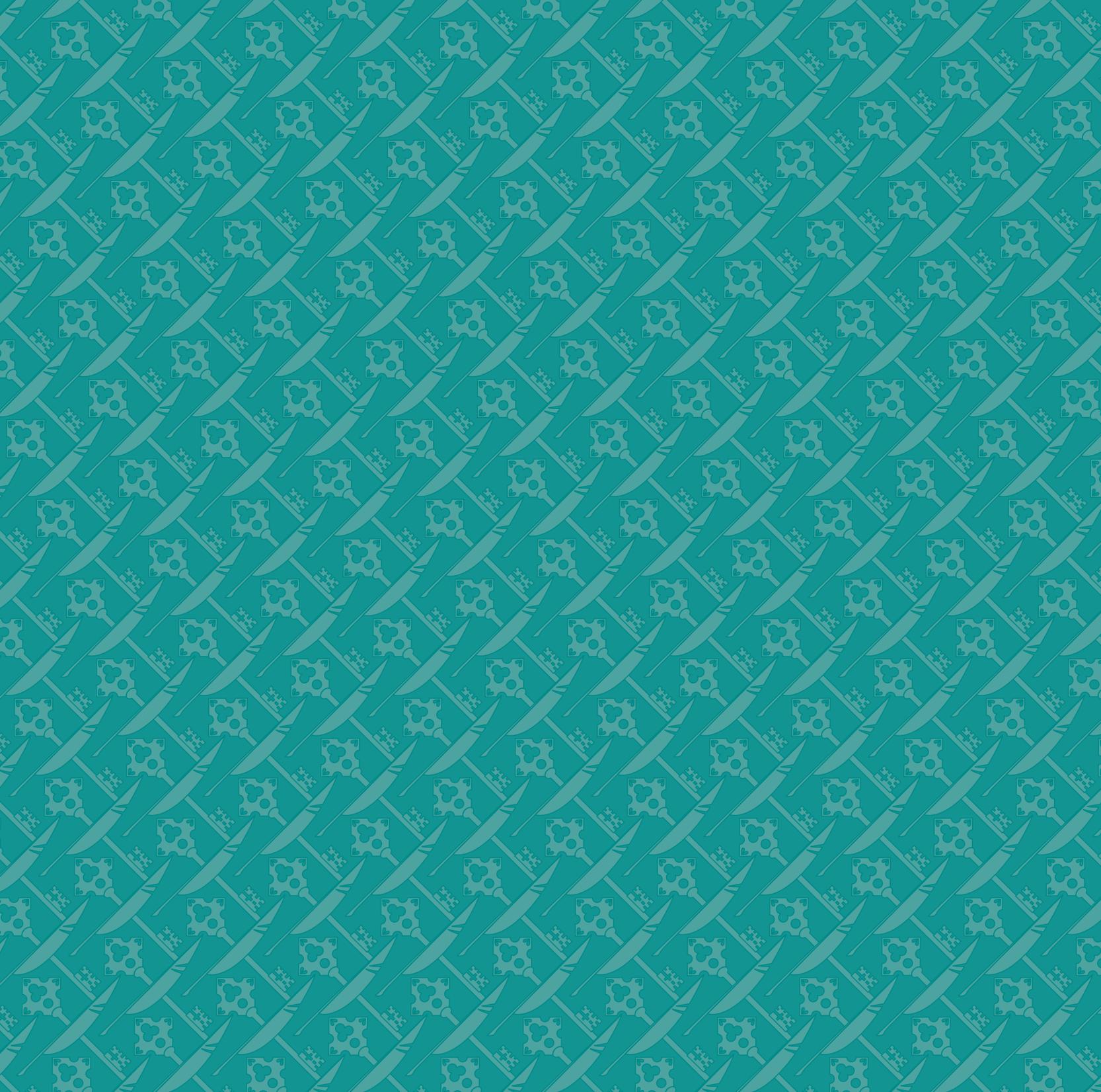




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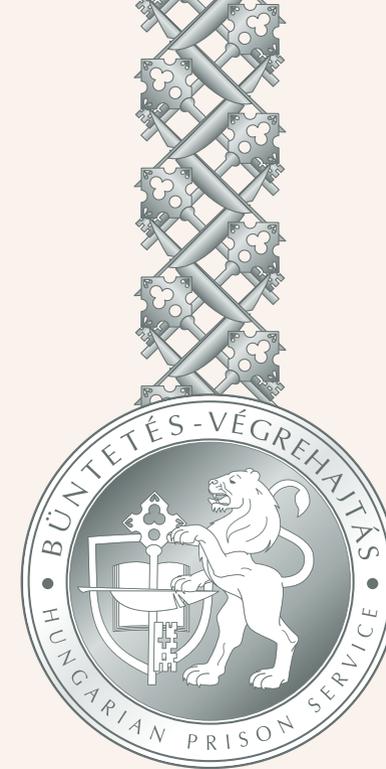
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Preface

