

The Archipel project, supported by the French Development Agency (Agence française de développement, AFD), ended its first year with the implementation, in February 2022, of the workshop 'Let's speak Rights: the role and impact of information'.

This workshop, led by Laurence Bolomey, journalist and instructor, Roksana Naserzadeh, lawyer and co-president of Prison Insider, and Sacha Meuter, from the Hirondelle Foundation, aimed to share with partners the role of information as a driver for change.

The Archipel project will continue until 2024 with new collaborations and publications.

In addition, 2022 opened with new projects and opportunities, such as the WISH project, backed by the European Commission. Its aim is to promote contemporary alternatives to traditional prisons, notably towards small-scale detention centres. Prison Insider is part of its consortium with a documentation role. Our team conducted visits to various penitentiary institutions across Europe, in Germany, France and the Netherlands. The project will continue until 2024.

COMPARE

The Comparison Team dedicated itself to the production of two new thematic papers.

'Prison & the City' examines the relationship between cities and detention facilities. Depending on whether the prison is located in the heart of the city or relegated to the periphery, or whether it is an old or new construction, prisons are perceived differently by residents. Location, accessibility, territorial coverage, and the relationship the establishment has with its social and economic environment, all influence decision-making on conditions of detention. Prison insider, in partnership with Rescaled, has created a space for a variety of people to give their perspectives. The series has two seasons, available in three languages.

'Problems of substance: Living with addiction in Prison' was published in December. What is the impact of incarceration on those suffering with addictions? Do they have access to relevant care? Can they benefit from support after their release? Are they treated with respect for their rights? This thematic paper documents the difficulties faced by prisoners with substance use disorders in five countries: Belgium, Canada, France, Ireland and Moldova.

These two papers are the result of a reflexion on the form and substance of the format of thematic papers. The goal is to diversify perspectives and types of production to make these publications more accessible. They are shorter and facilitate dialogue between opinion pieces, interviews, testimonials, podcasts and videos.

The team is already working on the development of a new project, 'Outward Bond', examining the ties that bind prisoners to the outside world and to one another. It will put words and voices on the breakdown of relationships and, conversely, on the practices that can repair them and enable them to be restored. It is expected to be published in 2023.

Other thematic papers to follow will cover the following topics: small-scale detention, arbitrary detention, and criminalisation of poverty.

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The Prison Life Index will be the first composite index to assess the results of prison policies, country by country. The index is based on the main international legal instruments governing detention. The final ratings evaluate the living conditions of detained persons, with regards to their fundamental rights, organised into five categories: "Being connected", "Being protected", "Eating, sleeping, showering", "Medical care", "Being active".

The development of the *Prison Life Index* was continued in 2022, with the recruitment of new staff in the project team and financial support from the Council of Europe as well as other private funds. The model and preliminary tests (in Belgium, Chile, France, the Central African Republic and Switzerland) were validated by the scientific team and the interdisciplinary consortium.

Data collection is underway. The first results are due to be published in 2024. They will cover a selection of countries from all five continents.

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[TESTIMONIALS]

Prison Insider offers a convergence of perspectives to depict the prison realities. In 2022, twelve testimonials, thirty interviews, a portfolio, three opinion pieces, four focus groups and a new podcast series were released. Here are some excerpts:

Testimonials

Sunny. United States.

Sunny, United States.

"I only got out of my cell twice a week for a shower, eight minutes or ten if there was shampoo available, which wasn't always the case. I got 15 minutes outside in a small courtyard with a guard who didn't speak to me. Then I was brought back to my cell for another three or four days. There were days and days where I was alone".

Dochid Algoria

Rachid, Algeria.

"In prison, I dreamt of simple pleasures: walking barefoot on the beach, touching plants, bathing in the sea. When I left prison, I felt euphoric. I was happy to regain my freedom and to see all the colours of the world again. Even in the space of three years, the world had changed".

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Paul, Madagascar.

"Everything is heavy here, like the horrifying cries of a prisoner dying through lack of medical treatment that ring out in the silence of the night about once per month. Everything is dark here, like the eye of the camera that films me constantly — in flagrant violation of both national and international law — and strips me of any privacy".

Yandan United States

Xandan, United States.

"It's night-time now. No more light is coming into my cell. Now I can't read. I just lay down on cold steel with two thin sheets and stare up at the ceiling and just think. I have to do this same routine forever since I'm serving a life sentence. I think of life, how it could have been. How it could have been if I was able to turn back the hands of time".

Navid Typov Cooot

David, Ivory Coast.

