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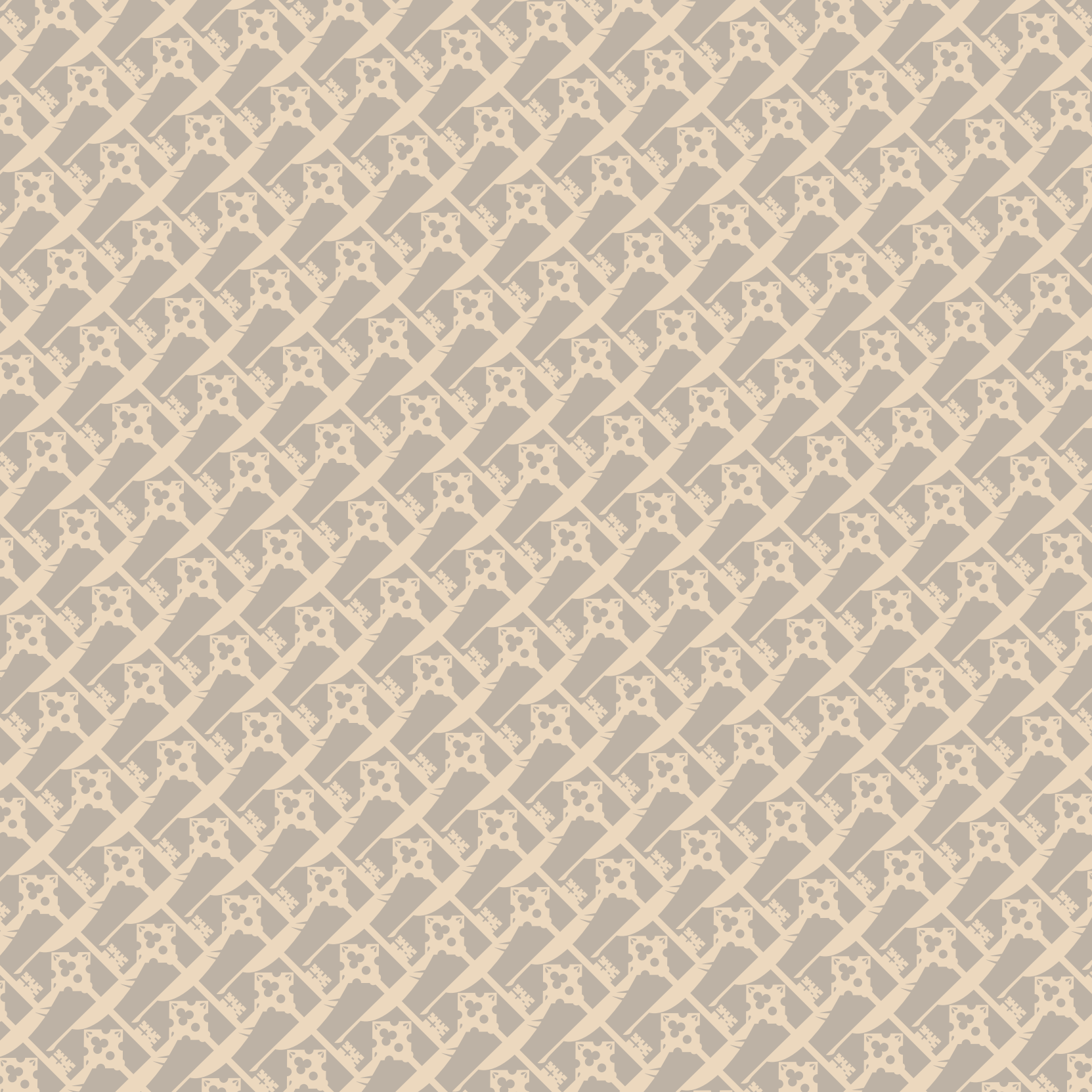


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HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

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Dear Reader,

The publication of the Yearbook depicting our activities throughout the year and the related results and achievements continues to be one of our annual landmark events since it provides us the opportunity to introduce our progress and the successes emanating from carrying out the tasks law bestows upon us or tasks that we determine for ourselves. We believe that this publication finds an interested audience in partner organizations, relevant professionals and external agencies alike.

Last year we continued our progress on the path of organizational and professional renewal. What had been determined as strategic goals were carried out efficiently, lawfully and in a professional manner. Among our principal tasks were goals like the capacity expansion, the reduction in recidivism, the increase in our capacity to maintain devoted staff members, and to increase the prisoners' opportunities for employment which as a result helps us maintain full-scope employment.

The infrastructure and working conditions of our prisons, institutions and limited companies were developed in line with the European guidelines and professional expectations as well. Our budget provided the foundation for a lawful operation and we also carried out our tasks as an organization responsible for central supply. The key to the successful completion of tasks are the devoted staff members whose skills we continued to hone using specialized trainings and courses.

Our organization completed its task – the prisoners' successful reintegration into society – through education, vocational training, and the opportunity provided for prisoners to become knowledgeable in a popular vocation and to help them acquire practice in said vocation. We continued with the renovation of our prisons and institutions by carrying out refurbishments on the relevant infrastructure, energetic systems, procuring tools and systems that enhance the security of prisons and workplaces.

The Hungarian Prison Service – in line with the principles of the law enforcement-related media – addressed the interested parties along a unified method of communication. It was a great success that our website received and award as the „Website of the Year”.

We are proud at the fact that our colleagues contributed to the public security of Hungary with their expertise and preparedness.

Dear Reader,

Once again, allow me to thank you for your attention with which you follow the responsible and often demanding occupation that is performed in line with legal provisions and social expectations.

I sincerely hope that by reading our Yearbook for 2018, you will receive a comprehensive picture on the tasks and achievements of our service and also our development and renewal along the lines of which we managed to continue to remain „In Service of Justice”.

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correctional commissioner,
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The Hungarian Prison Service continued to operate lawfully and professionally in 2018, carrying out its fundamental tasks in an expert manner.

It managed to utilize its strategic resources in a planned and efficient manner in order to provide the conditions for its operation. For a more economic approach to the use of our budget we assessed the risks related to the execution of our tasks. The regulated framework as expected by the internal control procedures was ensured throughout our operation. The successes of 2018 provided feedback for the social and professional adequacy of our service, which in turn enhanced the devotion and professional dedication of our personnel and all the processes that serve to maintain and further our organizational culture.

The government programs as determined by the Government of Hungary – the capacity expansion project, prisoner reintegration, full-scope employment – have been carried out successfully.

The Hungarian Prison Service set an exemplary job in building the programs in line with the expectations of society, and ensured that the cooperation between the prisons and social, professional and religious bodies remained fruitful and balanced. During carrying out the programs the role of the prisoners and staff members was an important one, which makes the effort acclaimed among our partners.

Adhering to the developmental expectations and the high standards set for performing our tasks, we managed to maintain the conditions expected by regulations. We used innovative IT and logistics solutions to contribute to the maintenance of the security of incarceration and the order within the facilities. By using budget efficient and state-of-the-art solutions we managed to complete several projects dedicated to the renovation and maintenance of our institutions. During the majority of these projects we utilized prisoner workforce to enhance the conditions for the detainees and staff members alike.

We further strengthened our international relations and the new forms of cooperation we have discovered with our partners allowed for the operative planning of our endeavors and the sharing of experiences and good practices.

The successes of 2018 contributed to the acceptance of our organization, our superiors reviewed the quality of our work as exemplary.

Staff

Progressive and intensive recruitment

OUR NUMBERS

The most important task associated with the HR Department of our Service is the progressive and intensive recruitment activity that is adapted to the general professional goals of the Hungarian Prison Service and to the constantly changing labour market situation.

On top of the individual recruitment procedures performed by our institutions (999 new colleagues), another 859 new staff members were recruited as part of a scheduled recruitment activity linked to the capacity expansion project.

Regarding the newly inducted law enforcement professionals (339), it can be noted that the number of new applications is low compared to the re-qualifications from non-law enforcement professional positions.

The executives of prison institutions devote particular emphasis to measures aimed at keeping staff members within the frameworks of the service, by balancing the workload between certain service elements and the enhancement of working conditions.

For a more rational approach to the allocation of available manpower and for a more efficient management of special, security-related tasks and certain events, the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters was expanded with the Department of Central Support on 1 February 2018



RECRUITMENT

From 2017 to 31 December 2018, a total of 7 127 CV-s have been submitted in relation to vacant positions. Following processing the submitted applications, physical adequacy was completed in 1 297, psychical qualification was completed in 1 093 cases, while medical adequacy was completed in 996 cases. Following qualification-related examinations and background checks, a total of 924 new staff members were recruited. Out of this number, 882 new staff members are law enforcement professionals, 37 of them are civil servants while 5 are public officials.



Moreover, it is important to emphasize the recruitment activity carried out in relation to the new Kiskunhalas National Prison. In order to satisfy the personnel requirements of the institution, a new Recruitment Office was opened on 3 October 2018 in downtown Kiskunhalas. A total of 496 interested individuals visited the office, with the application procedures starting in the case of 496 applicants. Out of this number, 179 are women possessing a high school diploma, 87 are men possessing a high school diploma, 53 are women possessing a college or university degree and 26 are men possessing a college or university degree. Until 31 December 2018, a total of 65 persons have been recruited.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The Hungarian Prison Service – within its general, elementary modular education system – launched 7 „prison service non-commissioned officer” classes with a total of 166 students, of which 3 classes finished with 52 students. A sub-qualification classes titled „assistant prison service non-commissioned officer” was also launched with 49 students.





Training and preparation

10 classes were launched in the secondary modular system, 2 of these were are „senior prison service non-commissioned officer (financial), 4 were „senior prison service non-commissioned officer, 1 was „senior prison service non-commissioned officer (administration) and 3 was „senior prison service non-commissioned officer (medical)” which meant a total of 226, out of which 40 are public servants.

The „Law enforcement (Prison Service) administration executive” training was launched with 2 classes and 52 students.

Last year, 92 applicants were admitted to the „elementary law enforcement exam”, 113 were admitted to the (professional law enforcement exam”, 50 were admitted to law enforcement executive course, 12 were admitted to the senior law enforcement executive course.



COMMENDATIONS

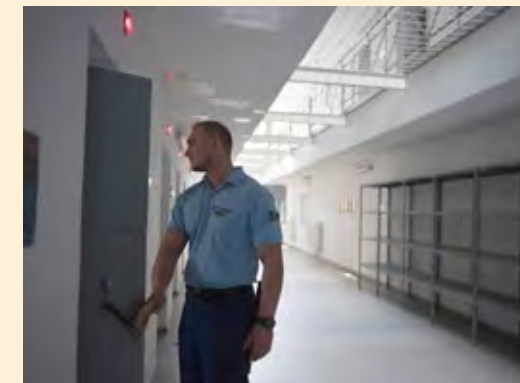
As a result of the successful professional conduct, 5 staff members have received state commendations. 3 colleagues received the military division of the Golden Cross of the Hungarian Cross of Merit, 1 colleague was awarded the Silver Cross of the Hungarian Cross of Merit and 1 person was bestowed the Bronze Cross of the Hungarian Cross of Merit by the President of Hungary. A total of 64 colleagues received awards from the Minister of Interior: 14 received a title of senior consultant, 3 received Saint Adrian commendations, 1 received the golden class of the COmmendation for Public Service, 11 special written commendations, 34 memorial items and 1 person was promoted to Colonel. A total of 267 colleagues received rewards from the Director General.

Incarceration and Security

NUMBERS AND ACCOMMODATION

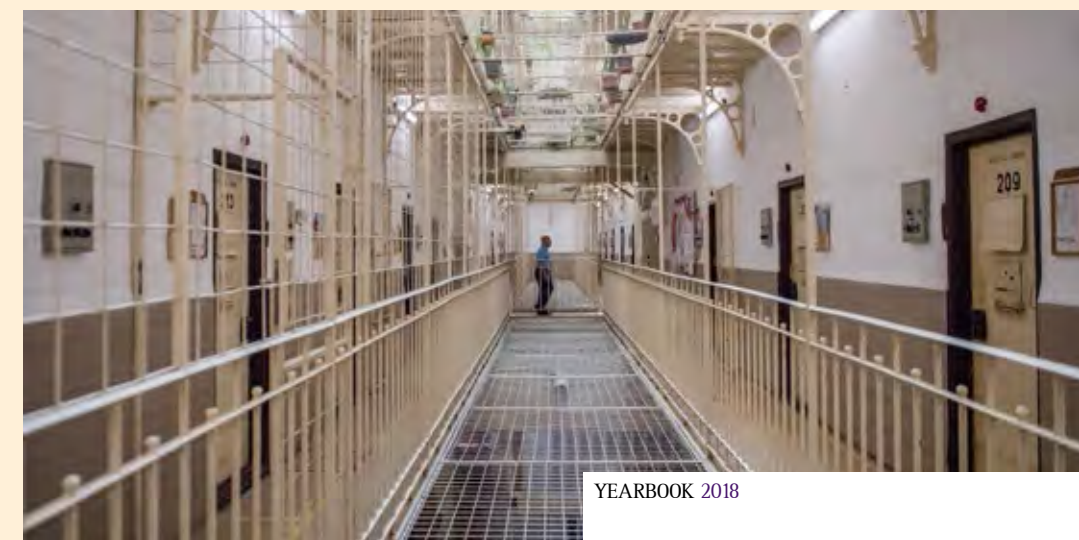
Besides the internal restructuring experienced during the previous years, the number of prisoners was characterized by a significant decrease. The total number of 16 303 on 31 December 2018 represents a decrease of 1 040 (on 31 December 2017, the number was 17 343). Due to the decrease of the number of prisoners and the capacity expansion project, the ratio of prisoners compared to the total ration amounted to 113%, which is indeed a significant decrease compared to the statistics of the end of last year.

Due to the 1,6% increase in the capacity of prisons and the 3,7% reduction in the number of prisoners, the total overcrowding ratio reduced by 7% compared to the last year and represents a decrease of 21% compared to 2014, the year during which prisoner headcount and overcrowding peaked.



Reducing prisoner headcount and overcrowding

An important task and result that came with the year in question was the profile cleaning of the institutions first carried out within closed regime prisons. As a result of the initiative, a total of 556 prisoners have been reclassified.



The number of convicts on 31 December was 13 038, which represents a reduction of 352 (2,6%) compared to the statistics of last year. Among the group of convicts, medium regime continues to be the most intensively used severity since those majority of those convicted with a final sentence (7 052, 54%) belongs to this category. The number of prisoners under strict regime conditions was 4 727 on 31 December, which means that 36% of the convicts belonged to the strictest category. It has to be noted that despite the decrease of the general headcount, the number of prisoners under strict regime conditions increased by 17. The number of those under light regime decreased last year: taking into account incarceration substituting fine defaulting or community service, the total number of prisoners in this category was 1 103, representing a ratio of 8% among the convicts.

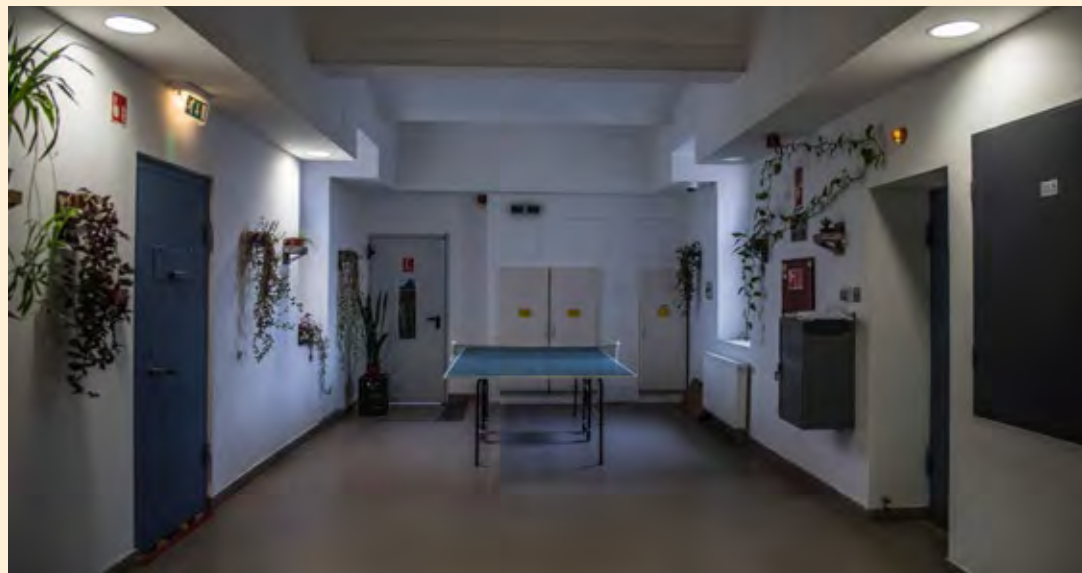


DIAGRAM: THE RATIO OF PRISONERS ON 31 DECEMBER 2018



- Convicted: 13 038
- Remand: 2 694
- Administrative detention: 392
- Court-ordered psychiatric treatment: 179



The number of those under administrative detention continued to remain high for the last 2-3 years. On 31 December, a total of 392 were in this category. Taking into account the full duration of the year, the general headcount of them remained significantly higher, amounting to 481.