Dear Reader,

Every year, the prison service reports on the outstanding professional achievements and events of the past year. Our aim remains to provide government, academic and professional decision-makers with a picture of our activities. We also want to reach out to those with a general interest and curiosity.

In 2023, the whole world, thus including Europe and Hungary, were affected by fundamental changes in the global security environment.

Society demands that the armed law enforcement agencies, including the staff of the prison service organisation, are committed and dedicated to the organisation. The achievements of the past year have once again demonstrated that our staff have a wide range of professional knowledge and experience and are capable of utilising this, subordinating their individual interests to collective goals and working constructively with each other to ensure that Hungary operates in a lawful, safe and secure manner, in accordance with professional and social standards.

In 2023, the prison service has implemented an organisational transformation in order to meet social, economic and professional expectations



Lieutenant General dr. Tamás Tóth
Director General

and challenges, which will ensure the successful implementation of its tasks in the coming years and decades.

With the introduction of the regional organisational model, the centralisation of economic tasks and the establishment of the Institute for Economic Supply of the Hungarian Prison Service (hereinafter: HPS), we have put the system of the operation of the prison service on a new footing, including the Bv. Holding Group.

The most significant investment this year, which will be carried forward into 2024 and will serve the interests of prison security and the expan-

sion of prison capacity, is the new prison institute to be built in Csenger. The new prison, which will be unique in Europe, will be equipped with state-of-the-art technical, IT and security solutions and designed with the aim of being one of the most modern and secure prisons in Europe.

In order to operate existing and newly established prisons, intensive recruitment and the organisational integration, scheduled education and training of new recruits have been initiated.

The prison service has completed the reinforcement of the 165 km fence along the Hungarian-Serbian border and the construction of a new border protection system in the area of the Hóduna section. The prison staff not only carried out the production of fence elements and their assembly with the help of prisoners, but also continued to carry out tasks related to the maintenance of the security border fence and the repair of damage.

Dear Reader,

We have carried out the challenges and our statutory and voluntary tasks for the year 2023 in accordance with our motto *'In service of justice'*.

I trust that our publication will reflect the diversity of the prison system and its commitment to social values.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff of the organisation for their responsible and dedicated work in line with social expectations.

Lieutenant General Dr. Tamás Tóth,
Director General



Successful cooperation with partner organisations

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organisational structure, the relevant legislation, internal rules and other regulations have been revised and amended.

The professional cooperation with the partner bodies continued to be of a high quality in 2023, allowing joint work based on mutual assistance and support.

We have continued to place great emphasis on continuing and strengthening cooperation, and for this reason we have also had fruitful interactions with all partner law enforcement agencies, as well as with the National Crime Prevention Council, the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary, the Hungarian Defence Forces, the National Civil Guard Association and the National Ambulance Service. ●





Occupancy level of prisons

During the state of emergency, the number and composition of the population in prison institutions changed fundamentally as a result of Government Decree 3/2023 (12 January) on the different application of certain provisions concerning the enforcement of sentences and Government Decree 148/2023 (27 April) on the reintegration detention of persons convicted of the people smuggling.

The number of registered prisoners on 31 December 2023 (17,939) represents a decrease of 7.27% over the period under review, i.e. a decrease of about 1,408 compared to the 19,347 registered as at 31 December 2022.