"The food inside the prison is toxic, and in any case, not enough. Many prisoners who eat the prison food, the prison rations, get sick. Beriberi disease is very common. The infirmary hands out medicines haphazardly, and they are not always effective. It is best to just avoid getting sick".

InsideOutside, the book

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Between 2017 and 2021, Prison Insider set up a correspondence between the photographer Bertrand Gaudillère and fourteen prisoners from around the world. This project, named InsideOutside, is accessible in three languages on Prison Insider's website.

Bertrand Gaudillère and Prison Insider, through the voice of Clara Grisot, were joined by the graphic designer Yannick Bailly, to transform this adventure into a book. It will give material to this timeless exchange around the five senses. The book is due to be published in June 2023 by Libel, a publishing company based in Lyon. The book will be available in pre-sale online or at the third edition of Concertina.

Journalism

>> Prison Insider met, throughout the year, people with proven expertise on prison. Here are some excerpts:

____"It is about politics, fear and power"
Japan. The death penalty is still in force. More than 50 people are detained awaiting death. "Executions do not make society safer or saner. They fulfill needs which are deeply rooted in social structure". Interview with Michael H. Fox, from Japan's Innocence & Death Penalty Information Centre.

Silent abuses

Tunisia. LGBTQI+ persons are criminalised, discriminated against and stigmatised. They risk imprisonment where they are victims of all sorts of abuse. Interview with the Tunisian Association for Justice and Equality (DAMJ).

Harsh detention conditions for children

Togo. Minors in conflict with the law are subject to increasingly longer and systematic detentions. "Some stay for more than a year in pre-trial detention for minor infractions, such as theft". The World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) sheds light on the conditions of detention of children.

Prison & the City

Hidden-away prisons, modern prisons, old prisons, 'open prisons': from one wall to another, Prison Insider investigates the relationship between cities and prisons. From the second season of the series 'Quartier Libre':

- Non-places, a geography of incarceration. Grégoire Korganow, photographer.
- A prison in the City, Looking out on the world around us and The Move, Moving the walls of a prison. Catherine Rechard, photographer and documentary-maker.
- Double bind for incarcerated minors. Nicolas Sallée, University of Montréal.
- From City to City, the story of an invisible mobile prison, Anaïs Tschanz, French National School of Prison Administration.

>> Prison Insider is curious about everything prison-related, everywhere. The team produces information, regardless of media trends, but mobilises when necessary to cover current events as closely as possible.

Prisons in the war.

February. The Russian Army is advancing into the territory of Ukraine. How can prisons be documented in wartime? Three interviews were conducted to account for the changing conditions of prison in Ukraine.

Submerged and forgotten.

June. Record temperatures in excess of 50°C followed by torrential rain led to flooding that submerged a third of Pakistan. What were the repercussions on prisoners and prison staff? Justice Project Pakistan shared information with us on the current situation.

Denied of all rights.

September. Recent events in Iran led to a considerable increase in the number of arrests and imprisonments. What are their rights? Lawyer Ehsan Hosseinzadeh revealed the conditions of detention in Iranian prisons.

The right to vote denied.

October. Brazilians chose their legislative and executive representatives. The law guarantees the right to vote to those in pre-trial detention. But who remembers them when organising the electoral process? The story of a legal battle to ensure that the right to vote is respected in prison.



Photography

Our 'Insights' section has been expanded with the creation of the Focus section, photographers were invited to choose an image from their portfolio and comment on it.

In search of freedom

Kevin Dubost is a photographer and social worker. He created, between 2019 and 2021, the project 'A traversé': a series of photographs highlighting the moment of freedom when leaving prison. "Photography is also a matter of rehabilitation, having a place in the image, a purposeful place."

This is the real Miami

Richard Ross is a photographer, researcher and professor of art. His series 'In Justice' focuses on minors placed in juvenile detention centres. "Expired means dead. Within two years after leaving the juvenile detention centre, any of these kids who was released with an ankle monitor has been killed, often from a qunshot wound."

The moment before

Ana María Arévalo Gosen is a photographer. Her project, Días Eternos, explores the conditions of detention of women incarcerated in Latin America. She told us about a photograph taken from the prison la Yaguara (Venezuela): "It shows some women shouting to communicate with the men who are just centimetres away from them. The women who appear in the photograph were minors then. The one sitting on the floor looking out had been arrested for homicide."