The number of offenders serving court-ordered psychiatric treatment was 179 on the last day of 2018, which represents a reduction of 8 when compared with this year's numbers. The accommodation of these persons remains fully ensured within the Forensic Psychiatric and Mental Institution.

The ratio of juveniles within the general population was low: on 31 December 2018, a total of 201 (1,2%) convicted or remand juvenile prisoners were in custody.

The number of female prisoners on 31 December 2018 was 1 207, which represents a reduction of 69. This ratio falls in line with the ration within the general population.

The number of foreign prisoners reduced by 108. On 31 December 2018, a total of 753 prisoners (4,6% of the total population) were present in this group.



Hungarian Prison Service

NEW REGULATIONS STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF INCARCERATION

In order to ensure order, discipline and security, the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters

puts special emphasis on carrying out measures dedicated to limiting the number of contraband items smuggled inside the facilities and to discover them. Among these measures, we created uniform section and cell orders, limited the items that can be possessed by the prisoners at any given time to prevent them from amassing large quantities of certain items. In

Increased Adherence to the Regulations



order to develop their discipline, movement patterns were painted within the institutions which contain security areas to enable better control of moving prisoners and thus increase security. The benefits of these measures lies in the fact that they increase the transparency and security of our tasks, thereby facilitating the service of our personnel.

On two occasions, the Hungarian Prison Service performed a joint-operated general security inspection during which – with the contribution of the Riot Police and the National Revenue Bureau – non-permitted cell phones and other dangerous possessions were reclaimed.



The rules related to the uniform cell and section order have been determined for every prison.



Efficient measures to prevent the smuggling of contraband items.



CONTRABAND

Numbers related to narcotic substances show a decrease when compared to the statistics of the year before. While in 2017 the total number of cases was 280, by 2018 this has reduced to 253. Most of the narcotic substances have been found without actually getting into the hands of the recipient prisoner. The reductions unquestionably show the effectiveness of the measures taken against contraband items.



Regarding contraband cell phones it can be stated that while in 2017 the total number of these phones was 884, in 2018 1 039 have been discovered before making it into the hands of a prisoner.



TASKS RELATED TO TRANSPORT

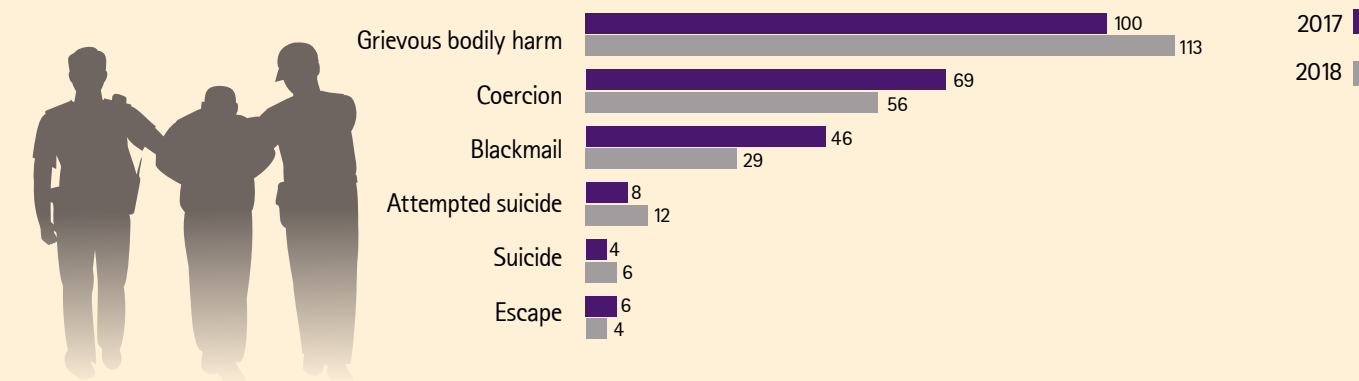
Tasks associated with the movement of prisoners outside the boundaries of institutions have decreased too. The total number of transports in 2017 was 70 0287, while in 2018 this number was 63 627. Escorts to court summons and other areas took place in 55 283 cases: this number was 62 248 in 2017.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS, K9 SERVICE

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Special emphasis on order, discipline and security

DIAGRAM: EVENTS RELATED TO PRISONERS





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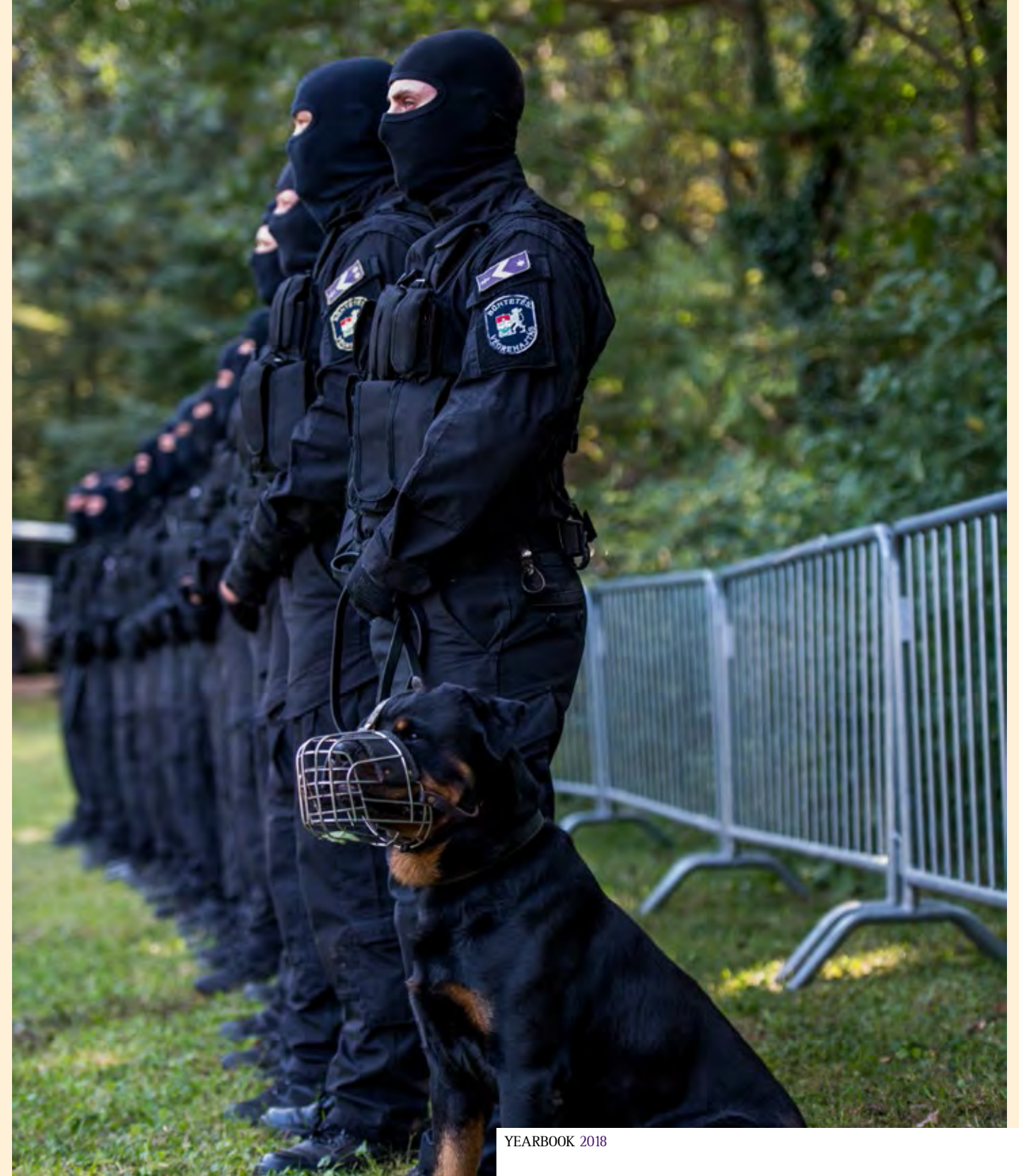
Continuous training, effective discoveries and investigation

PRISONERS' APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

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THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PRISONERS

One of the key elements to the successful social reintegration of prisoners is education and training capable of providing the prisoners with a viable qualification. Besides reducing recidivism, this endeavor also has the goal to facilitate the discovery of vacant job positions and to relay knowledge that would be beneficial in the future. More and more prisoners volunteer to become included in education or vocational training parallelly with being employed. In the year in question, a total of 768 prisoners participated in some sort of education while also being employed.



THE CHANGING SYSTEM OF SENDING AND RECEIVING PARCELS

Based on the experiences of the last decade, there is an urging need to re-define several contact options and the principles related to their use in practice. Taking this into account, the Prison Code and the decree governing its implementation was changed on 1 July 2018 and deregulated the external relations of prisoners regarding sending and receiving parcels.

In accordance with the changing legal background, the contact persons of prisoners may send parcels in a controlled manner, within a supervised environment. The new regulations provide that these contact persons may forward a package during visitation or through the means of an online platform.

The prison shop system was redesigned to support the initiative. We also established the online platform through which contact persons may send foodstuffs (e. g.: non-perishable food, hygienic products) by ordering them. This system contains the packages that include the assortment of items provided by the prison shops.



THE EFOP-1.3.3-16. PROJECT TITLED "REINTEGRATION OF PRISONERS"

The project titled EFOP-1.3.3-16 serves a crucial role in the prisoners' reintegration into society.

In 2018, a total of 2 065 (with a grand total of 2 832) prisoners and 627 relatives received an individualized treatment plan. A total of a 531 completed competence-enhancing courses. 54 compensation programs were carried out, 11 of these were open to the media as well.

Community activity centers as background institutions to the local prisons started their operation in Debrecen, Sopronkőhida and Nyíregyháza. The goal of the community activity centers is to develop the personality and the competences of released prisoners, offenders currently in reintegration custody and those within the program called "Social Reach", increase their chances of successful labour-market reintegration, to offer leisure activities, help them with their accommodation.



The special private courses enjoy a role in the focused development of the juvenile prisoners regarding their life and their skills alike. Their goal is to support situations where decision-making is required, the majority of which emanates from the school and family relations. It is currently in operation in three locations: Bács-Kiskun County Remand Prison, Baranya County Remand Prison, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Remand Prison.

The significance of the project is underlined by the support of the European Union which results in a grant of a total of HUF 4,2 billion. The scope of the project the Hungarian Prison Service and the Ministry of Interior is currently implementing means that its effects and results will remain in place even after the program is completed.

PASTORAL CARE AND RELIGION



The Third Prisoner Pilgrimage at Mátraverebély-Szentkút was completed in 2018 by 74 prisoners from 16 different prisons. The initiative enjoyed a widespread media attention, which gave the event a positive message.

The cursillo course was also organized in 2018 in 5 different prisons, with the participation of 96 prisoners. The complex program is built upon Christian values and is a great contributing factor to the moral development of the individual, the maintenance and strengthening of the family and social relations of the prisoners.

370 art therapy programs with the inclusion of 5 880 prisoners

GRANTS OF THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The Hungarian Prison Service devotes particular importance to the completion of the tasks set in the action plan of the National Crime Prevention Council. Last year 370 art therapy programs were conducted with the participation of 5 880 prisoners.

The Hungarian Prison Service continues to provide the prisoners the opportunity to participate within “Drawing on the right side of the brain” courses. The prisons organized this course on 828 occasions with the participation of 943 prisoners.



The Third Prison Theatre Event was conducted in line with the above on 17 August 2018 within the József Attila Theatre. A total of 16 prisons participated in the event with 150 volunteering prisoners. The reward for the best play was presented to the Juvenile Prison and the Tököl National Prison for the production titled “Kirág-lak”.

Reintegration custody significantly contributes to reducing the overcrowding of prisons

REINTEGRATION CUSTODY

Reintegration custody was introduced on 1 April 2015 with the Prison Code. Due to the positive experiences related to its application, its legal re-evaluation became important and justified.

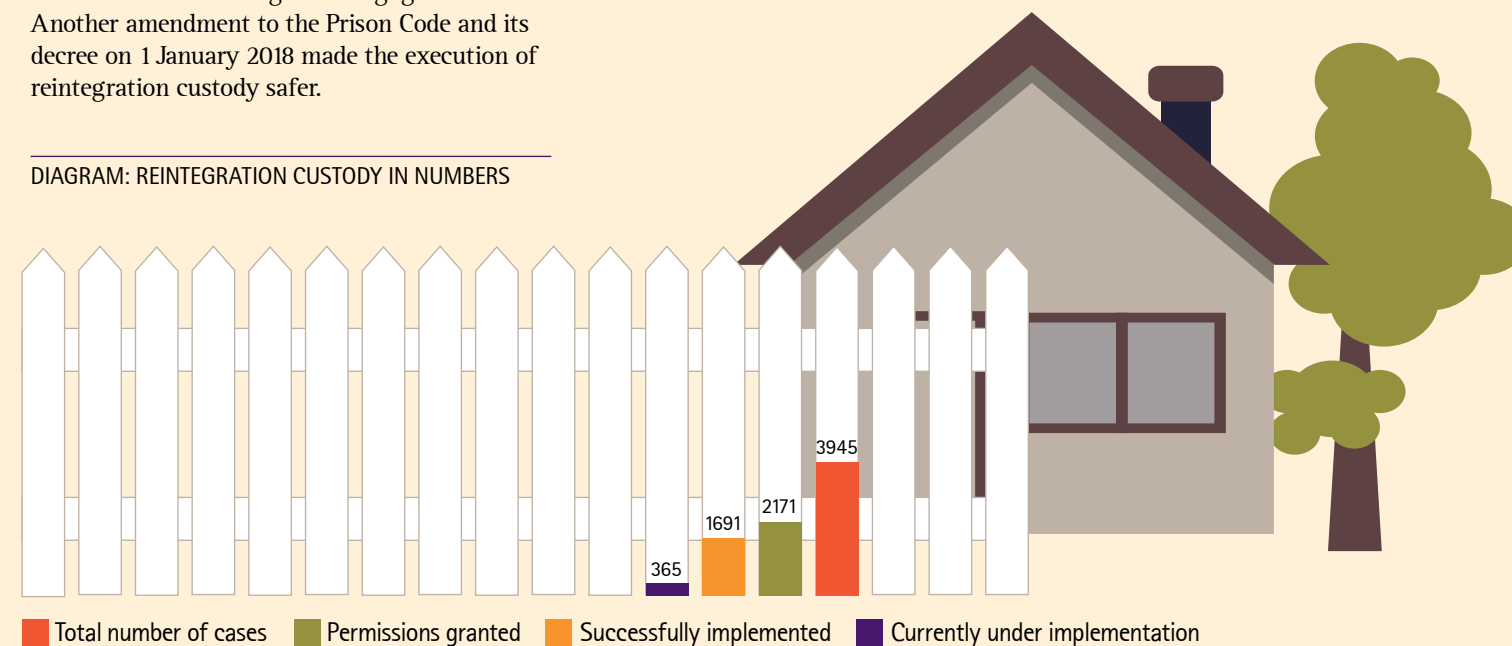
The law in question was further amended on 1 January 2017 which expanded the scope of prisoners viable for inclusion and increased the time that may be spent within this form of custody from 6 months to 10 months, and 1 year in the case of those serving a sentence due to a crime resulting from negligence. Another amendment to the Prison Code and its decree on 1 January 2018 made the execution of reintegration custody safer.