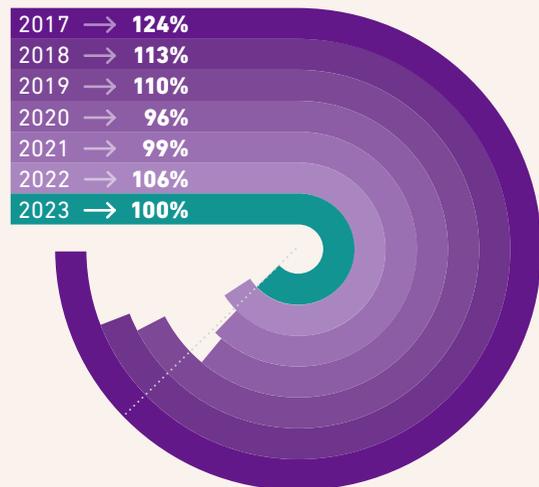


Fig 3 | Occupancy level on the last day of the year



Overcrowding in prisons has been eliminated



Fig 4 | Evolution of capacity rates and average number of prisoners from 2017 to 2023 (persons)

Due to the 7.27% decrease in the number of registered prisoners in 2023, the occupancy rate of prisons has decreased by 6% (31 December 2022: 106%; 31 December 2023: 100%) compared to the last day of the previous year. ●





Staff

Rationalisation of the prison service

As part of the organisational restructuring, 5 regions – comprising prison institutions – were created as of 1 January 2023, and the IES was established as an independent institution with national jurisdiction. As a result of the reorganisation, the IES is responsible for procurement, investment, maintenance, operation, IT, payroll, asset management, technical and supply management and housing loans.

Staff data

In terms of staff numbers, in 2023, the intensity and effectiveness of recruitment activities led to an increase in the number of new recruits, while the number of exits stagnated compared to the previous year. In view of this, the prisons had to carry out their basic and priority tasks (e.g. maintaining full employment, reinforcing the temporary security border barrier and building a new one, and involving prisoners in the construction works of the Csenger prison), while staffing levels increased slightly.



Health promotion, recreational programmes

Staff retention

The most important human resources challenge, in addition to the need to continuously replenish the necessary human resources, remained the maintenance and consolidation of the organisational commitment of active staff with several years of professional experience.

The organisation continued its health promotion and recreation programmes in 2023.

In 2023, 295 colleagues participated in stress management training (Igal, Pilisszentkereszt, Sopronkőhida, Szeged), 215 in health promotion and 218 in musculoskeletal rehabilitation in Igal in order to relieve the stress caused by the long-term workload and to restore and enhance their health, psychological and physical performance.

The total number of staff members and their families participating in the family recreation programme was 507, while the total number of staff members and their families participating in the musculoskeletal rehabilitation programme in Hévíz was 200.

In the year 2023, several institutions of the HPS earned the title of *'Family Friendly Workplace'*, which proves that the measures taken by the prisons to maintain staff deserve higher recognition. The *'Family Friendly Workplace'* is awarded to



organisations that provide their employees with a working environment that maintains a healthy work-life balance.



Recruitment

In 2023, increasing the quality and quantity of recruitment activities and improving the organisation's staffing and turnover indicators will remain a priority. In 2023, 10 010 enquiries have been registered nationally, of which 9 085 successful contacts were made.

Under the coordination, professional supervision and direct management of the Human Resources Department, two recruitment teams in the region units started their activities on 5 January 2023, with 3 to 3 staff members assigned.

Two recruitment offices have started operating in the municipality to provide human resources for the institute being built in Csenger. The recruitment offices have recruited 25% of the planned staff in 2023 and 11% of the staff - active staff serving in other institutes - have declared their intention



Recruitment remained a priority in 2023

to transfer. In 2024, the most important human resources challenge will be the creation of the necessary staffing conditions for the operation of the new prison in Csenger, the organisational integration of new recruits, their scheduled training and preparation.

In 2023, a prominent element of recruitment activities was the radio campaign. The Communications Department supported the recruitment of the organisation's human resources through a multi-station radio and advertising campaign lasting almost two weeks. A total of 502 prison advertisement spots were broadcast on 11 radio channels.

Training and education

In 2023, the accredited HPS Examination Centre held exams for 34 groups, including all forms of training (basic, intermediate and advanced), and 875 professional staff members passed the qualifying examinations.

At the Faculty of Law Enforcement Administration of the University of Public Service (Faculty of Prison Studies), 3 full-time students and 7 part-time



students passed the final examination. Currently, 30 students are pursuing higher education in the university on a full-time basis and a further 54 on a correspondence basis.

The training organisers of the HPS have created 364 training courses in the law enforcement training system and 206 training courses in the module for law enforcement administrators, and 65 new training programmes have been registered in the law enforcement training system and 27 in the module for law enforcement administrators.