First photos in Prison

Thierry Chantegret is a photographer. In 2021 he joined the team of the Controller- General for Places of Deprivation of Liberty (CGLPL). He commented on two photographs taken during a visit to the Toulouse-Seysses prison. "To photograph the rats, I found myself all alone in the middle of the courtyard where numerous prisoners were calling out to me."

/// Portfolio ///

The Prisons of Lebanon

Haitham Moussawi has over 20 years of experience as a photojournalist. He has covered multiple warzones in the middle east. He is the only photographer to have visited, between 2009 and 2022, every prison in the country. "I wanted to look into what was happening in Prison, to show the conditions of detention and daily life."

Prison Insider launched its podcast, "Listening at the door" (in French only). It was produced in-house from start to finish, a real challenge for the team, who learned simultaneously sound recording and editing. The ambition for this new format was simple: to offer stories and insights into what it means to be locked up. Season 1, "First steps in prison" (Premiers pas en prison), comprises nine episodes. Prisoners, family members, researchers and volunteers tell Prison Insider what they remember about their first time inside. Yanis recalls his incarceration in Fresnes prison (France) in 2017, after 96 hours in police custody. Wenceslas recounts the mistake he made in 2010 as a volunteer for an association in Côte d'Ivoire. Carole recalls the song that was playing in a Monegasque prison during her visit for an NGO. Chryst confides that he experienced things he could never have imagined during his imprisonment in Congo. "Listening at the door" is available, in French only, on the Prison Insider website, as well as on various podcast platforms.

-§- Translation -§-

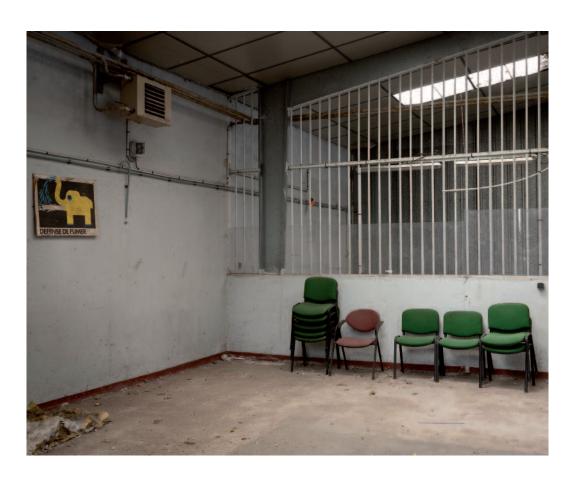
Prison Insider continues to pursue multilingual accessibility, publishing in English, French and Spanish. These languages are among the five most spoken languages in the world, allowing in theory to reach between 1.6 to 2.2 billion people. Prison Insider also occasionally worked with other languages when the project required it.

This task would be impossible without the volunteer network, continually reinforced since 2015. Volunteers are, for the most part, professionals or future professionals in translation and editing. Prison Insider remained as focused as ever on the quality of its translation work and, in doing so, respects the fundamental ethical rules of the profession.

In 2022, the equivalent of a 1,200-page novel was translated by Prison Insider. The work of some 70 volunteers accounted for three quarters of this workload. The rest was handled directly by the Prison Insider translation team, which recognises and values the work provided by the volunteers, in particular by assisting with their training. Wherever possible, specific budgets were dedicated to very specific tasks such as subtitling.

The translation team is gradually finding its stride, the fruits of several years of experience and efforts to improve processes. The Prison Life Index project mobilised the skills of the team's computer-assisted translation skills to ensure coherence with international norms of reference texts on the subject of detention.

The importance that Prison Insider attaches to the quality of its translations is part of its trademark: it ensures that its work is disseminated as widely as possible, and helps build bridges of collaboration between language regions.



A new string to its bow

Prison Insider has been offering, since March, on-site training for civil service volunteers. This training and awareness-raising activity has always been part of our approach. The Amnesty International France Foundation enabled the creation of the "Prisons from here and elsewhere: the challenges of dignity in detention" module: a two-day training course held multiple times a year. It enabled volunteers to discover the realities of confinement in France and elsewhere, as well as to learn about the fundamental rights of those in prison.

The team is expanding its offer of ad-hoc interventions, notably to university students and other audiences. New awareness-raising tools were developed over the course of the year, using graphic and visual communication methods.

Graphics

Prison Insider has worked closely with graphic designers from the outset to showcase the data it collects. The desire to consolidate this approach was demonstrated through several publications in 2022, designed in conjunction with graphic designers.

The team commissioned Mélanie Bouteille to conceive the visual identity for season 2 of the 'Quartier Libre' series.