Since the introduction of reintegration custody, the total number of cases increased to 3 945 out of which 1 691 have been completed successfully.

On 31 December 2018, a total of 365 prisoners were under reintegration custody which amounts to the headcount of two smaller institutions.

Besides reducing the overcrowding of prisons, reintegration custody also serves to further reintegration purposes.

DIAGRAM: REINTEGRATION CUSTODY IN NUMBERS





PROBATION OFFICERS WITHIN THE PRISON SERVICE

The principal goal of the Probation Service within the system is to control and supervise the released prisoners' way of life which also includes a supportive function in order to lead them back to the labor market and facilitate their employment by increasing and maintaining their motivation and encouraging them to live a law abiding life to reduce their risk of recidivism to the minimum.

Post-release care represents the most significant part of the array of tasks our Probation Officers as it is characterized by both the supportive and the supervising sides of their operation.

Professional opinions regarding certain procedures (interruption of serving a sentence, pardon procedures, reintegration custody, Social Link program, admitting juvenile prisoners) contribute to the work of decision-makers by providing them with useful information regarding the subjects' criminal background and associated risk factors. There is a notable increase in the number of professional opinions made.

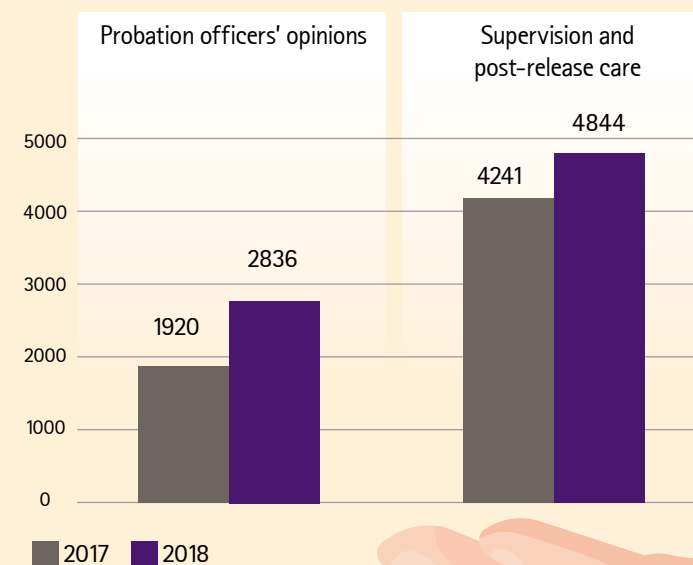
Our Probation Officers prepared 3 107 convicts for release (reintegration care), with special emphasis on performing tasks closely associated with labor market reintegration within the framework of individual therapies or group sessions.

The Probation Officers performed the tasks associated with the supervision and post-release care of 4 844 prisoners, which – when compared with the previous years – shows a slightly increasing tendency.

Our results regarding labor-market reintegration are worth emphasizing: more than 82% of those who are currently under reintegration custody managed to become employed with the help of Prison Service probation officers.

Out of those who became employed, only 566 (2017: 1 201) had to be included into community labor governed by state employment agencies. This means that the probation officers can represent the prisoners as viable job-seekers and applicants on the labor market. The unemployment ratio among the subjects is 18%, which represents the decreasing tendency when compared with the previous year.

DIAGRAM: PROBATION SERVICE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS (2017-2018)





DISTANCE HEARINGS AND AUDIENCES

By expanding the boundaries of the previous regulation, Act no. XC of 2017 on the Criminal Procedure re-regulated the use of telecommunication equipment during procedural parts and designated them as fundamental tools rather than specialized ones meaning that they shall be present within the courts' practice on an everyday basis. In order to increase the scope of distance hearings, prisons established 39 end points (multiple ones in institutions with multiple objects) and dedicated rooms, in which – since 1 August – 530 court hearings have taken place.

The goal of the new approach is to ensure the full presence of subjects included within the procedure. When using this technical equipment, the actual procedural activity takes place at two different locations: a place designated by the authority with the jurisdiction to do so, and another one where the actual detainee resides. The Changing System of Sending and Receiving Parcels

Increased security and cost-efficiency through the use of distance hearings

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PROGRAMS AIMED AT REDUCING INCARCERATION RISKS

The Risk Assessment and Management System was taken into national practice by the Prison Code. The key elements of this system are the measurements of several risks associated with incarceration and the provision of programs that are capable of addressing these risks.

Out of the prison personnel, reintegration officer and assistant social officers received training and preparation related to the programs dedicated to drug prevention, assertiveness enhancement and conflict management.

The inclusion of the convicts into these programs is ensured continuously, with a total of 414 included persons.

Programs aimed at drug prevention, increased assertivity and conflict management skills



Healthcare

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Maintaining
health,
recreation

The Department of Health of each prison has ensured the medical care of prisoners according to the relevant legislation.

These departments – coordinated by the Department of Health of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters – have fulfilled all the necessary accession requirements to join the National eHealth Infrastructure as detailed in the 39/2016. (XII.21.) Decree of the Minister of Human Capacities.



HEALTHCARE OF THE STAFF

Basic medical care of the staff is the responsibility of the Department of Health under the supervision of the Deputy Director General for Security and Incarceration.

Our organization provided musculoskeletal rehabilitation in the form of special employment related medical care for 724 (2017: 645) staff member on active duty or in retirement. Our newly launched, 7-day-long convalescence in Igal was used by 278 staff members. This hotel by the Igal Spa has 21 rooms and 4 apartments, offering place for recreation with the capacity of 78. Furthermore, there is an air-conditioned conference room of the capacity of 100 people and a meeting room offering place for 10 people, where trainings, courses and conferences can be held.

As before, we have ensured the medical care of prisoners according to the regulations.

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HEALTHCARE OF THE PRISONERS

The main factor of the healthcare of prisoners continues to be their social security rights. Treatment and prevention – justified by the prisoners' health status – has been available within all levels of progressive care.

We have prepared a central public procurement procedure of the purchasing and delivery of medications. Through these measures, prisoners' access to basic medical care and medications can be implemented equally in each institute.



Administration

Our organization celebrated the Day of the Prison Service for the 23rd time on 8th September, 2018. The Day of St. Adrian has been organized at an unconventional location, at the Wildlife Park of Budakeszi. On this lovely sunny day, cca. 3500 people participated, staff members and their families arrived from all over the country to celebrate and relax.

LEGAL SERVICES

Data protection and cyber commissioner activities were performed and the requests concerning data of public interest were fulfilled in a manner specified by law. The Prison Service performs its tasks, the activities relating to the protection of qualified data and managed qualified data in accordance with the regulations. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has come into force, and shall be applied by all member states directly, so we have revised and reformed the data management policies of the Prison Service.

We have also finished reviewing the necessary regulations to be able to launch the new Kiskunhalas National Prison.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

It was an essential goal for 2018 to maintain and strengthen our existing international relations and to build new ones, so our relations have remained active on a national and regional level as well. Some of the most prominent travels are the professional experience and knowledge transfers with the leaders of the Visegrád Group (V4), and the yearly conferences of the Middle Europe Corrections Roundtable (MECR) and International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA). Our relations with the V4 countries can be seen not only nationally, but on the level of the prisons and our departments as well.

During last year we hosted foreign delegations 19 times. As a special occasion, we invited our colleagues from the Czech, Polish, Austrian and Slovak prison services to remember the patron saint of the prison service, St. Adrian on 6th September, 2018.

On 30th September, 2018 we organized a conference on recidivism, where experts of the Romanian and Slovak partners presented in the Marble Hall of the Ministry of Interior.



ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

During 2018, more than 1 300 000 open documents were managed which was a significant increase from the previous year. In 2017 we started managing the archives of the Prison Service Headquarters and we managed to finish it in 2018. It was a priority to hand over to the Central Government Archives that 200 linear meters of documents that are more than 5 years old and are not yet to be discarded.

In accordance with the assignment of the Minister of Interior, the department responsible for administration activities participated in opening new post office boxes for the prisons and other institutions to deliver official correspondence. These post office boxes are integrated into the Governmental Receipt System. Introducing Posta-SZEÜSZ system for purpose of the Hybrid Delivery and Conversion Programme has also been completed by 1st February 2018. Furthermore we have introduced the “NEO-s post” application in the RobotZsaru system.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

In the prison service, research of external partners and joint scientific work was completed in 2018 according to unified professional principles. Professional meetings, scientific conferences are assisting developing the prison service and its effective operation. Within the framework of the Hungarian Festival of Science, on 21st November 2018 we organized the conference “Borderless Science – Effects of the new Act on Penal Procedures” at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Organizers of this event were the Penitentiary Subcommittee of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Science Council of the Prison Service, Bureau of the Prison Service Headquarters and the National Institute of Criminology.

Between 12 and 14 November, 2018 National University of Public Service organised the professional conference CriminalExpo. Visitors had the chance to join in on the presentations of professionals from the prison service on topics such as the role of prison services in crime prevention and programmes for restorative measures.

Scientific work has continued in 2018 according to unified professional principles.



As a collateral program we co-organised a professional conference on the 140th anniversary of the so called Csemegi – criminal – Codex.

While organizing scientific research, we had the Scientific Committee of Internal Affairs and the Science Council of the Prison Service as a strategic partner.

The Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters keeps on supporting scientific and research activities that are connected to the prison service. It gives possibility to conduct researches, to publish different prison related

papers and scientific results. First mentions of St. Adrian in Hungary are dated back to 1019, so in 2019 we are celebrating the 1000-year-anniversary of the patron saint. On connection we have started preparations of the conferences organised as part of the Millennial Year of St. Adrian. The Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters has published the booklet called “Our Thousand Year-old Past: the Prison Service in Service of Justice”.

Professional Inspection and Control

Service of Inspection and Control carries out inspections and analysis mainly by professional aspects. These analyses are reported to the leader of the inspected organization or department, highlighting those areas where intervention is necessary. Due to the work of the Service, the professional work of prisons and institutions has improved in 2018, as well as the theoretical and practical knowledge of the staff.



Proactive and harmonized stream of information, unified feedback.

Communication and Social Engagement

The Prison Service has established its tasks for 2018, in which priority was put onto inspection, to have such an analysis and feedback that can ensure the well-founded and professional work of prison institutes. Positive experiences are also disseminated to be generally used. We have a constant demand on identifying professional mistakes, the reasons of differences between expectations and practice and the possible inadequacy of regulations. Finding systematic problems we can facilitate the daily service of prison staff, as well as the work of the regulating activities of the governing departments.

Our pre-inspection analysing activity and check-up of determined deficiencies have strengthened. The prisons receive a written proposal on the results of the inspection, in which all the recommendations are included. They are entitled to reflections. This possibility gives the chance to have a feedback on the practical possibilities of the recommendations, hence improving the supportive function of inspections.

The basic inspection tasks include the check-up on security and service, the assertion of obligations and rights of inmates, the tasks of programmes, healthcare and alimentation of inmates. Furthermore it is important to inspect the rights and obligations of the staff and the compliance of conditions of service (accommodation, uniforms, equipment).

In the framework of the Service of Inspection and Control, we have established the Complaint Office that works regularly with the complaints coming from the prisoners or their relatives, as well as from the staff.

The communications field represented the board in the media with proactive, coordinated information, unified messages along the principles of home affairs and law enforcement communication. In this year, close to 4 000 publications were generated by the organization, and the proportion of positive news was much higher than in previous years. The Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters Communication Department received electronically 485 journalist's requests.



The spokesman of the Hungarian Prison Service has given 30 % more interviews (99 for cameras, 35 through phone) to the national and regional media than in the year 2017.

As a major result of our image change our new website was finished in October, which has replaced its predecessor nearly after four years. The user-friendly, clean-looking, taking into account international trends, informative, easy to navigate website was done in cooperation with the National Information and Communication Service Ltd. The Hungarian Marketing Association recognized the website with the Website of the Year Quality Award.





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In the first full week after the start the number of page views has doubled compared to the same period last year. The 87,385 page views at week 42 have become the highest ever measured in the history of bv.gov.hu.

In addition to the new website, community channels will help to further increase the number of interests for the Prison Service. More than 237 thousand people has seen the videos uploaded to the YouTube channel.

Our self-made documentary film has been introduced, which is presented film-like, but reflects realistically the lives of prisoners and the prison staff. Nearly 62 thousand people have seen the movie and its trailer on the YouTube channel of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters.

In seven countryside cities was a nationwide recruiting road show, which presented the organization's activity in a funny, educational and interactive way.

In June 23 2018 was held the Museum Nights for the first time at the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters. The Headquarters was visited by more than 1100 people within 6 hours. After waiting in the long line, the exhibition of the Prison Museum was waiting for the visitors at the Saint Adrian courtyard, and there it was possibility to make finger and palm prints as well.



Employment



PRISONER EMPLOYMENT

One of the most important objectives of the Prison Service was to accomplish and maintain the full-scope employment of prisoners.

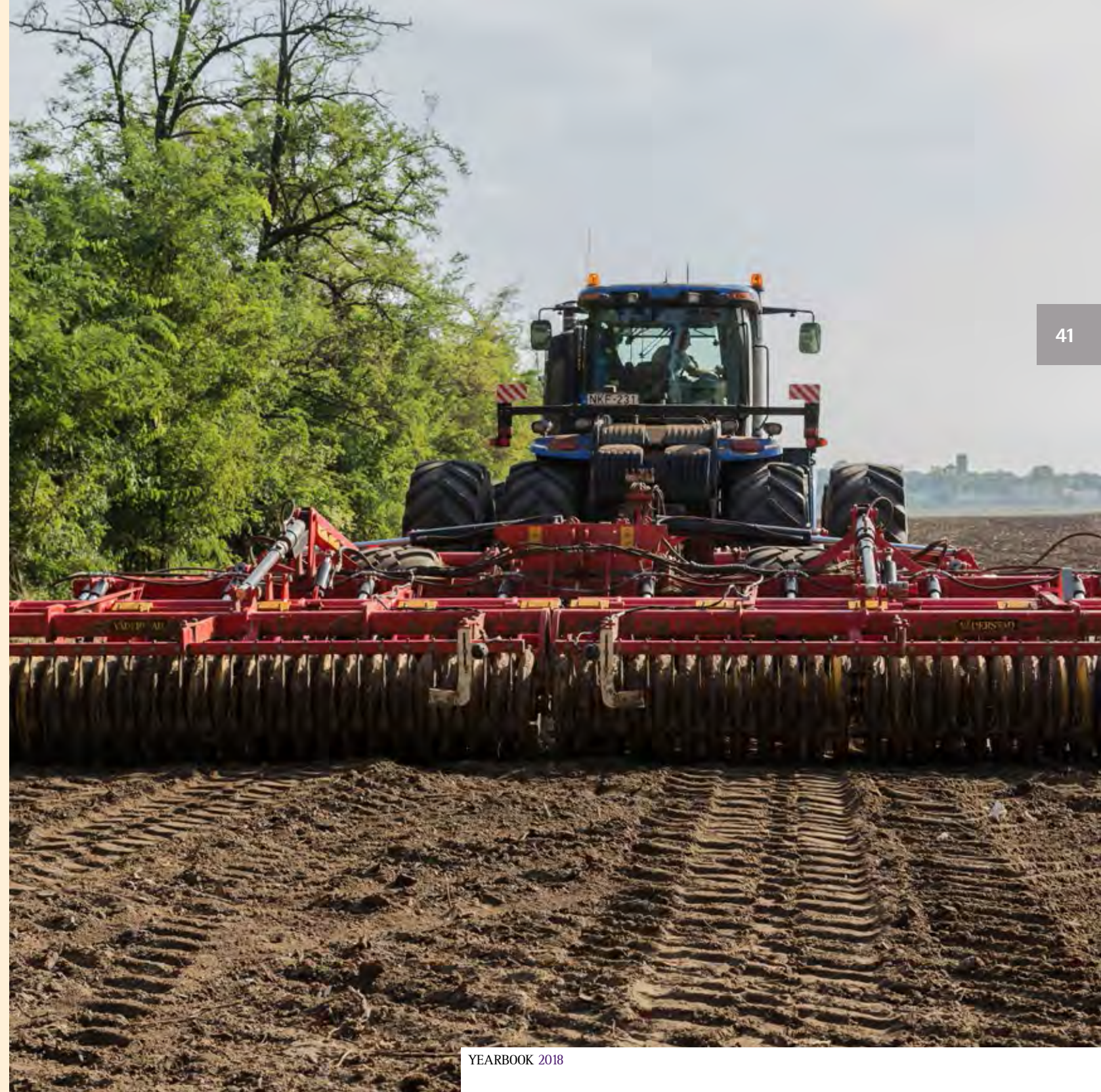
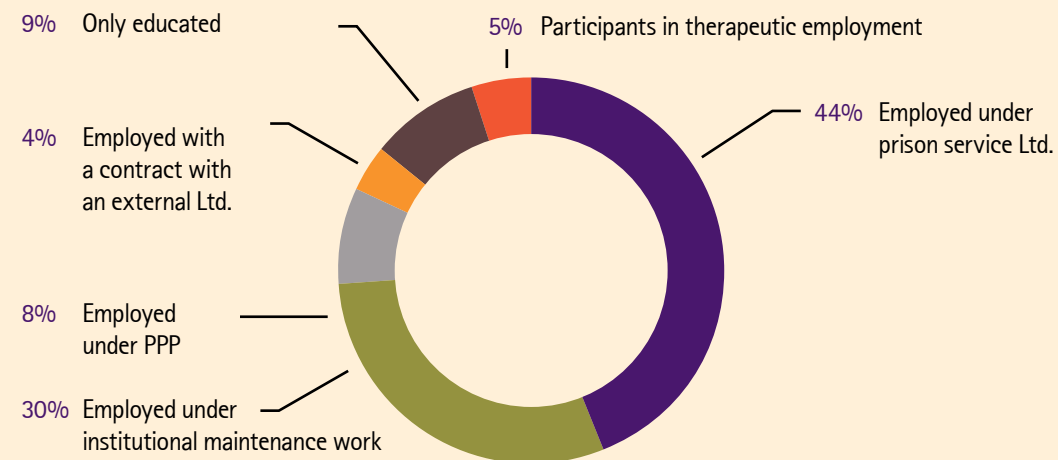
The full-scope employment persists, as we managed to maintain the results achieved in 2017.