In the year 2023, the preparation for the law enforcement professional examination was again



implemented in an online form, organised by the Department of Law Enforcement Leadership Selection, Leadership Training and Further Training of the Ministry of Interior. A total of 18 law enforcement administration employees and 83 professional staff members successfully passed the law enforcement professional examination.

Regarding the implementation of the further training courses for supervisors provided for - by the Decree of the Minister of Interior 2/2023 (I. 30.), the HPS-HQ personnel participated in the Supervisor Training I. 6 times, 14 persons in total, and in the Supervisor Training II. 23 times, 88 persons in total, belonging to the categories V-VIII and having passed the examination of competence in supervision. In terms of the total staff of the organisation, 255 persons participated in Management Training I. and 814 persons in Management Training II.



Rewards

Our staff has received several state awards and recognition for their successful professional work. 4 of them have been awarded the Military Order of the Hungarian Gold Cross of Merit, 5 the Military Order of the Hungarian Silver Cross of Merit and 5 the Military Order of the Hungarian Bronze Cross of Merit.

A total of 124 persons received recognition by the Minister of the Interior, of whom 4 were promoted to the rank of colonel. 3 persons received the Ministerial Award of the Prison Officer of the Year, 1 person the Emil Tauffer Award and 5 persons the St. Adrian Medal. 2 persons received the Gold Medal of the Prison Service, 1 person the title of Chief Correctional Counsellor, 3 persons the title of Correctional Counsellor, 46 persons received Ministerial Certificates of Appreciation. 59 received a ministerial commemorative certificate.

The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights has awarded 1 person from the staff of the Prison Service the *Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum* medal, 2 persons the Ombudsman's Silver Medal and 4 persons the Ombudsman's Commendation Medal for their outstanding work in the field of cooperation between the two organisations.

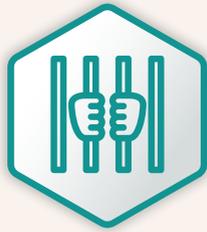
The National Council for Crime Prevention has awarded 2 members of our staff for their uninterrupted work in achieving the goals of crime prevention.



In addition, a further 354 people were awarded the Director General's commendations in recognition of their professional achievements.

In 2023, the Minister of the Interior of Hungary established the *'Ministerial Award of the Prison Service Professional of the Year'* to increase the social prestige of the staff of the organisation and to promote staff retention. This ministerial award is given to 3 members of the professional staff of the prison service per year, in recognition of their exemplary service over a long period of time, outstanding performance in the year preceding the year of the award, and their activities in the field of promoting the prison service and building social relations. The composition of the awardees reflects the representation of the different disciplines. The Ministerial Award was presented on the occasion of the Day of the Prison Service. ●





Incarceration and security



Number of detainees, placement

The total number of detainees has shown a downward trend compared to the previous period, decreasing from 4 787 in 2022 to 4 227 in 2023, representing 23.56% of the total detainee population.

The number of juvenile detainees in custody on 31 December was 48, representing 1.13% of the total detainee population (4 227).

On 31 December 2023, the total number of persons with a final conviction was 12 894, a decrease of 706, or 5.19%, compared to the last day of the previous year (31 December 2022: 13 600). Among



Convicts with final sentence	12 894	71,88%
Pre-trial detainees	4 227	23,56%
Custodial sentence	599	3,34%
Compulsory psychiatric treatment	219	1,22%
Total	17 939	100,00%

Fig 5 | Distribution of prisoners on 31 December 2023 (persons, %)

all the convicts, it is still the medium regime that takes the largest ratio with 53.45% (6 892) of all convicts (excluding those serving a sentence of juvenile imprisonment). The number of prisoners

serving a sentence in the strict regime was 4 915 on 31 December 2023, meaning 38.11% of the population were serving the most strict category of imprisonment. The number of prisoners serving a low regime sentence (excluding those serving a juvenile serving a prison sentence) has decreased to a ratio of 7.67%, even with considering those 990 prisoners sentenced in lieu of a fine or community service.

The total prison population consisted of 4 915 person in strict regime, 6 892 person in medium regime, 990 person in low regime prison category and 97 juvenile prisoners.

On 31 December 2023, the number of prisoners in custody was 599 (misdemeanour and criminal custody together). This figure is with 116, or 16.22%, lower than the number recorded in the previous year (31 December 2022: 715).

On the last day of 2023, the number of persons in involuntary treatment was 219, which is a decrease compared to the previous year (31 December 2022: 245). The placement of persons in involuntary treatment was continuously ensured in the Forensic Psychiatric and Mental Institution.