Valentin Lombardi is the creator of the latest and upcoming country-profile visuals, those of the thematic papers and those of season 1 of the "Listening at the door" podcast.

These graphic designs reflect the ethos of Prison Insider. They are more suggestive than explicit, and yet make it possible to recognise, at a glance, the substance of the universe being explored: addictions, the relationship between city and prison, family ties. Prison Insider strives to avoid illustrations that reinforce stereotypes, of a prison world reduced to dungeons and chains, which fail to convey with any nuance what prison is and what it can be. The power of visual representation is invaluable.



Prison trends

Geopolitical, economic, health and climate crises are sweeping across the globe. These crises are exacerbated in places of detention. Incarcerated persons are often placed at the bottom of the priority list. They are dependent upon the good will and proper functioning of administrations for access to their most basic rights: eating, sleeping, showering, getting healthcare...

In February, a new armed conflict broke out in Ukraine. Bombs, occupation, shortages, besieged cities. Incarcerated persons were also enduring the consequences and dangers caused by war. Were they fed? Were they protected? Communication with prisons in the occupied territories was very limited. The protection of prisoners and the monitoring of prisons represent considerable challenges even in normal times, let alone the unparalleled complexities that arise in times of war.

Prices were rising, infrastructure was deteriorating, budgets were shrinking. Economic crises shook the most vulnerable populations. In Venezuela, female prisoners were being forgotten by public authorities. They lacked access to water, food and medical care. In Lebanon, inflation weighed on the capacity of incarcerated persons to obtain food. Medication was out of stock, doctors were scarce, and hygiene products and clothing were in short supply.

The consequences of the COVID-19 health crisis were still being felt in prisons. The few "innovative solutions" put in place to face the virus were rarely sustained. In France, the incarcerated population experienced a historical decline over the initial months of the pandemic. Two years later, overcrowding had reached a new record: the number of prisoners rose from 63,000 in 2020 to nearly 73,000 by the end of 2022. Other countries followed suit, returning to pre-crisis levels of overcrowding.

The prison systems of at least 119 countries held more people than they can accommodate.

Justice systems and prisons are being affected by global warming. As every summer in Europe, the same problem arised: heatwaves caused prisoners to suffer stifling heat in closed, poorly ventilated and badly equipped spaces. Pakistan is one of the countries most affected by climate change. No evacuation plan existed for prisons as torrential rains and floods swept through the country between June and September. There is no indication that the world's prisons are in any position to cope with the climate disaster.

One crisis followed another, inside, outside, everywhere. Some crises emerged from the prisons themselves. Others were born outside and infiltrate prison walls. The dividing line between these two phenomena remains obscure. Yet the consequences for the rights and dignity of prisoners are clear.

Indicators

♦ Website

The number of site visitors has stabilised at around 23,000 per month. This figure was higher than the previous year. The main geographical origins of our visitors were France, the United States and Spain, followed closely by the United Kingdom. The distribution of visits according to the languages consulted was as follows: 42% in English, 33% in French and 18% in Spanish. The remaining 7% correspond to the language in which the browsers are configurated: German and Dutch each represent 1% of visits.

♦ International press review

Prison Insider identified articles in the press, country by country, with the help of voluntary contributions and on the basis of information provided by partner organisations.

Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Mexico, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States: each country has its own page containing articles classified by theme and by year. More than 380 articles were aggregated this year. They provided global coverage of what is happening in prisons around the world and completed our information monitoring activities.

♦ WEEK, our newsletter

Prison Insider sent out its biweekly newsletter: our latest articles, a press review, an events calendar, reading recommendations, films, podcasts. More than 5,000 people received the WEEK in one of three languages: French, English or Spanish. Subscribe, it's free!

♦ Social media

The number of subscribers for each social network was as follows:

Facebook: 5,400 (+230/year) Instagram: 1,243 (+208/year) LinkedIn: 3,009 [+1,154/year] Twitter: 5,200 (+530/year)

Prison Insider has a YouTube channel on which the recordings of Grands soirs events, conferences and other video clips are posted.

The Prison Insider podcast, "Listening at the door" (Écouter aux portes), is available in French on our website and major listening platforms: Apple Podcasts, Audioblog (ARTE Radio), Deezer, Google Podcasts and Spotify.