Employment was carried out in the prison service institutions and by the prison service Ltd.'s in the form of employment, education and therapeutic employment.

For the year 2018 the Ltd.'s of the Prison Service aimed to maintain full employment of prisoners and to increase as much as possible the number of prisoners employed. In order to do so, the Prison Service carried out the organization of marketable professions, which will help for the prisoners the labour market integration after release.

Prison Service Ltd.'s have become a major employer on the domestic labour market in 2018.

DIAGRAM: DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE PRISONERS (%)



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CENTRAL SUPPLY

The agencies falling under the jurisdiction of central supply submitted a total of 3 592 supply requests to the Department of Central Supply between 1 January and 31 December, 2018. The number of submitted reports filed last year exceeded the previous year's data.

Regarding requests under the value limit of the European Union, the Limited Companies with the capacity to fulfil certain requests have been designated for completion for a net amount of HUF 12 181 million, which is the largest sum since the existence of central supply. The total value of contracts made during the period in question exceeds HUF 10 361 million (also a net amount), which is more than the numbers of the previous years as we.

Regarding capacities, most of the contracts made were regarding furniture (office, kitchen and other uses), but clothing items and laundry services also represent a large part of the services provided within this framework.



Modernization
of producing
equipment

LIMITED COMPANIES

The Limited Companies of the Prison Service realized more high-value investments and developments.

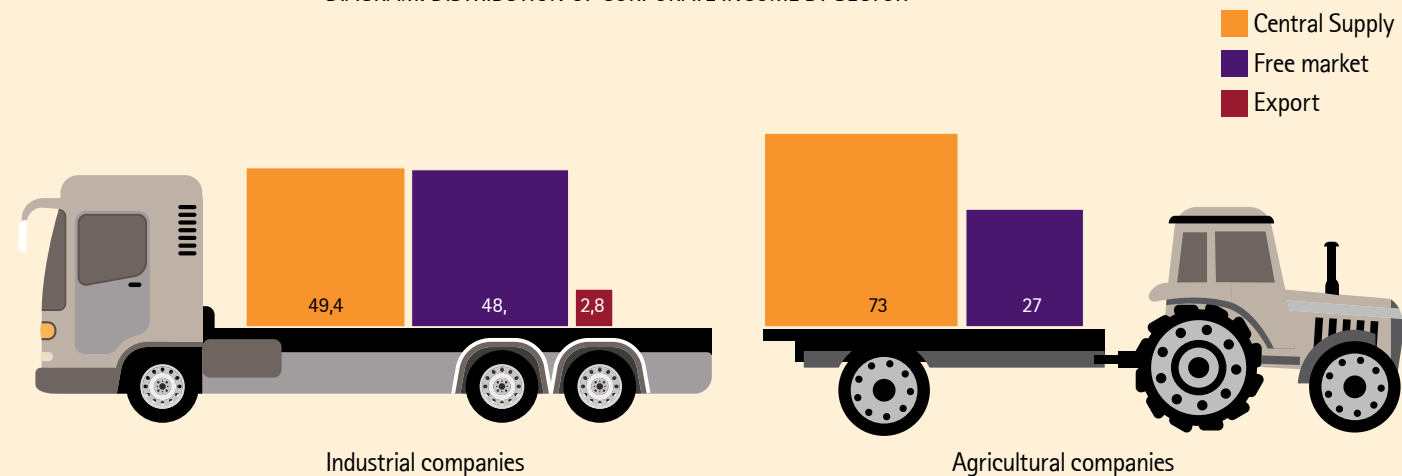
Ipoly Cipőgyár Ltd. (Ipoly Shoe Manufacturing) bought a new injection moulding machine, and belt production line, while the Duna Papír Ltd. could being wire weaving work through installing centralized machinery. Storage capacity has been established to store the stock of the Temporary Security Border Barrier.



Bv. Holding Ltd. purchased embroidering and engraving machines, and has taken care of high-value machinery purchases.



DIAGRAM: DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE INCOME BY SECTOR



The Bv. Holding company group also paid special attention to the effective implementation of its statutory public task – the compulsory employment of prisoners – and to conduct a successful entrepreneurial activity that serves the growth of state assets as well.

Looking at the main management (2018 expected) data at the level of the company group, it can be stated, that the net sales, operating profit after tax was above the value planned for 2018.



IT Developments and Technical Investments

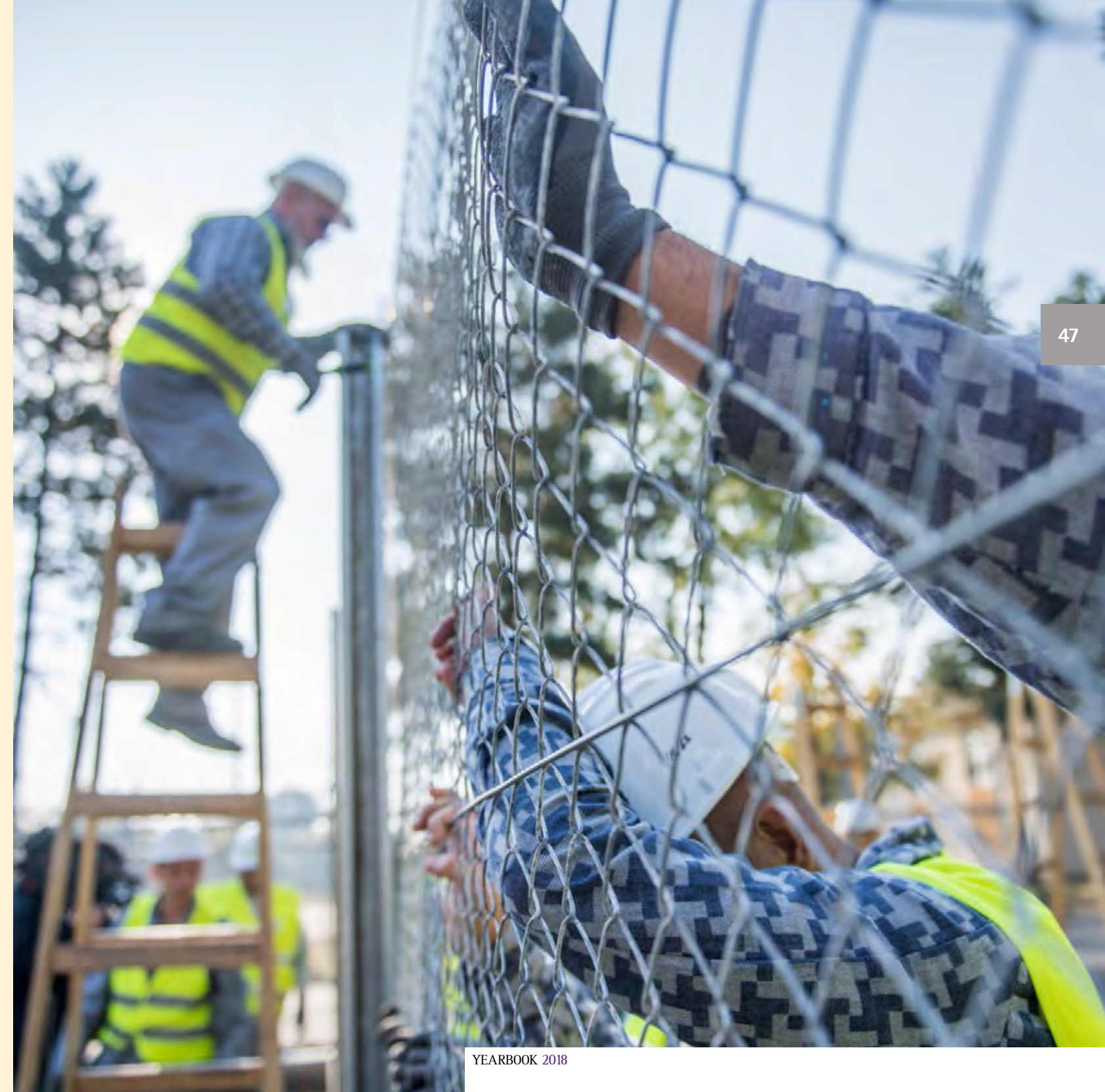
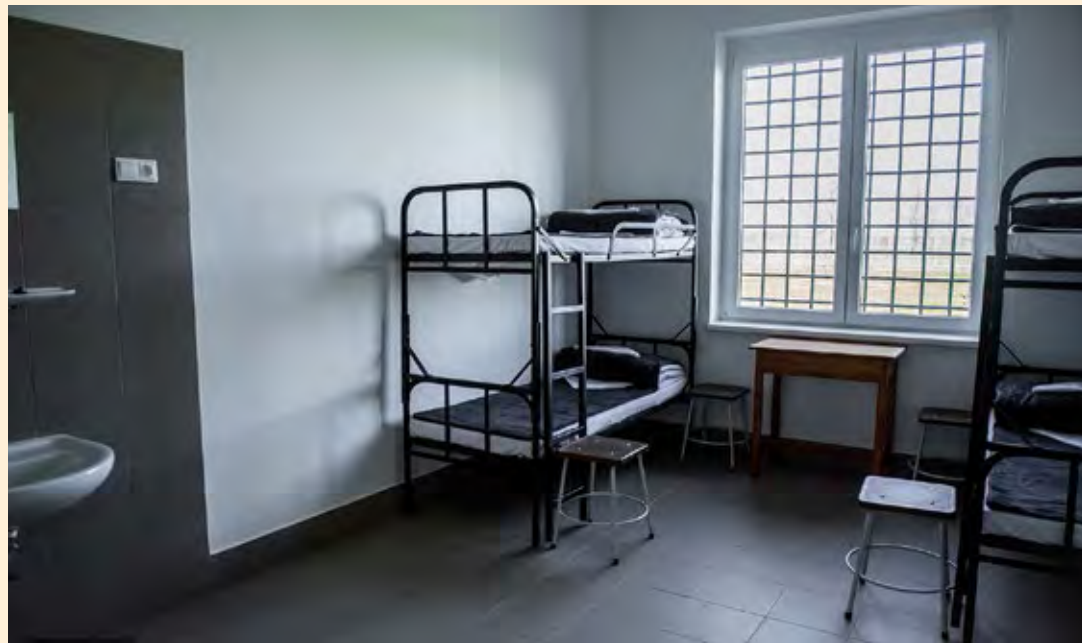
IT DEVELOPMENTS

From the aspect of IT, the most important task of the year was the planning, organization, and implementation of the IT infrastructure developments for the new Act on Criminal Procedure to become operative.

In the project carried out by the National Info-communications Service Company Ltd., 39 video-conference-endpoints have been installed, capable of remote consultation and remote hearing. Following the establishment of the endpoints in the court system, live usage has begun. Based on the experiences until now, the utilization ration of the equipment is rising continuously.

INVESTMENTS, REFURBISHMENTS

With the involvement of the limited companies during autumn 2018, began the transformation of the Kiskunhalas premises previously managed by the Immigration and Asylum Office into a prison service institution. During the execution alongside the coordination of the Bv. Holding Kft, special emphasis was placed on the employment of prisoners in all areas that they can carry out (e.g.: demolition work, landscaping, fence construction, masonry work, painting, coating), furthermore the structural elements (e.g.: cell doors, grids) that will be used inside the building were also made by involving prisoner labor.





For the year 2018, 8 prison service institutions have applied successfully to the tender „energy development for operating energy cost reductions” launched by the Deputy State Secretary for Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Interior, and the amount of support granted was HUF 41.526 million. As a result of the investments, the expected savings will be HUF 19.177 million per year.



During the year a number of large development projects were implemented and major progress was achieved as a continuation of the capacity expansion project, which was launched in the previous years.



New capacities established by new buildings

- At the Solt unit of Állampuszta National Prison the public procurement procedure for the construction of a new prison building was closed successfully and the project introducing 144 new paces.

Capacity building by remodeling/modernizing the extant buildings

- The detachment of institutional cell lavatories and the cell opening program has continued, which resulted in new capacity.

Preparation for capacity building

- The preparation for building new prisons has begun, which will provide further capacity. The procurement procedure has begun for the planning.

Establishment of the Hungarian Prison Service Healthcare Center

- The implementation program is in progress for the modern healthcare institution designed for Berettyóújfalu, which is suitable for taking care of prisoners, and within the framework of which in last year the building permission was given to us.

Accomplished valuable works ensured by the appropriation of the Hungarian Prison Service HQ

- Bath renovation in Somogy Somogy County Remand Prison
- Boiler renovation in Middle-Transdanubium National Prison
- Boiler and roof renovation in Pálhalma National Prison
- Renovation of the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Center of the Prison Service
- Pipeline renovation in Zala County Remand Prison
- Window replacement, renovation and painting of the street front facade of the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison
- Replacement of the boiler in Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison

VEHICLE FLEET

19 new Volkswagen Transporter type passenger carrier minivans have been put to service, from which 16 were given to the user institutions with the new logo of the prison service.

CHRONICLE

January 2, 2018

Colleagues Donated to the Hospital

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Refrigerators and microwave ovens were donated by the Heves County Remand Prison staff to the Pediatric and Hospice unit of the Markhot Ferenc Hospital in Eger.



January 10, 2018

Investments in Capacity and Safe Operation Quality Development

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The living conditions of prisoners accommodated in Somogy County Remand Prison improved further through merging and fully renovating adjacent cells.