The proportion of juveniles in the total prison population shows a slight decrease. On 31 December 2023, 145 persons were serving their arrest or imprisonment sentence as juveniles, 5 fewer than on the last day of the previous year.

The number of female prisoners on 31 December 2023 was 1 467, an increase of 50 compared to 2022 (31 December 2022: 1 417). The proportional distribution of tasks in the prison institutions providing accommodation for female prisoners can only be maintained with constant central

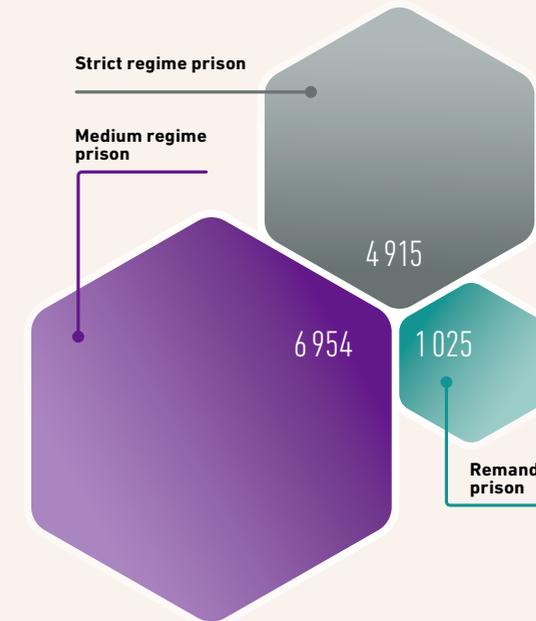


Fig 6 | Distribution of convicts on 31 December 2023 (persons)





Allocation of tasks – Central coordination

coordination and continuous consideration of the capacity of the accommodation.

The number of prisoners of non-Hungarian nationality decreased by 1,826 to 1,067 on 31 December 2023, accounting for almost 5.94% of the total prison population. The number of these detainees decreased by 63.11% compared to the last day of the previous year (31 December 2022: 2 893).

Government decrees that came into force during the year allowed for a large reduction in the foreign prisoner population. Government Decree 3/2023 (I. 12.) allowed the release of 295



prisoners pending the transfer of foreign prisoners to another country. To further facilitate the reduction in the prison population, Government Decree 148/2023 (IV. 27) allowed the integration of prisoners convicted of the crime of people smuggling into reintegration custody.

Security of detention

A small decrease in the total number of violent acts between prisoners against each other. Of these, extortion increased by 40% and coercion and serious assault decreased by 3.1% compared to the previous year. The number of suicides was 71.4% lower than in 2022.

The offences of disturbing the peace and prisoner escape did not occur in 2023, but the misdemean-

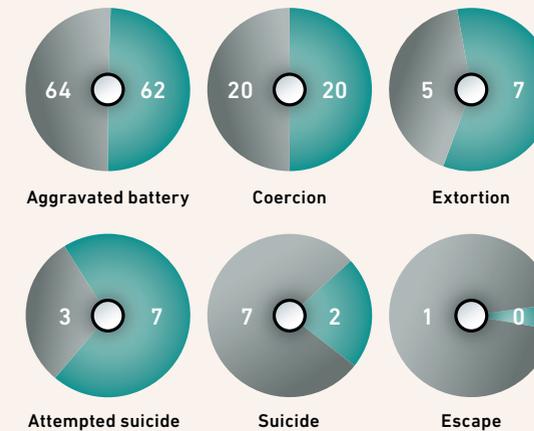


Fig 7 | Prisoner-related incidents (number of cases) ● 2022 ● 2023

our of disturbing the peace occurred in 2 cases due to their escape from reintegration custody.

One of the most important changes in the security field was the introduction of centralized shooting training and the restructuring of the training system for service dogs, as well as the creation of the Fast-Responding Subunit in each Regional Centres as of 1 July 2023.

As part of the improvement of security in Hungarian prisons, the HPS has introduced the use of body cameras. These devices allow the retracing and subsequent analysis of recorded events, which significantly increase the efficiency of professional work. The device can be securely attached to clothing, so that it can also record high-quality, valuable images and sound during various situations and movements (action, walking, escort, security). The built-in gyroscope



Security improvements

(accelerometer) helps to start recording even in situations where there is no time to do so or when the recording button is not pressed for some other reason. The devices are currently used by the staff of the Operations Division of the Central Support Department in their daily duties.