Here and there

January

- Screening of the film Sur les Toits and debate in the presence of director Nicolas Drolc. Event co-organised with Concertina at the Commedia, Lyon (France)

February

- Participation in the conference "At the bottom rung of the social ladder: prison" (Au dernier barreau de l'échelle sociale : la prison), co-organised by Emmaüs France and Secours Catholique.
- Co-facilitation of the workshop "And elsewhere? Poverty in detention at the international and European level" with Rescaled France, Paris (France)
- Organisation of the workshop "Let's speak Rights: the role and impact of information", Archipel project

March

- Screenings of the documentary Incarceration nations: a global docuseries and a debate in the presence of the director. Events organised in partnership with the French section of the International Prison Observatory (Observatoire international des prisons, OIP-SF) in Lyon and Rescaled France in Paris (France)
- Civic and citizenship training for volunteers in civic service, Lyon (France)
- Speech at the Grenoble-Alpes University (Université Grenoble-Alpes) on the theme "Knowledge for action: informing, comparing and sharing testimonial on the rights of prisoners" Grenoble (France)
- Shooting of the film Putting Words on Prison (Mettre des mots sur la prison) with a team from ACFA Multimédia, Lyon (France)
- Participation in the "Strategic discussion on the conditions of detention in the European Union", a consultation organised by European parliamentarians, online

April

- Prison Insider General Assembly, online
- Participation in the annual meeting of the prison working group of the European Society of Criminology (Société européenne de criminology), Geneva (Switzerland)

May

- Participation in the conference "Prison Insights", organised by the Reshape association, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Speech on the theme of "Night of social rights", World Social Forum in Mexico, online
- Co-organisation and speech of the "Prisons in crisis" event, within the framework of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [CCPCJ], online
- Inter-associative meeting with the defenders of the Marianne Initiative, Lyon (France)

June

- Civic and citizenship training for volunteers in civic service, Lyon (France)
- Participation in the round table "Thinking about prison differently", organised by the Reflection and Information Group on the Penalty (*Groupe de réflexion et d'information sur la peine*, GRIP), Grenoble (France)

July

- Second edition of Concertina, Summer gatherings to explore imprisonment (Concertina, Rencontres estivales autour des enfermements). Speeches, participation in workshops and exchanges, Dieulefit (France)
- Speech at the thematic meeting on COVID-19 in prison at the United Nations Committee against Torture (CAT), organised by the World Organisation Against Torture (Organisation mondiale contre la torture, OMCT), Geneva (Switzerland)

September

- Intervention at the roundtable organised by the OIP-SF during the annual Mediapart festival, Paris (France)
- Participation in the annual campaign meeting "Poverty is not a crime", campaign to decriminalise poverty and status, Stellenbosch (South Africa)
- Extraordinary General Meeting of Prison Insider, online
- Organisation of the special event *Approach* (*Approchez*) at the Hôtel de Ville, with the City of Lyon, Le Mas Association, Libre Champ and the National Memorial of the Montluc Prison, Lyon (France)

October

- Speech in the framework of the seminar "Space and confinement" from the University École Normale Supérieure (ENS), Lyon (France)
- Visit to the Emmaüs farm of Ker Madeleine as part of Project WISH, Saint-Gildas-des-Bois (France)
- Speech and facilitation at the conference of National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture (NPM) of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France)
- Speech at the Faculty of Law of the Grenoble-Alpes University (Université Grenoble-Alpes), Grenoble (France)
- Participation in the "Day of reflection on overcrowding and prison regulation" from the General Controller of the Places of Deprivation of Liberty (Contrôleure Générale des lieux de privation de liberté, CGLPL), Paris (France)
- Civic and citizenship training for volunteers in the civic service, Lyon (France)
- Speech and training in a workshop for civil society organisations working in detention, Brazzaville [Congo]

November

- Civic and citizenship training for volunteers in civic service, Lyon [France]
- Visit to the Seehaus detention house, as part of Project WISH, Leonberg [Germany]
- Participation in the Eighth World Congress for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, Berlin (Germany)
- Speech at the annual conference for the National Authority for the Prevention of Torture (*Instance nationale pour la prévention de la torture*, INTP) of Tunisia, online
- Participation in the day of meetings and exchanges with academics, teachers and student-researchers of CGLPL, Paris (France)
- Speech at the conference "Deprivation of liberty in 2022: inventory" organised by the Albin Association, Clermont-Ferrand [France]

December

- Presentation at the symposium "Ending prison overcrowding", organised by the National Bar Council (Le Conseil national des barreaux, CNB), Paris (France)
- Speech at the meeting "Articulation between human rights, disabilities and prison", organised by Capdroits, Lyon (France)



Prison Insider on the news

Our group is regularly called upon to provide its expertise. Here are several of our mentions and presence in the media.