15 January 2018

Constant Refurbishment and Renovation Through Prisoner Workforce

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

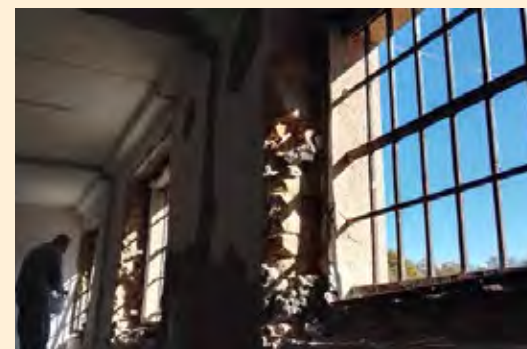
Although by 2017, renovation works had been completed, prisoners responsible for this field still have a long way to go. Several sections will see old corridors breathed new life into, while elsewhere staff members' offices will receive a proper refurbishment.

17 January 2018

Cooperation with the Regional Directorate of the Hungarian Red Cross

SÁTORALJÁÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Branch of the Hungarian Red Cross signed a cooperation agreement on 17 January regarding the facilitation of the prisoners' successful reintegration into society.



18 January 2018

Another Phase of the Energy-rationalization Initiative Has Been Completed

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

With a grant of more than HUF 133 million, the photovoltaic system of the Venyige street object of the Budapest Remand Prison has been completed and put to use in mid-January, 2018.

22 January 2018

Cooperation with the National Tax and Customs Administration

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The National Tax and Customs Administration and the Békés County Remand Prison entered into a cooperation agreement.



22 January 2018

Leatherworks Students' Works on Expo

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The gallery of a Dunaujváros school served as the venue for an exposition containing the creations of several prisoners included within a leatherworking course. Those interested had a chance to see not only products created specifically for this occasion, but also those that had been created during the course.



25 January 2018

Solar panel system within the Zala County Remand Prison

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The institution started the implementation of the project no. KEHOP-5.2.11-16-2016-00019 titled "photo-voltaic system within the Zala County Remand Prison". The project amounts to HUF 102,1 million, during which 608 solar panels will be installed, each with a performance of 285 W. This development is a great effort toward a sustainable and efficient solution and will also serve to reduce the budgetary burden.

28 January 2018

Professional discussion between the Health Centre of the Hungarian Armed Forces and the Central Hospital of the Prison Service

CENTRAL HOSPITAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The chief executive commander of the Health Centre of the Hungarian Armed Forces, Major General dr. István Kun Szabó and the medical executive of the center, Brigadier General dr. Róbert Tamás participated in a professional consultation on 29 January. The guests were welcomed by Colonel dr. Valéria Takács and Colonel László Joó. Colonel Takács hosted a presentation on the structure of the hospital and the admitted patients and then offered a chance to visit the institution itself where the guests could familiarize themselves with the daily operation of the hospital.

8 February 2018

Ministry of Interior 23rd Ski and Snowboard Competition

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Once again, the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison organized the 23 Ski and Snowboard Competition of the Ministry of Interior within the Zemplén Adventure Park. A total of 91 competitors from 46 different departments participated at the competition.

9 February 2018

Joint K9 Day at Sopronkőhida

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Experts from the K9 field of the Szombathely and Pálhalma National Prisons participated at a joint training organized within the Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison.



14 February 2018

National Chess Championship 2018

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The finals of the National Chess Competition took place on 14 February within the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Center of the Prison Service with the participation of six regional champions and 7 individual competitors. First place was awarded to the team of the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison.

22 February 2018

Results of a quarter of a century

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On 22 February, the Legal Section of the Hungarian Correctional Society held a section meeting within the National University of Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement. The conference was an important one considering the fact that Act no. XXXII. of 1993 entered into effect 25 years ago as one of the most significant milestones of the Hungarian correctional field after the change of regime.



11 March 2018

The Hungarian Prison Service Can Always Be Counted On

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The double-row barrier system has been completed on the full length of the Hungarian-Serbian border, ranging 155 kilometers. The Hungarian Prison Service was tasked with the construction of the second fence line: 150 staff members and 700 prisoners participated in the construction of the structure.



14 March 2018

Prisoners Renovated Petőfi Square

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

As a tradition, prisoners renovate and clean Petőfi Square before the national holiday in March. This was the 92th occasion since 2008 that convicts from the prison contribute to the maintenance works on public squares and parks.

14 March 2018

National Table Tennis Championship

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On 14 March, the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Center of the Hungarian Prison Service organized the finals of the National Table Tennis Championship with the participation of teams with the best results from the regional rosters. A total of 24 competitors from 6 institutions participated in the finals. The first place was awarded to the delegation of the Ipoly Shoe Manufacture Ltd.

21 March 2018

Regional Defense Committee session

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

On 21 March 2018, the Regional Defense Committee held a session meeting within the Tiszalök National Prison. The topic of the session were the extraordinary weather conditions, flood protection and defense, water- and roadworks, etc.

22 March 2018

Consecration of a new chapel

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

“Chapel of the Holy Cross”. This has been the name given to the place serving as the venue for the religious activities of the prisoners since 22 March. Bishop em. Endre Gyulay celebrated a holy mass and blessed the chapel and the copper engraving he had gifted to the institution before.



29 March 2018

Károly Balla Memorial Session

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Correctional Society held its memorial session on 29 March within the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law. The purpose of the session is to introduce the work and career of the Balla Károly-award. The Society created the reward to encourage scientific research and to commemorate those who perform such research on the field of corrections.





11 April 2018
Trail Running Competition at Márianosztra

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The National Trail Running Competition of the Hungarian Prison Service was held on 11 April, with its venue being – for the third year now – the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison.



11 April 2018
Professional Day at the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The National Crime Prevention Council chose the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison as the venue for its professional meeting session on 11 April. The event was opened by Major General dr. Tamás Tóth, Director General of the Hungarian Prison Service who welcomed Lieutenant General (ret.) dr. József Hatala and the guests, praised its activity and expressed his hopes for future collaboration.

16 April 2018
Professionals from the Kraków Prison Visit Szeged

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Professionals from Kraków had the chance to familiarize themselves with the operation of three prisons at Szeged, Pálhalma and Kecskemét.



20 April 2018
Two World Cup Victories

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Attila Kiss staff sergeant, prison officer at Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison won a golden medal in powerlifting and deadlift at V4 World Cup organized in Győr on 20 April.

23 April 2018
Energetic Development in Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

An energy-efficient LED technology has replaced conventional lighting in Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The nearly 18 million Forint development was realized with the support of the tender of the Ministry of the Interior.



24 April 2018
Dog Trainers' Course in Szeged

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Test of courage, capture of fugitives, escort of prisoner groups – some of the tasks from the curriculum of the K9 patrol course organized by the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison, during which five K9 officers practiced for the exam in June.

30 April 2018

Training of Operative Teams

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The training of operational teams of Northeast Region took place at the end of April. Following operational teams of the prison service attended the course: Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Tiszalök National Prison, Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Remand Prison, Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison, Heves County Remand Prison, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Remand Prison.

3 May 2018

Report of the Spring Conference of the Hungarian Prison Association

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Prison Association organized a conference on 3 May at the ELTE Law Faculty with the topic: “Changes in criminal law, new directions – 140 anniversary of the Csemegi-codex”.

5 May 2018

Ultreya X

SÁTORALJAUJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison hosted the X. Hungarian Prison Ultreya on 5 May, with the participation of 24 detainees, 4 cursillo co-workers and a church choir.

11 May 2018

Inmates and Actors Playing Soccer Together

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The Actors Football Team stepped on the football pitch within the Budapest Remand Prison on 11 May. This friendly competition is an almost decade-long tradition in which acclaimed Hungarian actors play against the prisoners of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Budapest Remand Prison in two sessions lasting 15 minutes. The venue changes each year, this year's championship was titled the “Venyige Cup”.

11-15 May 2018

Welcoming the Delegation of the Visegrád Cooperation

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

The K9 experts of the Tököl National Prison welcomed their colleagues on a day dedicated to the profession and shared their knowledge with them. The conference which lasted five days from 11 May enabled the participants to acquire new knowledge and hone their skills. After the introduction hosted by Col. Ferenc Pesti, governor, the participants visited the dog kennel in operation. The visit ended with a demonstration by the tracking and guard service dogs.

16 May 2018

Military Survival Run – Survival Competition, Law Enforcement Style

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 16 May, 4 colleagues of the Budapest Remand prison participated at one of the toughest national competitions, the Military Survival Run trial obstacle run.

17 May 2018

Welcoming a Polish Court Delegation

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

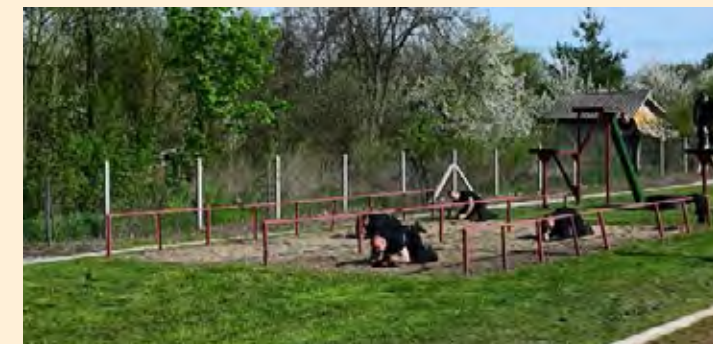
On 17 May, judges and executives from the Wroclaw Court of Appeals along with judges from the Szolnok Court of Appeals visited the Jász-Nagykun-County

18 May 2018

Political Prisoners Lay Wreath in the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The victims of the political repercussions of the 50's and other invited guests filled the audience hall of the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison. Not only did they commemorate the events, but also had others remember to them as well. The event was concluded by laying wreath in front of the memorial plaque and a mass.



18 May 2018

Training of K9 Dogs

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The regional K9 profession day was organized again with the participation of the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison, the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Remand Prison the Tiszalök National Prison and the Heves County Remand Prison. During the event, the participants had the chance to practice their special tasks and have an exam.



22-25 May 2018

Community Reparation

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The community reparation was organized between 22 – 25 May within the Káptalan street Open-air stage in Pécs. Following maintenance and cleaning, the audience could return to using it.

23 May 2018

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Virgin Mary

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Within the joint organization of the Ministry of National Defense and the Hungarian Prison Service, personnel and their relatives had the chance to participate on one of the oldest pilgrimages of Hungary, which has been welcoming pilgrims for over 800 years now.

23 May 2018

Ministry of Interior Athletic Championship 2018

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The tournament was held on 23 May within the Ikarus Center where 34 teams represented their departments. The event was opened by Col. Tamás Farsang, executive director, Márton Vincze P., the managing director of the Hungarian Associaty for Law Enforcement Sports and the Education Centre of Police.



25 May 2018

Palóc Cup

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Prisons from Eastern and Northern Hungary vied for victory during the “Palóc Cup” event, held on 25 May. The competition was hosted by the Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison.

25 May 2018

Handcuffs in the Barracks

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Our colleagues popularized the work performed on the field of corrections during the open day of Division no. 64 of the Hungarian Armed Forces in its Kaposvár barracks.

25 May 2018

Sports in the City of Gyula

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The prisoners of the Békés County Remand Prison made sure that those wishing to perform activities at the Christián László Municipal Sports Grounds could do so in a friendly environment. The prisoners cleaned the gravel athletics field and the football pitch and its vicinity.



25 May 2018

The “Bridge of Love” Turning 10

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Reformatory Church of the Carpathian Basin organized for the tenth time the program titled “Bridge of Love”. As a sign of compensation and reparation, the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison joined the initiative as well. The program – which extends through borders as well – is dedicated to the preservation and development of our environment. On 25 May, 12 prisoners volunteered to clean the stairwell of unit B.





26 May 2018

Restorative Work in Debrecen

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Three prisoners serving a final sentence volunteered to participate in the renovation of the kindergarten's playfield belonging to the Debrecen Reformatory College.

The prison has had a good relationship with the kindergarten's board, thus returns every once in a while to help.

28 May 2018

We Excel in Dragonboating as well

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison was invited for the fifth Sárospatak Dragonboat Festival and honored the invitation with an excellent performance.

29 May 2018

Church Library for the Prisoners

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The new element of the library system dedicated to the prisoners was ceremoniously given over for future use: books of religious topics were catalogued and classified for ease of access.

30 May 2018

Targeting Education and Development

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The Budapest Remand Prison oversaw the completion of two courses that might be of great help to the prisoners during their life within the prison walls or even after release. The courses focusing on endeavors facilitating reintegration were made available through the grant provided by the Ministry of Human Capacities within the framework of an EU application.



1 June 2018

Cell Guards on the Water

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 10th Law Enforcement Dragonboat Tournament was organized at the beginning of June, with the participation of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The event – which was jointly organized by the Municipal Disaster Management Directorate and the Budapest Firemen's Union – allowed the participants to measure against each other on a course ranging 200m.

5 June 2018

Children's Day Donations to the Veszprém Nursery Home

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The baby-sized clothing and children's pillows are being made with reparation in mind as the Veszprém County Remand Prison donated them to the Veszprém Nursery Home. The prison houses female detainees who participate in a tailoring course included within the National Qualification Register who devoted weeks of their time to create the items to be donated by the institution. The donation was given over by Colonel Éva Németh, the governor of the institution.



7 June 2018

National Pray Day for Prisoners in Baracska

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Almost 150 prisoners from 9 prisons participated in the 8th National Pray Day for prisoners, organized by the Central Transdanubia National Prison. The main attribute of the pray day is the fact that each year there is a different institution that serves as the host of the event. During the Pray Day one already released formed convict spoke about faith, while the other participants sang sermons and listened to the director of the Reformatory Mission Center. The event was concluded with a blessing.





8 June 2018

Recruitment Presentations

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison puts great emphasis on the adequate provision of information to those who are interested in our profession, with particular focus on young people. The prison also hosts crime prevention events and operates and exhibition as well. During the end of each semester they talk to high school students about the profession.

11 June 2018

"Our affairs between 1945 and 1963" – Session of the History Section

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Correctional Society along with the Commission for National Memory hosted its annual session meeting on 11 June, titled "Our Affairs between 1945 and 1963". The event took place within an exclusive venue, the National University of Public Service's Faculty of Law Enforcement.

Hungarian Prison Service

11 June 2018

Visit of a Slovak Delegation

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Three members of the Slovak Correctional Service's Trade Union visited the Baranya County Remand Prison, being accompanied by the Independent Correctional Trade Union. The delegation was welcomed by deputy governor Lt. Col. Dr. Béla Bencze who also gave a brief presentation about the units of the institution.



11 June 2018

First Place in the Palóc Cup

BORSOD-ABAÚJ-ZEMPLÉN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

During the annually hosted training competition the team of the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Remand Prison managed to step on the topmost level of the stage.

13 June 2018

Horse Auction at Állampuszta

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

During the annually hosted training competition the team of the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Remand Prison managed to step on the topmost level of the stage.

This was the first time that a horse auction was held. 21 horses were open for auction during the beginning of June in the stables next to the Limited Company adjacent to the prison.



13 June 2018

Prisoners on Pilgrimage

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE



Almost 80 prisoners from 16 different institutions participated at the third national prisoner pilgrimage organized by the Hungarian Prison Service and the Military Chaplain of the Hungarian Armed Forces at Mátraverebély – Szentkút.



23 June 2018
Great Success at the Night of the Museums

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The first-of-its-kind event brought an unexpected number of visitors on the night of 23 June. The Headquarters was visited by more than 1100 within 6 hours. Our colleagues were dedicated in their job of catering to the needs of our guests, leaving them with lasting memories. After the long queue, visitors had the chance to enter St. Adrian Yard, which was the venue of the Prison Museum's exhibition. Visitors could also had their finger- and palm prints taken and could try the stocks on display while our colleagues captured handcuffed them and captured the moment using their cameras.

30 June 2018
Cadets' Passing-out

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Following the tradition of the previous years the National University of Public Service held its annual passing-out ceremony in the Buda Castle. In the presence of the Holy Crown, the historical flags of Hungary, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and the board of generals correctional commissioned officers also swore their oaths.



14 June 2018
Dr. Rex in the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The CEO of the Dr. Rex Association, dr. Károly Varga and his four-legged assistant visited the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The colleagues of the association and their highly trained dogs have been doing work for the community for a long while.

