Correctional services of Norway

The “Reintegration guarantee”

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Norway: some relevant characteristics

Bizarre geography:
N–S: 2,500 km  E–W: down to 6 km

Low population density:
• 4.7 million - 14 per km²  (230)

High income:
• per capita GDP $ 57,500  (35,900)
• 2% unemployed

Welfare-based:
• Roughly 1 million publicly employed (= ca. 30%)

Source: CIA World Factbook, April 2011
Sanctions

Cumulative length prison sentences

- 12 months
- 6 months
- 3 months
- up to 1 month
Prison «Waiting list»

![Graph showing the trend of the prison waiting list from 01.06.2006 to 01.12.2010. The graph indicates a significant decrease in the waiting list size, with a slight increase by the end of 2010.]
# Prison Numbers

Average daily number of prisoners and prison – population rate in some countries

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Source: ICPS World Prison Brief, March 2011
Staff

- Ca. 3,400 fte working in prisons
- Ca. 300 fte working in probation
- Ca. 450 fte in Staff Academy and ICT-service
Prison officer training

Receive salary during two-year education at academic level

- Psychology, sociology, criminology, law, social work
- Conflict management, ethics and human rights

Post-training courses in various working methods and programmes
All prisoners released and all community sentences started in 2005. Follow-up period of two years. Recidivism = new conviction to prison or community sentence.

White Paper on Corrections

"Punishment that works
- reducing crime for a safer community"
(September 2008)

Outline for penal policy for a period of 5 – 10 years

German summary on website
Central principles

- Discretionary powers in implementation
- Reduce the use of prison
- Progression towards release
- Principle of normality
- Import of services
- Rehabilitation
Reduce the use of prison:
more community sanctions

Community sentences

Intoxicated drivers programme

Drug Court
Progression towards release: variation
Principle of normality
(= not stricter than necessary)

The punishment is the deprivation of liberty

Security: enough is enough  A life as normal as possible
Import of services: transfer to freedom

Medical, educational, employment, clerical and library services are provided from outside

- Continuity
- Involvement
- Budget
Rehabilitation:
Inmate’s living conditions

- Addiction: 60%
- Low education: 40%
- Unemployment: 80%
- Homeless: 65%
- Below povertyline: 40%
Reintegration guarantee

- A place to live
- Some form of income
- Identity papers
- If relevant an offer of:
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Health services
  - Addiction treatment
  - Debt counselling

The whole government!
The right direction??
Thank you for your attention!

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