2 April. Cursed Brothers. Revue 6Mois

6 April. War in Ukraine: what becomes of the prisoners in Russian occupied zones? Sudinfo

15 April. Should new prison places be built? Le Drenche - Ouest France

5 May. How are prisons managed in times of war? BFMTV 15 June. Into the fire of Vladimir Putin's secret prisons. Sudinfo

16 June. When will we speak of the male rape occurring in Belgian prisons? VICE

23 June. The place of human rights in European penitentiary policies. Euradio

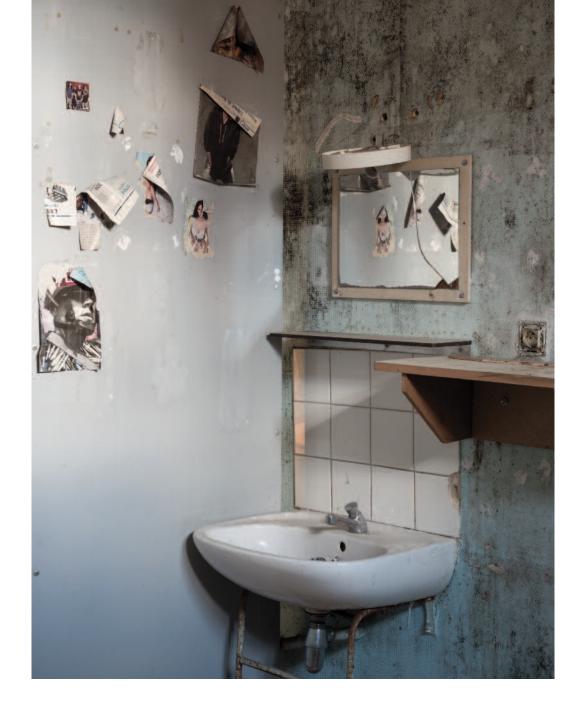
24 August. Dominique Simonnot: "The real scandal is not karting, but the lamentable state of our prisons". Le Monde

29 August. De-radicalization and interfaith. Voice of Islam

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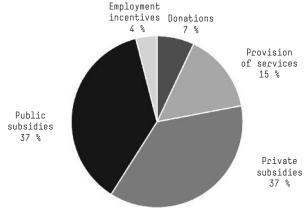
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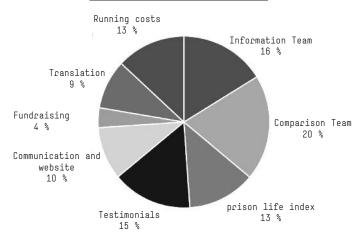
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Income and expenses

Operating income for 2022



Operating expenses for 2022



Balance sheet and income statement



assets

	Brut	Amortisseme Dépréciation	Net au 31/12/2022	Net au 31/12/2021
ACTIF IMMOBILISE				
Immobilisations incorporelles				
Concessions, licences, logiciels, droits et valeurs similaires	43 200	43 200		
Immobilisations corporelles	weds to dedec	200000000		
Autres immobilisations corporelles	6 085	3 618	2 467	3 107
Immobilisations financières	A***			
Autres titres immobilisés	15		15	15
Total I	49 300	46 818	2 482	3 122
ACTIF CIRCULANT				
Stocks et en-cours				
Créances				
Créances usagers et comptes rattachés	9 145		9 145	4 800
Autres créances	100 269		100 269	41 302
Autres postes de l'actif circulant	140460000000000000000000000000000000000			
Disponibilités	383 232		383 232	99 605
Total II	492 647		492 647	145 707
TOTAL GENERAL (I+II+III+IV+V)	541 946	46 818	495 128	148 829
Legs nets à réaliser :	541 946	46 818	495 128	148 829
acceptés par les organes statutairements compétents autorisés par l'organisme de tutelle				
Dons en nature restant à vendre :				