19-21 June 2018
Venyige "On Fire"

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The Budapest Remand Prison served as the venue for the joint training exercise conducted by the Budapest Directorate for Disaster Management and the Budapest Remand Prison in the institution's Maglódi út unit.



20 June 2018
For a Greener Kaposvár

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Prisoners planted flowers in front of the prison within the program "For a Greener Kaposvár", with the professional help of the city's professional caretaker service.



20 June 2018
Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison Wins the Patrol Championship

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The Patrol Championship of the Hungarian Prison Service was organized on 20 June, within the premises of the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison. During the competition, the participants had to complete practical exercises, written tests and also had their shooting skills tested besides the mandatory 9 kilometer trail run.





1 July 2018

Law Enforcement and Military Days at Rákosmente

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The seventh iteration of the Rákosmente Law Enforcement and Military Days had unique elements on its agenda. The goal of the event lasting three days is to introduce the militaries and law enforcement agencies of other nations and to maintain Hungarian military traditions.

4 July 2018

New Service Vehicles

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Director General of the Hungarian Prison Service, Major General Dr. Tamás Tóth gave over 10 VW T6 transporter minivans for the prisons' further use on 4 July. 9 vehicles remained in the use of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters.



8 July 2018

International Watersports and Family Day

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The 7th international Watersports and Family Day was organized in the Aquatherma Thermal Village. During the event, the police was represented by 3 Hungarian and one Slovenian team, while the correctional field was represented by the Zala County Remand Prison.

11 July 2018

Golden Age of the Prison

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

As the fruit of the cooperation between the Petőfi Museum of Literature, the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Prison Museum, the mobile exhibition titled "Arany 200" was available for the visitors. The bus that had been repurposed by the Petőfi Museum of Literature started its road show on 11 July in order to popularize the bicentenary of the birth of poet János Arany.

12 July 2018

15th Dankó Pista Festival in the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 15 Dankó Pista Festival started with a cultural competition on 12 July, within the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The prison also hosted talent show with the participation of 17 prisoners.

13 July 2018

Gift for the Kindergarten

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Threadwoven pictures created by the prisoners of the Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison were given over to the Hermann Alice Kindergarten. The presents were provided by Lt. Col. Péter Takács, executive for finance.



13 July 2018

Cooperation with our Polish Partners

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison welcomed four colleagues from the Koszalin Investigation Detention Centre. Besides the routine-like exchange of experience, the parties also entered into a cooperation agreement in order to strengthen international relations. The colleagues from Poland visited the sections of the prison and the "Kisfogház" Memorial Cell too.





13 July 2018

Prisoners' Charity for Children with Diabetes

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The prisoners of the Békés County Remand Prison participated in a charity event organized in the Almási Castle by the Diaboló Foundation for Children with Diabetes.

18 July 2018

Football

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RECREATION CENTER OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The annual football championship of the organization was held on 18 July. The event was opened by Colonel Tamás Farsang, the director of the institution who later closed it as well by issuing the rewards and evaluating the performances. First place was awarded to the team of the Pálhalma National Prison.



Hungarian Prison Service

24 July 2018

Discipline and Order

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

The Incarceration Affairs Service of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters hosted a regional conference titled "Discipline and Order – The Lawful Execution of Tasks" on 24 July. Besides the hosts from Tököl, representatives from the Middle-Transdanubium National Prison, the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison also contributed to the conference with their expertise.

25 July 2018

Recruitment at the Vác Fair

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Our colleagues introduced the beauty of our profession to the interested guests. The Vác Fair has become a tradition for the locals during which the informative presence of the institution popularized the career's benefits.



30 July – 10 August 2018

Sun, Sunshine, Summer Camp

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The audience chamber of the Pálhalma National Prison was once again taken over by the children. Between 30 July and 10 August, a total of 39 kids enjoyed the programs offered to them. The city museum provided an interactive exhibition for them to become familiarized with the tools used by our predecessors. Those who had the courage could complete an obstacle course after a brief presentation by the members of the local police.

1 August 2018

Detention Conditions Improve Further

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The renovation of the prisoners' cells within the two units of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison was completed with spectacular results. During work, prison workforce was implemented as well. As a result of the cell mergers, more than 100 living sections were renovated in the left unit of the institution with separately ventilated restrooms being installed in each of them. Six water blocks were also reconstructed in Unit B along with the restrooms of the schooling area.

1 August 2018

Zserbó, the New Service Dog in Vác

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON



Although only 11 weeks old, the pup who belongs to the "staff" of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters will likely become a great substance detector dog following his training. The German Shepherd called Zserbó only puts himself into service to provide joy for the Vác colleagues, but will likely have a lot more on his paws later.



3 August 2018 IT Training in Eger

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

15 prisoners participated in the IT training project realized within the framework of the GINOP 6.1.2-15 “Reducing the Digital Gap”, hosted by the Heves County Remand Prison.

6 August 2018 Solar Panels in the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison

SÁTORALJAUJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

With an EU grant of almost HUF 133 million, the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison managed to cover most of its electricity needs through the means of solar panel. The project was implemented within the framework of the



KEHOP project.

6 August 2018 Chinese Delegation Visited Vác

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

A delegation from the Tianjin Bureau of Justice under the direction of Mr. Zheng Yanxiang visited Hungary. The executives of the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison had the privilege of introducing the operation of our service to the visitors through the work of the Vác institution itself. Following the welcome speech, Lt. Col. József Kárdási, the deputy governor of the prison gave a speech on the past and present of the institution, the training and education of prisoners and certain local peculiarities.



17 August 2018 22nd IPA Shooting Contest

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

On 17 August, the shooting field of the prison served as the venue for the shooting contest organized by the Kalocsa Division of the IPA International Organization. The event was visited by 150 participants divided into 13 teams. Among the competitors was the Paks Municipal Police, the Állampusztá National Prison and the Kecskemét Air Base as well.



17 August 2018 Tököl Wins the 3rd Prison Theatre Conference

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

This was the third occasion during which able and capable prisoners received the chance to prove their talents since on 17 August 2018, the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters hosted the 3rd Prison Theatre Conference in Budapest's József Attila Theatre. Most of the Hungarian Prison's drama groups joined the show, which means that – taking into account the regional finals – 150 prisoners from 16 institutions participated in it with the help of reintegration officers, pedagogues and acclaimed actors and directors. The prisoners who stepped on the stage had been preparing for it devoting their own free time after completing their work.



Hungarian Prison Service

18 August 2018 Political Convicts Laid wreath

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Community of Political Convicts has a long tradition of laying wreath; however in 2018 the commemoration was different. On the ceremony the management of Sátoraljaújhely was present as well.

18 August 2018 Our Colleagues Were Running "Crazy"

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On the 7th Auchan Crazy Race in Debrecen the Budapest Remand Prison was represented by a mixed team of four in law enforcement category.



19 August 2018 Detainees bake the Festive Bread in Prison

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On the occasion of our national holiday, 20 August, the festive bread of the Hungarian Prison Service was baked in the bakery nearby Baracska Remand Prison, and blessed by Gábor Tornyai catholic priest and prison chaplain.



21 August 2018 Continuous Renewal

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Zala County Remand Prison continues its building development program in 2018, it has 608 solar cells in service to ensure energy-conscious operation.

22 August 2018 Professional Armorer's day

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The national prison held a professional day for armorers. The main topic discussed was the materials used in recent period, and the exchange of experiences.

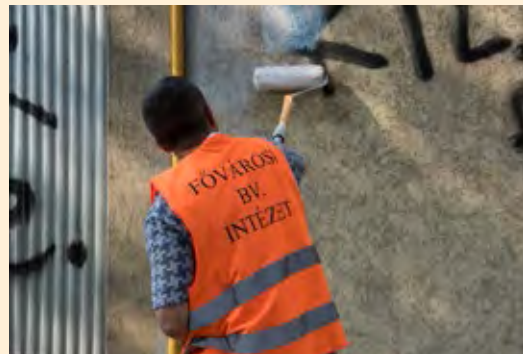


23 August 2018 Recruitment at Szeged Youth Days

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

For the first time, surrounded by great interest the visitors of the Szeged Youth Days had the opportunity to familiarize with the work and prison life of Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison.





Hungarian Prison Service

24 August 2018 Inmates for a Nicer Budapest

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

Inmates of the Budapest Remand Prison, participating in the redemption program were renovating the fence of a family house opposite the prison damaged by graffiti.

28 August 2018 Redemption in Bajcsy-Zsilinszky Hospital

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In the framework of the redemption program, inmates helped out in the Bajcsy-Zsilinszky Hospital.



28 August 2018 We helped at Ágota Foundation

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

Our detainees helped Ágota Foundation – Foundation for Children living in State Care and for Supporting Youth at Risk. The detainees helped to build a fence for the property in Tass-Alsószenttamás area, owned by the Foundation.



28 August 2018 The First Distance Hearing

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In Tolna County Remand Prison the first distance hearing was arranged. The penitentiary judge decided to conduct the hearing of two detainees using this new procedure. The penitentiary judge reached two verdicts: one decision of conditional release and one decision of revocation reintegration custody. The distance hearing essentially means that the hearing takes place at the penitentiary institution instead of a courtroom. The great benefit of the distance hearing compared to court hearing is the security and the cost-effectiveness.



29 August 2018 Professional Institute Visit

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Instructors not trained in penitentiary objects of secondary schools participating in law enforcement studies had the opportunity to participate in a professional institute visit at Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison on 29 August. During the extensive professional program the instructors could get a comprehensive picture of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison, the activities of BUFA Ltd. and the work of Hungarian Prison Service.

3 September 2018 Detainees of Veszprém County Remand Prison Helped in Social Homes

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In the framework of redemption work the detainees carried out reparation work for three days in the residential facility in Tűzér utca. The sight of inmates in grey uniforms is no longer unusual in Fenyveserdő Nursing Home, as they have accomplished several works in recent years. Help was appreciated this time too; the inmates fixed the hallway and repainted the worn-out base board.

3 September 2018

Donations Received at the Charity Show Handed over to the Hospital

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The donations received end of July at the charity show of inmates of Bakony Theater Group was handed over to Emberkék Found of the Csolnoky Ferenc Hospital, the almost two hundred thousand forints found a good place again.



6 September 2018

Inmates Helped in two Locations in One Day

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The entrance of the local educational institution of the county pedagogical service was tidied up, and the tools on the court of "Aprók Háza" day nursery were fixed. The inmates who volunteered participated in an EFOP reintegration program.



6 September 2018

Power Hike Tour in Magas-Bakony

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Every 6 team members of the "Sopronkőhida Home-walking team" participated the second time around in the power hike tour in Magas-Bakony. The law enforcement was not only represented by Sopronkőhida, but a team of 8 members from the Hungarian Army was also present.

7 September 2018

We Have Extended the Cooperation with our Slovak Partner

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On the occasion of the 47 anniversary of the Dubnica Prison and the Slovakian Prison Service Day the cooperation between Slovakian and Hungarian Prison Services was extended in Dubnice assembly hall. The event began with a reward ceremony, followed by the signing of a cooperation agreement by Director Andrej Kubiš and brigadier general Károly Kopcsik, director of the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison.



8 September 2018

Saint Adrian's Day (the Twenty-third Time)

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Prison Service celebrated the twenty-third time on 8 September the day of Saint Adorjan. The patron saint of prison guards was a Roman soldier during the reign of Emperor Maximianus, who died as a martyr for his Christian faith. Saint Adorjan is since 1996 the patron of the Hungarian Prison Service. The Hungarian Prison Service organized it's family day at an unusual location, the Budakeszi Wildlife Park. On this sunny day, we had almost 3500 visitors from all over the country, co-workers and family members from all institutions came to celebrate and relax.





Hungarian Prison Service

11 September 2018 Waste Sorting Exam in Prison

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

Waste sorting and processing qualification was awarded to prisoners in Tiszalök prison. The exam was held on 11 September. The 120 hours course consisted of complex oral and practical tasks, all 15 participants completed the exam successfully.

12 September 2018 Regional Profession Day

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison and the Control and Security Service of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters hosted the regional professional on 12 September. The subject of the event was the RobotZsarú system 2018, particularly the changes implemented in the system from 1 July, with the introduction of the service organization model. The participants arrived from Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison, from Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison, from Szombathely National Prison.



13 September 2018 Polish Judicial Experts in the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison



BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On 13 September a Polish judicial expert group visited the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. During the professional visit organized by Ministry of Justice the delegation got acquainted with the Hungarian regulations of probation supervision, and the operation of the probation service. Lt. Colonel Ferenc Juhász, Head of the Probation Department introduced the practical side of the Hungarian probation service.



13-16 September 2018 Europe's First Prison Cursillo for Juvenile Detainees

BORSOD-ABAÚJ-ZEMPLÉN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Juvenile Regional Prison in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén Remand Prison hosted Europe's first prison cursillo held for juvenile detainees. 15 cooperative and adherent juvenile detainees could participate on the spiritual training.

14 September 2018 Donation of Canned Food

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On initiative of detainees of the Szekszárd Prison hundreds of canned food was donated to a charity organization. As a result, the inmates could experience the happiness of giving.

15 September 2018 Inmates Also Collected Garbage on Autumn TeSzedd! Garbage Collection Day

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The second time this year, the inmates of Budapest Remand Prison participated voluntarily and at their free time to clear up illegal landfills in the capital.

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17 September 2018

Retribution

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The chiefs of a nearby kindergarten requested that the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison contribute to the maintenance of the external premises. With the cooperation of the staff members and through the help of our colleagues and prisoners, several areas of the kindergarten got touched up a bit.



19 September 2018

National Archery Competition

BORSOD-ABAÚJ-ZEMPLÉN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

During the annual "Aliska" National Archery Competition, the representatives of the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County ended up in the top three.

19 September 2018

Retribution for a Better Environment

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY REMAND PRISON

As part of a retribution program, the prisoners participated in the renovation of the local church and its vicinity and the area between the two institutions.

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20 September 2018

National Shakedown

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

With the contribution of the Riot Police, the National Tax and Customs Agency, the Hungarian Prison Service concluded its most significant shakedown on 20 September. The operation was directed and organized from the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters and was aimed at each and every prison found in Hungary. During the procedure, the professionals participating in the shakedown monitored more than 4 000 cells and almost 17 000 prisoners in order to find contraband items – mostly cell phones – prisoners might have hidden before.



21 September 2018

22th Lovas Bálint Fishing Competition

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Organized by the Middle-Transdanubium National Prison and Annamajor Ltd., the 22th Fishing Competition took place on 21 September at Sárbogárd-Örspusztá with the participation of 36 teams. The weather was favorable, which resulted in an increased amount of fish caught – a total of 824 kgs.





22 September 2018 Prisoners on the Stage

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On 22 September, as one of the most unique events within the agenda of the Night of the Theatres, some of the best actors of the national prison theatre scene appeared on the stage of the Basement Theatre with the play that had previously won the 3rd National Prison Theatre Conference. The actors from the Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison introduced an interactive crime prevention play to the audience.



22 September 2018 12th Nógrád County Days

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 12 Nógrád County Days event was organized at Érsekvadkert. The Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison is traditionally invited each year. This year, the prison took part as an exhibitor displaying information about the institution and several creations of its inmates.

25-27 September 2018 Szeged K9 Handlers Finish First in Two Sections

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Middle-Transdanubium National Prison served as the venue for the 8th competition for K9 service dogs and their handlers. The team of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison won the “patrol” and the “mixed use” sections of the tournament. The event was an international one since representatives from partner authorities (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland), also participated in it, raising the total number of competitors to 49. The Szeged institution also had an individual second place as the result of the great performance of one of its dogs in the “substance detection” category.

26 September 2018 Successful Distance Hearing in Tököl

TÖKÖL STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

During the judicial vacations of the summer, modern technology was installed within the institution which was later put to use with great success.

28 September 2018 Remembering the Heroes of '56

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 60th anniversary martyr of the Revolution of 1956, dr. Zoltán Szobonya was the foundation behind the commemoration event held on 28 September at the memorial plaque of the institution. During the commemoration, Minister responsible for the Prime Minister's office Dr. Gergely Gulyás and the governor of the institution, Col. Dr. Tibor Zakhar gave speeches.

