

## The European Prison Observatory

### Detention conditions in the European Union

*Bruxelles, 12 January 2015*  
*Fondation Universitaire, Rue d'Egmont 11*

#### PROGRAMME

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 Welcome  
Alessio Scandurra (Antigone)

09:15 EU interest in the area of detention conditions  
Jesca Benerer (European Commission)

#### **Session I – Detention in Europe**

09:45 Prison conditions in the partner countries  
Relevant news and recent events of the penitentiary systems in their countries will be presented by the partner organizations: Susanna Marietti (Antigone); Barbara Liaras (Observatoire international des prisons - section française); Sophie Vidali and Nikolaos Koulouris (Special Account of Democritus University of Thrace - Department of Social Administration and Political Science (EL DUTH)); Anhelita Kamenska (Latvijas Cilvçktiesību centrs); Marcin Wolny (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights); António Pedro Dorés (University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)); Monica Aranda Ocaña (OSPDH - Universitat de Barcelona); Will McMahon (Centre for Crime and Justice Studies).

11:15 Discussion

11.45 Coffee break

12:15 Prison in Europe: overview and trends  
Alessandro Maculan, Francesca Vianello (Università degli studi di Padova)

12:45 Best practices and guidelines on detention  
Barbara Liaras (Observatoire international des prisons - section française)

13:15 Discussion

13:30 Lunch



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## Session II – Prison conditions and national authorities

14:30 National monitoring of prison conditions and the European standards  
*Monica Aranda Ocaña, Iñaki Rivera Beiras (OSPDH - Universitat de Barcelona)*

15:00 Improving Prison Conditions by Strengthening Infectious Disease Monitoring  
*Cinzia Brentari (Harm Reduction International)*

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 The institutional perspective: prison management in England and Wales: Jamie Bennett, governor of HMP Grendon, UK

16:45 The institutional perspective: prison management in Italy: Mauro Palma, Ministero della Giustizia, IT

17:15 Discussion

17:35 End of the event

Will also be present: Georgios Nikolopoulos, Panteion University, President of the Administrative board of EPANODOS, released prisoners' reintegration centre, Greece. Roberta Palmisano, Director of the Studies, research, law and international relations office of the Penitentiary administration, Italy.

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