

NEW EXPERIENCES RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF PRISON'S SECURITY





Consultation body

History

2005: Law of principles:

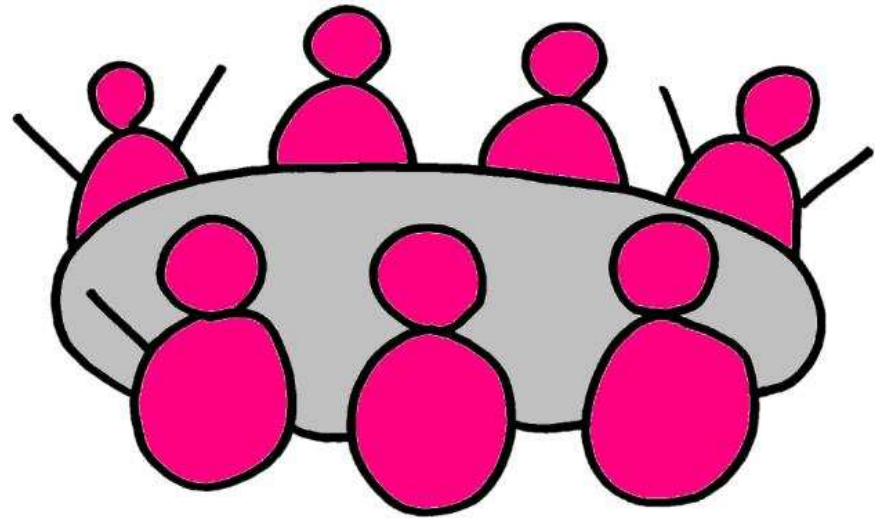
the creation of “consultation bodies” where inmates can express themselves on matters of community interest of the life in the prison

2007: pilot projects

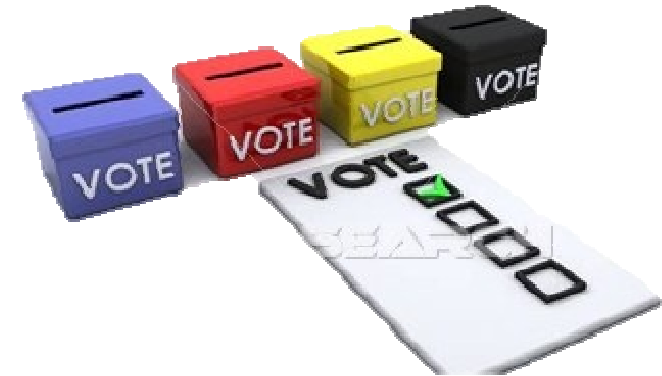
2011: all the prisons

Composition of the consultation body:

- President: a governor
- Staff
 - a chief officer
 - a secretary
 - depending on the agenda: expert
- Prisoners
 - Minimum 4 representatives;
 - always number prisoners > number of staff



Appointment of the representatives of the prisoners



- By election.
- All the inmates can run for membership of the consultation body.

The ground rules

- Minimum one gathering of the consultation body each trimester
- The consultation body gives recommendations (no decisions)
- No treatment of individual complaints
- The representatives of the inmates can organize preparatory meetings – only visual control

Themes

- The prison shop
- Sport, education, cultural activities, TV
- Visit
- Work
- Telephone
- Infrastructure



Challenges/recommendations

- Staff has to support the consultation body
 - ➔ explanation of the role/utility, sensitize
- Remand prisons: a great turn-over of inmates
 - ➔ not always enough candidates
- answer quickly on the demands
- Change: communicate to all the inmates that's a result of the consultation body

Conclusion



- The consultation bodies evolve positively: collaboration, communication
- Not for great problems as the infrastructure
- Consultative body leads to dialogue
- More mutual consideration
- The consultation bodies improve the climate in the prisons