29 September 2018 Recruitment on Apple Day

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The famous Apple Festival was once again organized at changer, for the 17th occasion. The Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Remand Prison took the opportunity and offered the visitors the chance to become acquainted with the operation of the Hungarian Prison Service

1 October, 2018 Heated Accommodation Renovated

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Hungarian Maltese Charity Organization (MMSZ) requested the help of the Veszprém institution in order to have the prisoners renovate the heated accommodation near the train station, based on a cooperation agreement. The organization provided the requested materials and tools, while volunteering prisoners had three days to paint the locale.



4 October, 2018**Civil Guards Visit**

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The civil guards from the municipalities of Koroncó and Nyúl were welcomed by the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison. As a sign of good cooperation and professional relations, the members of the institution also visited the partner's "Civil Guard-day" earlier, during which they introduced the operation of the correctional field and performed recruitment activities.

4 October, 2018**"Making the World a Better Place" Retribution**

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison hosted a retribution activity titled "Making the World a Better Place". The project took place within the framework of the project titled "EFOP-1.3.3-16-2016-00001 for the reintegration of prisoners", during which prisoners volunteered to renovate the local office of the Hungarian Association of Blindness and Impaired Vision.

**5 October, 2018****Welcoming a Foreign Delegation**

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Judges from Austria and Hungary participated in a professional visit conducted within the Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The chief judge and the staff members of the Regional Court of Wiener-Neustadt arrived based on the invitation issued by the Győr Court of Appeals, within the framework of a cooperation agreement existing between the two organizations.

5 October, 2018**Commemorating Prisoners of War**

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

This was the third occasion when the Szeged institution dedicated a commemorative day to the memories of the prisoners of war detained within the prison between 1944 and 1945. The event concluded with a documentary and several speeches, followed by a performance provided by the Central Band of the National Directorate for Disaster Management. After the conference, the participants laid a wreath on the memorial plaque located on the façade of the prison.

**8-10 October, 2018****Redemption in the Janus Pannonius Museum**

BARANYA COUNT REMAND PRISON

One of the neo-renaissance styled buildings within Pécs served as the venue for the exhibition of one of the most popular Hungarian painters, Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka – and also for the redemption activity of the prisoners, since they renovated the basement of the museum and collected the construction material in order to make their removal from the museum easier.

9 October, 2018**Garbage Disposal in the Hortobágy National Park**

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Each year, the Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison takes part in the national garbage disposal campaign titled "TeSzedd!". This year, convicted prisoners collected 34 bags of garbage and several thrown away appliances as well.

9 October, 2018**Anniversary for Tiszalök**

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

The Tiszalök National Prison celebrated its decade-long existence with a holy mass on 9 October.





9 October, 2018

Prisoners Building Kiskunhalas

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Prison Service had a significant milestone to achieve in its endeavor to expand its capacity: the construction of the new prison in Kiskunhalas, at the premises of the former Alien Policing Centre. The majority of the labour was performed by the prisoners, so – in essence – they built a prison for themselves.

11 October, 2018

Re-Action Program

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

As part of the national interactive crime prevention program, the Krúdy Gyula Grammar School and High School hosted the “Re-Action” Program, in which the Hungarian Prison Service participated as well. From the Győr institution, Lt. Col. Tamás Halmai spoke about the operation of the facility, the work performed by his colleagues and the daily schedule of the prisoners.

Hungarian Prison Service



15–18 October, 2018

Delegation from Thuringia

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The professional delegation of the Hungarian-Thuringian Committee, led by executive director dr. Stefan Giebel was welcomed by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service.



16 October 2018

Uniforms on Display

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters launched an educational roadshow nationwide, which was opened by Service spokesman Lt. Col. Zoltán Orosz, Col. Éva Németh, the governor of the Veszprém County Remand Prison and Deputy Major Mária Brányi. The goal of the events is to make sure that the civil populace receives a broader picture about the institution, our profession and our results.



17 October 2018

Cursillo at Solt

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The prison cursillo was organized for the 4th occasion in the Állampuszta National Prison. The cursillo has its roots in Spain, and is one of the first secular initiatives in this regard. With it, both religious and non-religious subjects can contemplate the Christian approach to certain matters and seek for answers regarding today's challenges.

18 October 2018

German Professionals Visit Kaposvár Prison

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

German correctional professionals visited the Somogy County Remand Prison on 17 October. The guests were welcomed by Lt. Col. István Nagy, the governor of the institution who later gave a description about the tasks and scope of activities of the prison.



18 October 2018

Recruitment at Michael's Day Fair

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Debrecen Michael's Day Fair was visited by the colleagues of the Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison. During the event, our colleagues introduced the aspects of the correctional field to those interested and brought some coercive equipment for display.



18 October 2018

Redemption – Convicts Assisting City Environment Works

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

The Tiszalök National Prison – on 9 occasions, totally – participated in the cleaning of the Tiszalök city streets as an activity for the redemption of the prisoners. A total of 51 persons were included in the initiative during which the local environment improved a lot.

19 October 2018

Where Heroes are not Forgotten, will Always Be New Ones

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Zala County Remand Prison organized a commemorative event on the occasion of the 62th anniversary of the Revolution of 1956.



19 October 2018

Tornyos Cup

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Parliamentary Guard organized – for the 6th occasion – the Tornyos Cup on 19 October, to which all those agencies that belong under the Ministry of Interior, their retired members and students were invited. The Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison was represented by Lt. Col. Richárd Kelemen, in which he earned third place in the category MASTERS 1 and a weight class of 105 kg.

19 October 2018

Great Success on the Bench Pressing Competition

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The members of the Hungarian Prison Service earned spectacular results in the Bench Pressing Competition, gaining 16 medals.

24 October 2018

Perimeter Wall Renovation

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The renovation on the perimeter wall of the Zala County Remand Prison have been finished. The implementation was realized using internal resources, without the involvement of external experts, using prisoner workforce.



25 October 2018

National Roadshow

MIDDLE-TRANSDANUBIUM NATIONAL PRISON

The Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters started a nationwide informative campaign, with its second staging being Székesfehérvár. During the event, the mobile exhibition of the Prison Museum of Sátoraljaújhely was available for the visitors. The Human Resources Service was also present and several service branches also provided possibility for those interested to glimpse into the activity of the service.



27 October 2018

Correctional Roadshow in Kaposvár

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

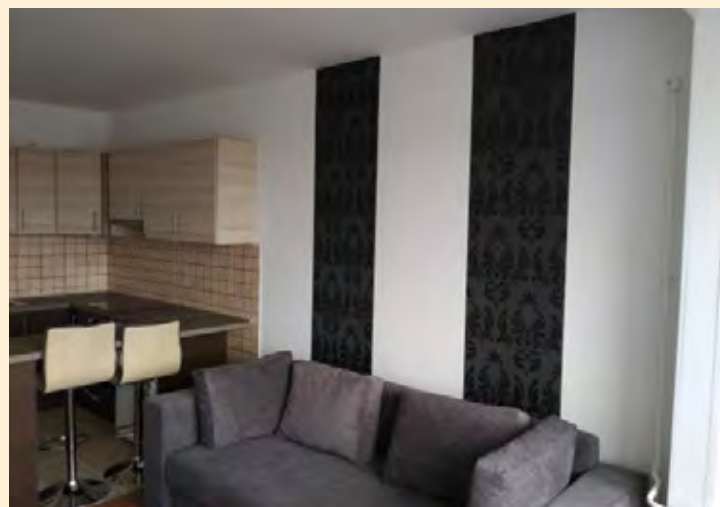
The informative campaign of the Hungarian Prison Service arrived at the Kaposvár Plaza on 27 October. At the recruitment table those who were interested received information regarding the and special entry requirements and the application procedure. The Special Operations Division displayed coercive equipment, demonstrated their use, and the participants could also have their fingerprints taken. Colleagues of the Prison Museum also brought equipment from the early era, and those with the courage could try out the stocks as well.

31 October 2018

Renovating the Hostel of the Dunakeszi Police Precinct

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Convicted prisoners serving their sentence in the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison renovated the hostel for the officers of the Dunakeszi Police Precinct.



6 November 2018

Drug prevention remediation program

SZOMBATHELY NATIONAL PRISON

There was drug prevention and crime prevention program in the framework of a studio talk with the participation of four prisoners, who are the participants of the so called EFOP 1.3.3-16-2016-00001 "Reintegration of prisoners" program, and are all imprisoned for drug related offenses.

9 November 2018

Career choice event

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On the 9th of November the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison participated in the career choice event held in Győr's university hall.



12-14 November 2018

The Hungarian Prison Service Took Part at Crimalexpo XXII

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Between the 12-14 of November with the title of "Communication for a Secure World, communication for Secure Hungary" the XXII. Security and IT, crime prevention, law enforcement, justice conference the so called Crimalexpo was held. There have been high quality presentations involving the prison service in the program of the event on the 13th and 14th of November as well.





12–16 November 2018 Open Day of the Hungarian Prison Service

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTER
OF THE PRISON SERVICE

Between 12 and 16 of November open days were held by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Center of the Prison Service. The aim of the open day was to familiarize the students who are interested in the law enforcement with the work of the prison service.

13–15 November 2018

The Governor of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison Has Received the Highest Award of the Prison Service from the Polish Minister of Justice

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Krakow Regional Prison Service Headquarters and the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison have a five years relationship. In the recent years the Polish and Hungarian experts of the prison service have familiarized with each other's work by mutual exchange of working methods. Last time, from the 13th of November, for three days the Hungarian experts with the guidance of the Governor of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison have been informed about the situation in Poland. As a recognition of the five years relationship brig. gen. Sándor Tikász has received the highest award of the prison service from the Polish Minister of Justice.

14 November 2018

EFOP Vocational Training

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison 30 prisoners took part in the so called EFOP-1.33-16-2016-00001 textile production vocational training financed by the EU.



14 November 2018

Visit of the Ombudsman at the Zala County Remand Prison

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On the 14th of November the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights have attended for a working visit at the Zala County Remand Prison, during which he visited the institution in the companion of the Slovenian deputy ombudsman of the Bureau of the Ombudsman for Human Rights and with his college.

15 November 2018

Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison Continues its Improvement

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The new unit, the ceremony hall, dining room, medical ward and the solar panels are already completed, which was followed by renovating the façade of the building



15 November 2018

Temporary Blood Donation Venue

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 15 November, the Baranya County Remand Prison Served as the venue for a blood donation opportunity offered to staff members. More and more colleagues are applying to donate their blood for a good cause: to help those in need. Several of the participants were first-timers. However, there were some for who this was the 30th occasion.

15 November 2018 Prison Service Wins "Website of the Year" Award

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Marketing Association and the Internet Branch organized a competition titled "Website of the Year" with a total of 200 participants. The Hungarian Prison Service received the Quality Award from the professional judges.



20 November 2018 Distance Hearings

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Distance Hearing Rooms started their operation within the Győr-Moson-County Remand Prison, easing the burden on the shoulders of the staff members.

21 November 2018 Colleagues Donate Blood

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The institution created a Health Plan for the protection of the health of its personnel, and – adequately – also organized several health-associated programs (e. g. vision check, blood donation). Several colleagues participated in the Program.



21 November 2018 "Boundless Science" Conference

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The institution organized a scientific conference on 21 November within the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, titled "Boundless Science – Effects of the New Criminal Procedure Code on the Hungarian Prison Service". The conference was organized with the contribution of the National Institution of Criminology, the Bureau of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters and the Science Council of the Service.

23 November 2018 Digital Open Day of Courts

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 23 November at the Szolnok Court, a Digital Open Day was organized where representatives from the National Bureau of Courts introduced the technological developments initiated in the last six years. The event was visited by governor Col. Ákos Horváth, who tested the new link between the prison and the court along with dr. Dömötör Ivanov.

26 November 2018 Roadshow at Nyíregyháza

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY
REMAND PRISON

The next stop of the roadshow was at Nyíregyháza. Similarly to the previous one, visitors had the chance to see the exhibit of the Prison Museum. Executives from the HR Service were present to provide the information required for a full-scope introduction to the operation of the service.



28 November 2018 Security Section Session at Szombathely

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The next iteration of the Security Section of the Hungarian Correctional Society was organized on 28 November within the Szombathely National Prison.

28 November 2018 Presentation by Author and Poet Zsolt Dicső

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Author Zsolt Dicső from Szekszárd gave a presentation within the Tolna County Remand Prison. A total of 26 prisoners volunteered for the presentation who were interested in what he had to say. After a personal introduction, Zsolt Dicső talked about his life and work, for which the city of Szekszárd gave him an award. This commemoration was received due to his exemplary career. He also talked about the photos he took – they are special since they include poetic text as well.

29 November 2018 Human Section Session in Kecskemét

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Human Section of the Hungarian Correctional Society held its session within Unit 2 of the institution. The topic was the education of prisoners and their vocational training

30 November 2018 Visit of a Croatian Delegation

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

A delegation from the Croatian partner visited the institution on 30 November.



1 December 2018 Play „Good Samaritan” and Donation

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In early December as a social engagement of the prisoners of Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison the drama group performed a stage-play called the “Good Samaritan”. It was also an important element of the program, as Christmas was approaching, that the Balassagyarmat prisoners organized a donation for charity.

2 December 2018 Advent Bible-competition

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On the first Sunday of Advent, on December 2nd, national Bible competition was organized for the 11th time by the Hungarian Organization of Prison Ministers.





3 December 2018

Csaba Bőjte's Visit in the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Csaba Bőjte brought the message of Advent to the prisoners. The Franciscan monk visited the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison on the 3rd of December.



3 December 2018

National Roadshow at Szolnok

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The fifth station of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters' nationwide roadshow was Szolnok. The program was opened with press conference by lieutenant colonel Zoltán Orosz the spokesman of the organization, lieutenant Ákos Horvát governor of the institution, and Ferenc Szalay mayor. The purpose of the event was to give to the civilian population a more complete picture about the prison service institutes, about our professions and achievements.



5 December 2018

Digital Open Day

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The Budapest Remand Prison was also represented on the 5th of December at the 8th station of the Digital Open Day, at the Central District Court of Buda.



5 December 2018

Another 144 Beds in Prisons

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Hungarian Prison Service has made another significant development to increase the capacity by building the "F" quarter at the Solt unit of Állampuszta National Prison. In the newest wing of prison – housing 144 prisoners – the cells are equipped with hot and cold water blocks and separated closed closets.

This year the Hungarian Prison Service has joined again to the national initiation called SantaFactory, therefore at the opening ceremony of the new area Maj. Gen. Dr. Tamás Tóth Director General of the Prison Service handed over 600 packages of pasta, – made by prisoner workforce – which was donated by the Hungarian Prison Service through the SantaFactory to the families in need.

6 December 2018

Mass at Dawn in the Prison

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

It has been a tradition in the institute for four years now, that during the times of advent every interested prisoner can take part at the mass at dawn. This ceremony is a specific liturgical occasion of the Christmas period. On this occasion the first mass was held by the prison chaplain Imre Nagy with the participation of ten female prisoners in the prayer room on the 6th of December, and until Christmas on every Thursday it was possible for prisoners to apply for prayer.



6 December 2018.

The Chapel of Middle-Transdanubium National Prison is 20 Years Old

MIDDLE-TRANSDANUBIUM NATIONAL PRISON

There was and alleluia worship on the 6th of December in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the consecration of the chapel of the Middle-Transdanubium National Prison. At the worship attended the governor of the institute, lieutenant general László Csere, the former Director General, aldermen's of the churches in contact with the prison, and the leaders of the institute were also present.



6 December 2018

Christmas Scenes of Love

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

On 6th December, the drama group of the Pálhalma National Prison s Mélykút unit performed their play "Christmas scenes of love" at two different locations, directed by Melinda Sándor (of the Pannon Education Centre).



7 December 2018

Visit of the Faculty of Law Enforcement

SZOMBATHELY NATIONAL PRISON

21 students of National University of Public Service and their teachers participated at a professional visit at the Szombathely National Prison.