liabilities

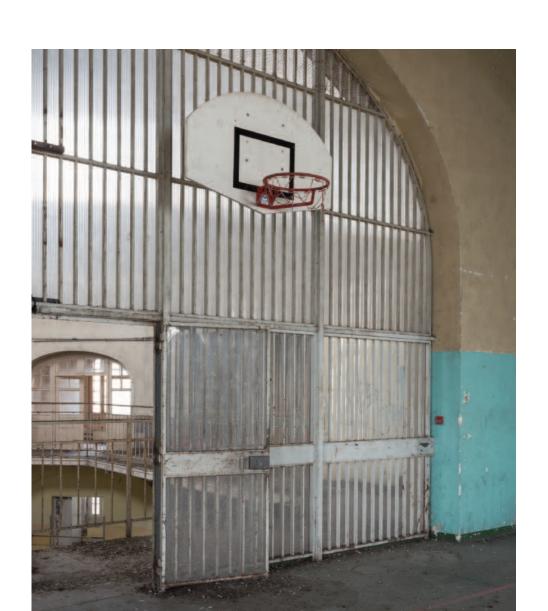
	au 31/12/2022	au 31/12/2021
FONDS PROPRES		
Fonds propres sans droit de reprise		
Première situation nette établie	10 000	10 000
Fonds propres avec droit de reprise	10.330	
Réserves		
Report à nouveau	4 151	-25 448
Excédent ou déficit de l'exercice	9 959	29 599
Situation nette (sous-total)	24 109	14 151
Total I	24 109	14 151
FONDS REPORTES ET DEDIES		
Fonds dédiés	4 786	
Total II	4 786	
Total II	4700	
PROVISIONS		
DETTES		
Emprunts et dettes financières diverses	13 333	20 000
Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés	1 675	1 138
Dettes fiscales et sociales	19 223	13 036
Autres dettes	29 959	31 759
Produits constatés d'avance	402 043	68 746
Total IV	466 233	134 679
TOTAL GENERAL (I+II+III+IV+V)	495 128	148 829
(1) Dont à plus d'un an (a)	34 824	
Dont à moins d'un an (a)	431 409	
(2) Dont concours bancaires et soldes créditeurs de banque		
(3) Dont emprunts participatifs		
(a) A l'exception des avances et acomptes reçus sur commandes en cours		

income statement

	Exercice N 31/12/2022	Exercice N-1 31/12/2021
PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION		
Cotisations	250	180
Ventes de biens et de services	200	100
Ventes de biens		
Dont ventes de dons en nature		
Ventes de prestations de services	45 406	55 764
Dont parrainages	45 400	30 704
Produits de tiers financeurs		
Concours publics et subventions d'exploitation	109 023	110 617
Versements des fondateurs ou consommations de la dotation consomptible	100 020	110017
Ressources liées à la générosité du public		
Dont Dons manuels		
Dont Mécénats		
Dont Legs, donations et assurances-vie		
Contributions financières	107 968	
Reprises sur amort, dépréciations, provisions et transferts de charges	13 138	18 490
Utilisation des fonds dédiés	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	15 000
Autres produits	19 843	59 441
Total I	295 627	
CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION		
Achats de marchandises		
Variation des stocks		
Autres achats et charges externes	60 674	60 165
Aides financières		
Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés	989	1 355
Salaires et traitements	187 189	143 311
Charges sociales	30 662	19 577
Dotations aux amortissements et aux dépréciations	1 364	5 480
Dotations aux provisions		
Reports en fonds dédiés	4 786	
Autres charges	6	
Total II	285 669	229 893

EXCEDENT OU DEFICIT	9 959	29 59
CONTRIBUTIONS VOLONTAIRES EN NATURE		
Dons en nature		
Prestations en nature	48 550	69 56
Bénévolat	80 016	82 42
Total	128 566	151 98
CHARGES DES CONTRIBUTIONS VOLONTAIRES EN NAT	URE	
Secours en nature		
Mises à disposition gratuite de biens	48 550	69 56
Prestations en nature		
Personnel bénévole	80 016	82 42
Total	128 566	151 98

Heading towards 2023



The old year has just given way to the new* and Prison Insider's agenda is already well filled. The pace and diversity of publications will be intensified, partnerships expanded, dissemination increased, and training activities ramped up: the initiatives launched in 2022 will be consolidated in 2023.

Various partnerships and international sources of support have paved the way for our next steps: visits to small-scale detention facilities in Europe; documentation of the criminalisation of poverty and social status in Africa, the Caribbean and Asia; continued collaboration with French organisations working on prison issues; expansion of awareness-raising and training activities; and the launch of the second season of the 'Listening at the door' (Écouter aux portes) podcast.

Publications on our website will continue apace, with the Congo country profile being published at the beginning of the year, followed by the South Africa country profile. These comprehensive overviews serve as a reference for professionals around the world. The thematic papers will examine the breakdown of social ties for prisoners, particularly women, the role of family members and access to housing for those being released from prison.