Preventing the entry of contraband items

In relation to prohibited articles, there was a significant increase in the number of cases of precursors of suspected drugs compared to the



previous year (2022: 56; 2023: 147). Among all suspected drug substance found only 38.1% reached the inmates. The prevention of the entry of illegal mobile phones, mainly small ones, is a priority for the HPS as a whole, resulting in 429 such devices being found in 2023, a decrease of 12.8% compared to 492 in 2022.

Transport tasks

The number of transports (25 384 cases) has decreased by 5.64% compared to the previous year (2022: 26 902 cases) as a result of the close cooperation established following the setting up of the regions and the continuous integration of the experience of the organisational activity into the procedural processes.

Video trial, distant hearing, prison institute court hearing

The use of video trials represents a change in paradigm with clearly demonstrated advantages and its use is clearly beneficial for all parties involved.

In 2023, a total of 24,535 cases used innovative techniques, an increase of 6.4% compared to the previous year (2022: 22,964). While the police, the National Directorate-General For Aliens Policing and the National Tax and Customs Administration are more active users of the system, their use by the courts has decreased. Compared to 2022 (13,362 cases), the number of distant trials increased to 14,892 cases in 2023, an increase of 11.45%.

The introduction of the possibility to negotiate at a distance has led to a 52% decrease in face-to-face escorts.

The Booking Module of Escorting Officers received 3,353 summons during its first full year of operation, representing 24.64% of court escorts. This resulted in an overall savings of 558.83 man-hours and a more proportionate workload in 2023.

Contact with prisoners

Electronic communication is possible by law for prisoners from 1 January 2021, so video calls are still available even after the end of the COVID pandemic.

Experience shows that the widespread use of video calling has had a positive impact on prisoners. Surveys have shown that the majority of detainees who have not used video calling on a single occasion cite limited internet access and low technical skills of relatives as reasons. To remedy this, the possibility of video calls through Digital Welfare Points has been extended nationwide from 7 December 2021.

The number of video calls and the number of detainees using them is decreasing slightly but

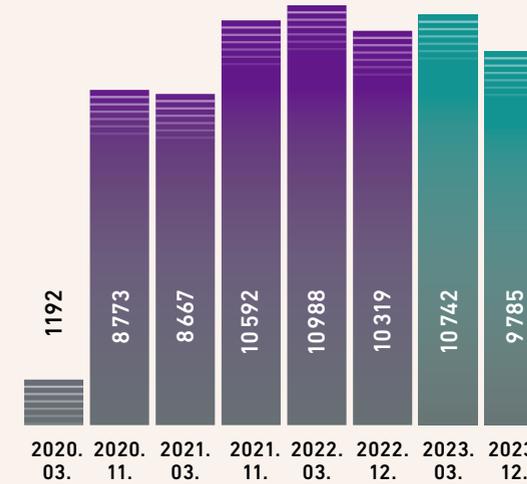


Fig 8 | Evolution of the number of inmates that seized the opportunity to make video calls between March 2020 and December 2023 (persons)

steadily. The number of visits and the proportion of prisoners requesting them seems to be levelling off, but is still below the pre-covid average, which underlines the popularity of video calling.

Education and vocational training of prisoners

The project 'Digitalisation of the education system in the prison service' was set up to implement the education reform. Education and the provision of marketable vocational training remain a priority for the Prison Service in order to reduce the risk of prisoners reoffending. The knowledge and skills acquired through education and vocational training will improve the labour market competences of prisoners, thus increasing their chances of finding a job upon release. The skills acquired enable prisoners to be employed within the prison service, which, in addition to running the internal supply system, also provides them with the opportunity to gain work experience.

The restructuring of the HPS's organisational structure has also made it possible for prisoners in all the regions to participate in primary, sec-

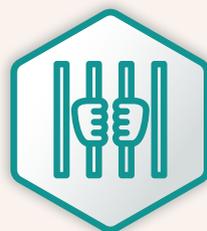


ondary and vocational training. The prison service is constantly striving to increase the number of prisoners involved in education, from 4 368 prisoners in the 2022/2023 school year to 4 587 in the 2023/2024 school year.