10 December 2018

Law Session

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Faculty of Law Enforcement of the National University of Public Service provided the location for the session of the Law Section of the Hungarian Prison Society. The event was organized on 10th December, the World Human Right Day, being a recurring date for this event.

11 December 2018

Another National Shakedown in Prisons

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Following the successful national security inspection, the Prison Service continued countrywide with harmonized inspections on 11th December.

17 December 2018

SOS Christmas

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 17th December, nine prisoners performed a Christmas related play for the 3rd time in the SOS Children's Village in Kecskemét. After the play, they handed over HUF 181 500 that was donated by prisoners from their own wages.



Hungarian Prison Service

19 December 2018 Colleagues from Tököl Make Christmas More Beautiful for Children in Children's Home

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

Before the upcoming holidays the colleagues of Tököl National Prison brought joy the children of children's home with presents after several weeks of collecting and gift-wrapping.

19 December 2018 Festivities

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In connection with the period of Advent Dr. András Veres the bishop of Győr and the head of the Hungarian Conference of Catholic Bishops visited the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison.



19 December 2018 It's Good to do Good

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON



In this year the Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison chose the Happy Childhood Foster Network in order to gift the children with cuddly toys and candy prepared and bought by prisoners. Furthermore, prisoners donated 10 paintings prepared by themselves that will decorate the common rooms of the institution for the everyday joy of children.

19 December 2018 Nativity Play in Pannonhalma

MIDDLE-TRANSDANUBIUM NATIONAL PRISON

In connection with the Christmas Season, 15 inmates volunteered to perform a nativity play at the ceremonial hall of the Pannonhalma Archabbey for the students and teachers of the Boarding School of Pannonhalma.

20 December 2018 Remedy Actions for Sick Children

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In 2018 the prisoners prepared crochet figures and Santa-hats for the patients of the pediatric ward of the Saint Cross Hospital in Kalocsa. They prepared these lovely gifts for weeks, to bring some joy and festive spirit for the kids. The governor of the prison, Dr. Tanács Eszter Tímea also accompanied the inmates.

20 December 2018 Remedy Actions in Bernátkút

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

After participating at a restorative training, the inmates of Pálhalma National Prison prepared gifts for the residents of Social Institutions and Szent Erzsébet Nursing Home for the Elderly. Gifts were presented on the 20th December to the management of the home and the residents.



20 December 2018 Almost 1 Ton of Donations Were Collected by the Prison Service

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

On 20th December, colleagues of the Prison Service Headquarters delivered that cca. 1 ton of donations that was collected by our colleagues and the prisoners.





Hungarian Prison Service

21 December 2018 The Christmas Roll Arrives from the Prison

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On the 21st of December the colleagues of the Hungarian Prison Service gave 600 Christmas rolls prepared by the prisoners themselves for the children who are taken care of by the institutions of Directorate-General For Social Affairs and Child Protection.

25 December 2018 Christmas Eve Mass for Prisoners

SZOMBATHELY NATIONAL PRISON

On the 25th of December at 8 o'clock diocese Dr. János Székely celebrated the Christmas Eve Mass for prisoners in the theatre hall of Szombathely National Prison.



27 December 2018 Traditional Meeting With Co-organisations

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON



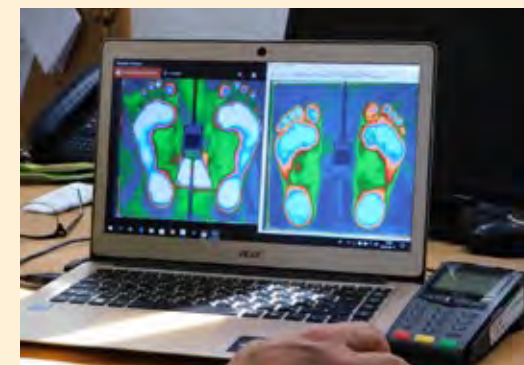
Lt.Col. István Nagy, governor of the institute, invited the leaders of organisations and armed forces to meet in the Somogy County Remand Prison on a traditional year-end meeting. In his opening speech the governor thanked for the helpful cooperation of the organisations.



28 December 2018 Cooperation With Police

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On the 28th December the institution concluded an agreement with Baranya County Police Headquarters. The purpose of this agreement is to ensure the fulfilment of all the tasks regulated in law and the flow of information.



28 December 2018 Health day in Eger

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The staff of the prison institution had the chance to participate in a complex healthcare program in Heves County Remand Prison, including donation.

28 December 2018 Renovation Inside the Prison

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The prison in Nyíregyháza has undergone countless alteration and modernisation in the past period. The workers of the prison workshop started the renovation work in November and they started with the cultural room.



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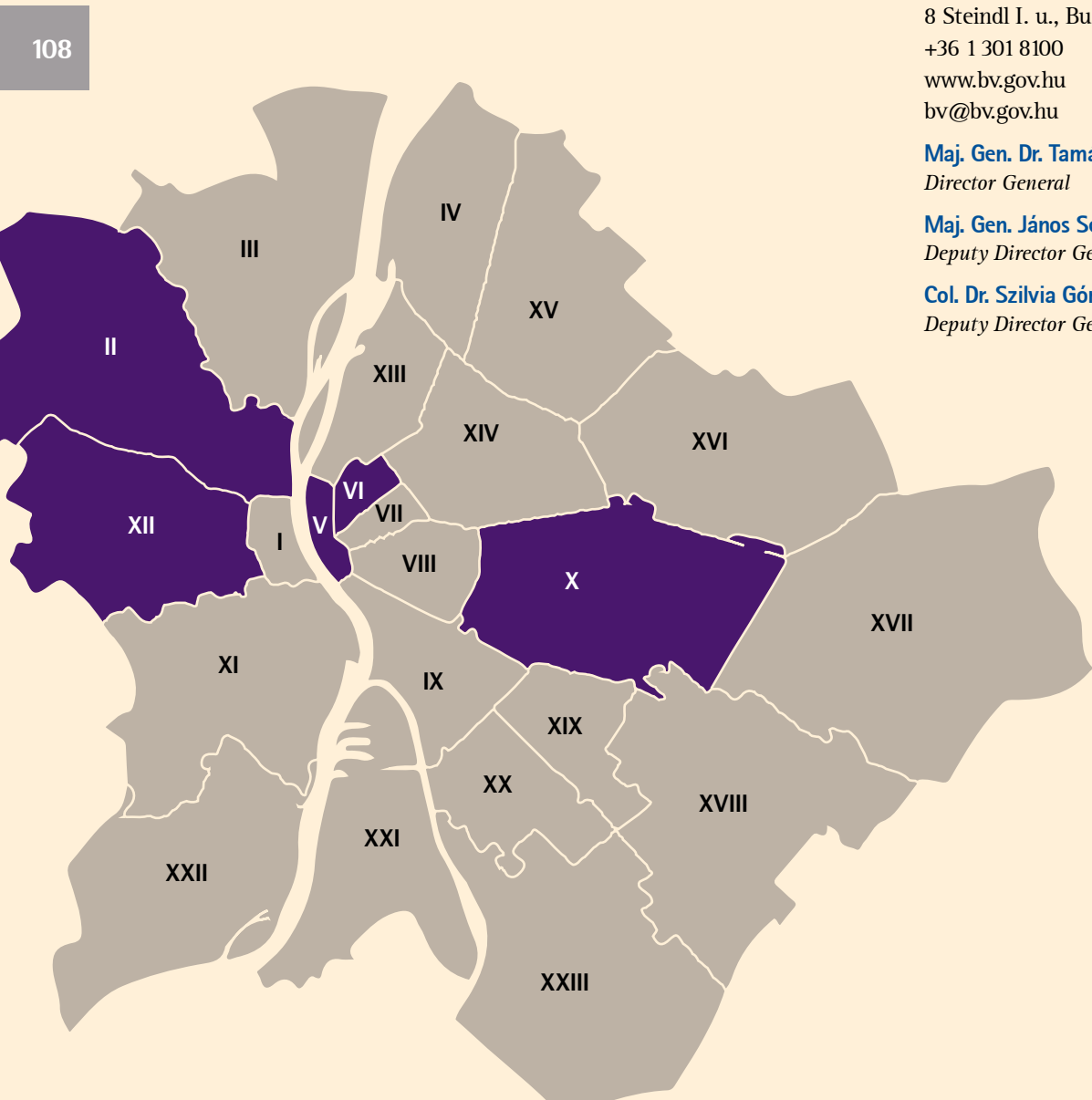
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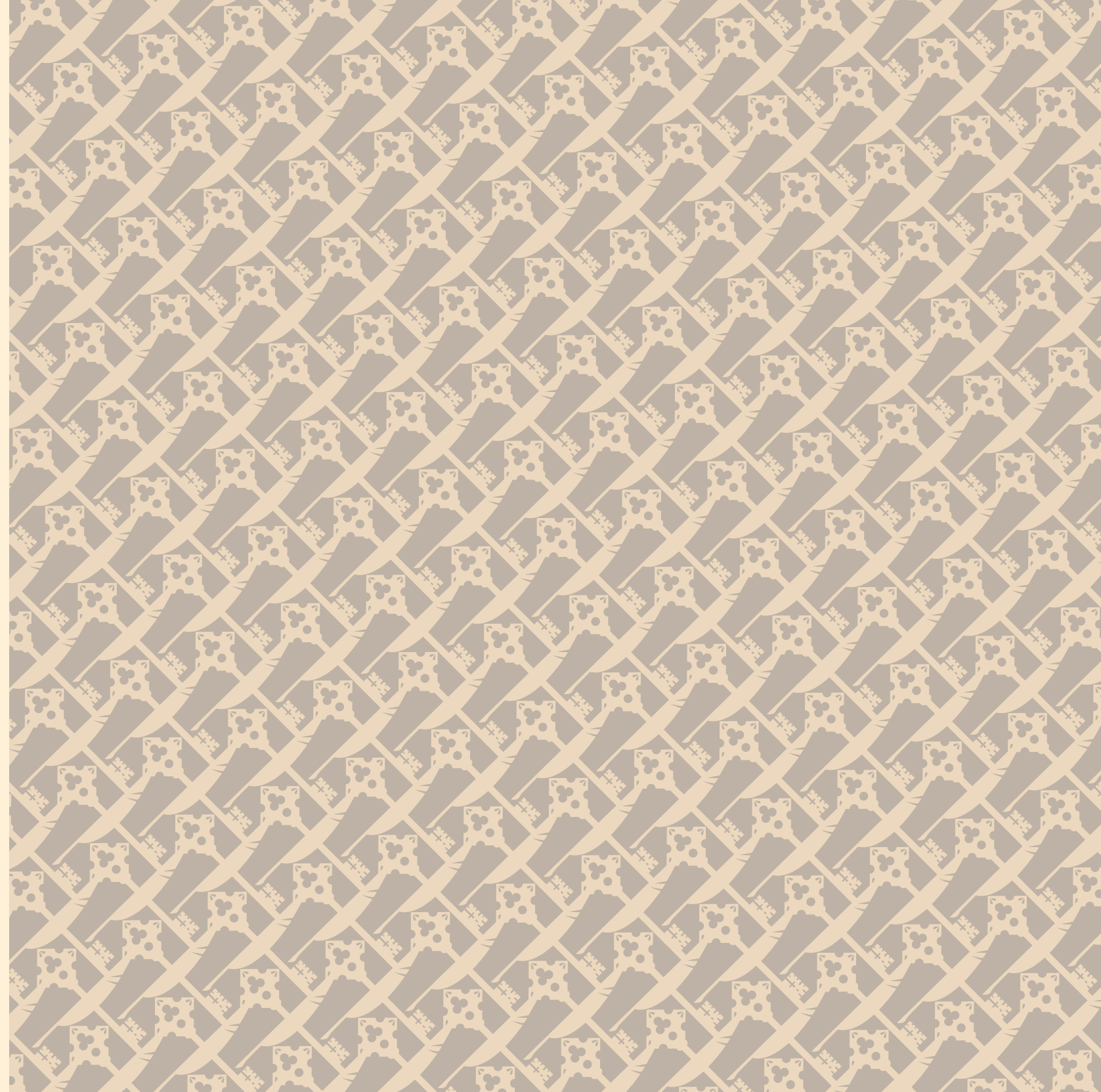


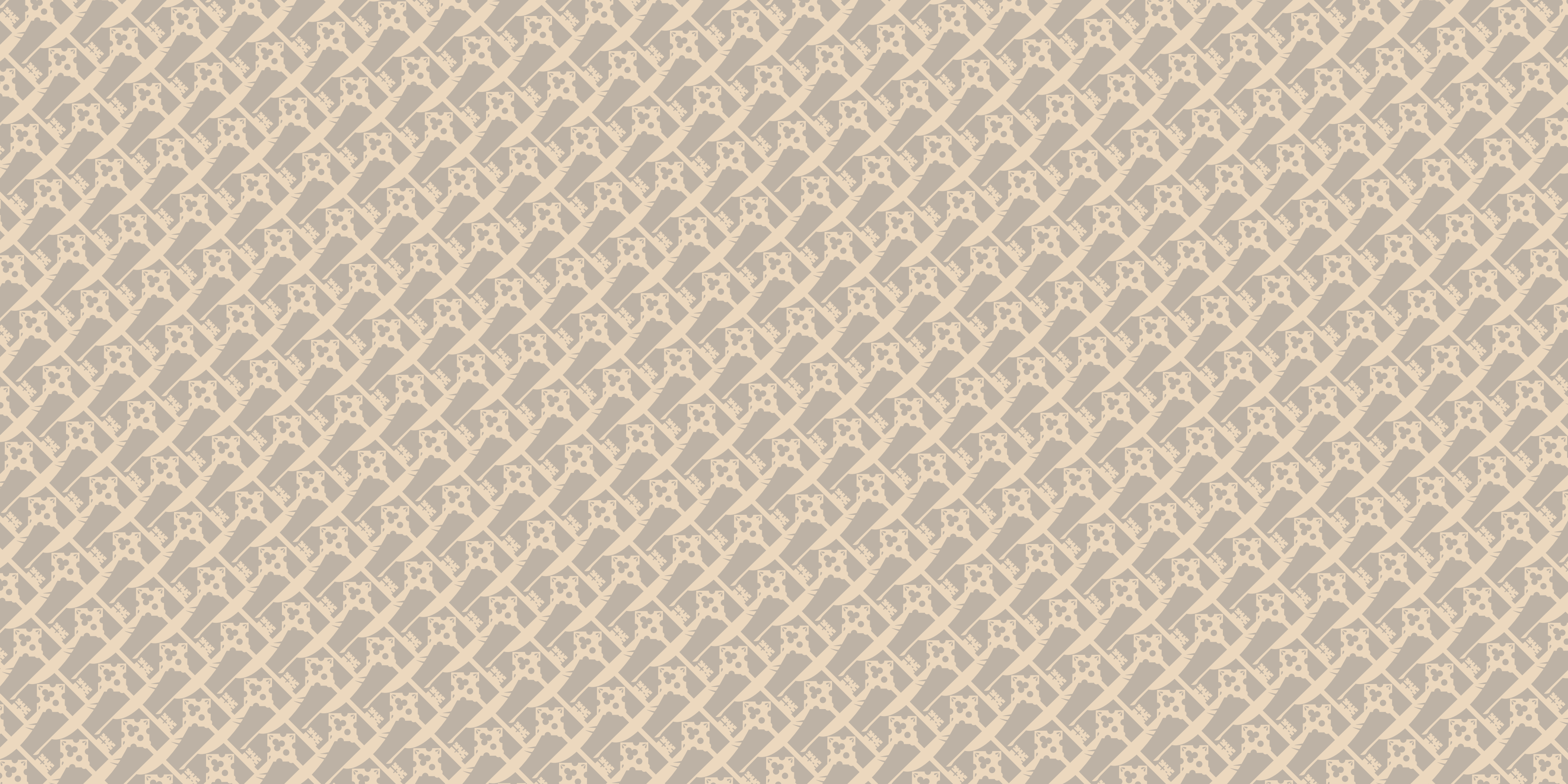
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