In 2023, we will produce the first results of the Prison Life Index. The team is moving forward with the evaluation of prison policies in Ireland and South Africa at the beginning of the year. A score of other countries are in the pipeline.



The coming year will see the publication of the book InsideOutside. Based on the photographic correspondence already online on our website, it explores the five senses and confinement. It will be published by Libel in the first half of the year. You can buy it online or in bookstores.

The big event of the year, scheduled for July in the Drôme (France), will be the third edition of Concertina.

The theme of this summer's gathering on the subject of imprisonment is silence. Prison Insider hopes to see you there!

* "The old year is gone. Long live the New Year. Let this new year bring more good than sadness for the world" Henri-Frédéric Amiel [1839-1881]



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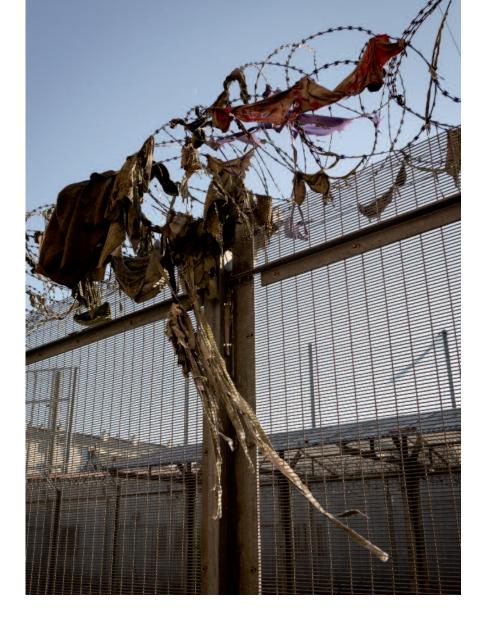
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Realities unveiled

Coldness, oblivion, decay, emptiness. These are the words reflected in the photographs taken by Delphine Dauphy and Marc Loyon at the former Jacques Cartier prison in Rennes, France.

These photographs evoke memories of buried realities, opaque to the general public. The relentless passage of time has finally revealed the secrets of these enclosed spaces. It lays bare these walls whose function was to enclose. Since 2010, the building is no longer in use. It is now exposed to birds of prey. Accessible to all, it reveals the harshness of its conditions. Where have the prisoners gone? What remains of their time within these walls? A newspaper article, an image, a photograph. The remnants of household objects in the rusty barbed wire, like the shattered hope of preserving a connection. Signs of distress and hope, in short, a reflection of human existence battered by life.

We would like to warmly thank Delphine and Marc for their contribution to this report. Photography is essential to capture prison realities. It highlights what writing struggles to express. It is unanimous.

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A first visit

As we pulled open the heavy door of 56b Jacques Cartier Boulevard, we entered, for the first time, the former men's prison of Rennes, on 18 march 2022.

The sky was bright and the sun was beaming down a few meagre rays on the red shale walls, barely managing to dilute the gloomy atmosphere. The tarmac courtyard we first crossed was littered with walnut shells and hazelnuts left, perhaps, by mischievous birds. The dry sound of crushed shells echoed between the walls.

The last prisoners were transferred 12 years ago. Since then, the prison has been left as it was.

Administrative furniture, plastic-coated mattresses, plastic bottles: objects scattered in incongruous positions are relics of an extinct functional past.

Today, the doors are open and the air circulates, as do the dozens of pigeons that flutter their wings high up in the corridors. The site is inhabited, and we can feel ghostly presences behind the swaying doors. The place is charged with the distended time of confinement, the air feels heavy. Everything is touched by gravity, the walls crumbling like an over-exposed body.

Yo-yos and other messaging: exchanging, expressing, existing

Prison isolates convicts for a certain period of time, erasing them from free society. But in prison, other means of communication emerge. Objects and messages circulate via ingenious methods between individuals whose mobility is severely restricted.

During our first visit to the Jacques Cartier prison, we were struck by the messages and the ways in which they were conveyed in the various spaces. They shaped our work as we continued our photographic exploration over the following months in this place steeped in history.

Hanging in the barbed wire, shreds of fabric, relics of shorts and socks, brush against small plastic bottles from another decade, remnants of a need to speak or eat: bottles in the sea. Now concretions, the fabrics have hardened and the bottles have blackened. In the cells, a few traces remain: posters, words, holes. In the corridors, tennis balls carry only the memory of their misappropriated purpose.

The barbed wire supporting the remnants left behind by former occupants are striking and represent a significant visual component in this prison archaeology.

Delphine Dauphy and Marc Loyon

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