In the 2022/2023 academic year, a challenge in the professional examination of prisoners was that, according to Article 60 (1) of Government Decree 12/2020 (7. II.) on the implementation of the Vocational Training Act, 'the professional examination must consist of the implementation of a central and project task requiring the use of a

Academic year	Primary school	High school	Vocational education	University studies	TOTAL
2017/2018	821	1252	828	42	2 943
2018/2019	831	1193	969	29	3 022
2019/2020	856	1242	1024	24	3 146
2020/2021	1079	1517	1017	5	3 618
2021/2022	1171	1505	1311	2	3 989
2022/2023	1353	2020	993	2	4 368
2023/2024	1562	2265	760	0	4 587

Fig 9 | Enrolment of prisoners 2017-2024 (persons)





computer'. Accordingly, the technical conditions have been provided and the examinations requiring the use of a computer have been successfully completed.

In the academic year 2023/2024, 20 prison institutions will provide general and secondary education and vocational training for prisoners. The total number of prisoners enrolled and involved in vocational training during the academic year shows an overall increase of 5% compared to the previous year.

Project EFOP-1.3.3-16-2016-00001 'Reintegration of prisoners'

The biggest project of the past years was the EFOP-1.3.3-16-2016-00001 'Reintegration of prisoners', which was launched with the support of the European Union and successfully closed on 31 October 2023. As a result of the project, more than 1 400 prisoners have acquired marketable profession.

The indicators expected by the European Union have been met, with 791 prisoners having been

trained by 2023. 45 inmates participated in the skills development sessions, 165 inmates benefited from the community employment programmes and a further 36 released prisoners were employed or registered as jobseekers through the project.

The reparation programmes for civil society played a key role. In the year 2023, 13 reparation programmes were carried out, of which 3 resulted in press events. In addition, 10 reparation pledges were made under the project for Reintegration Through Work component, of which 3 events were also covered by the media.

A priority was the implementation of the vocational rehabilitation project component, which involved 897 prisoners. The products of the rehabilitation sessions were offered for reparation on 57 occasions, of which 6 were press events.



On the basis of the draft call for proposals EFOP-Plus-3.1.1-23 'Complex crime prevention and reintegration programme to strengthen social cohesion', the implementation of the new project started on 1 November 2023.



Reparation, crime prevention programmes – Reintegration

Projects of the National Crime Prevention Council

In 2023, prison institutions organised a total of 471 art therapy programmes for prisoners in order to implement the tasks set out in the action plan of the National Crime Prevention Strategy, and 259 art activities for prisoners were organised.

The National Council for Crime Prevention, the HPS-HQ and the Social Competence Research Group of the University of Szeged also cooperated in the implementation of a socialisation programme titled 'Back to the Future'. In the year 2023, a total of 161 sessions were organised for prisoners in the framework of the project. With the support of the National Council for Crime Prevention, in 2023, the project 'Solution Focus in Reintegration' provided 29 solution focus sessions for prisoners in the framework of preparation for release, involving a total of 48 persons.

Also with the support of the National Council for Crime Prevention, a programme for the prevention of recidivism was implemented until 30 November 2023 under the title 'Application of art therapy methods and tools, development and improvement of health awareness and introduction of restorative mediation in the prison system'.



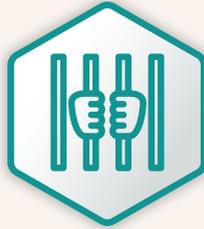
Correctional probation service and reintegration custody

Prison probation officers provided reintegration care and preparation for release for 3 275 prisoners (2022: 3 811) and probation supervision and aftercare for 1 207 (2022: 1 383).

With effect from 1 January 2023, Article 74 of Act LX of 2022 amending certain acts on criminal law and related matters, Act CCXL of 2013 on the enforcement of sentences, measures, certain coercive measures and the detention of offenders, introduced reintegration leave as a new form of prison leave.

In order to identify prisoners who are radicalised or who hold extremist views, a guide titled 'Recognition of signs and symbols of radicalisation' has been produced to help staff who regularly deal with prisoners in their work to recognise and interpret the meaning of symbols that indicate radicalisation.





As a member of the Radicalisation Awareness Network, we continuously monitor international experiences on radicalisation, both online and through participation in conferences organised in person. A supporting document entitled *'Applying the EUTEx project methodology to support the work of prison probation officers'* was completed in 2023, with the aim of adapting the methodology of the EUTEx project *'Radicalisation and risk assessment'* to domestic practice, which contributes to the effective work with radicalised or extremist prisoners and supports the day-to-day activities of prison probation officers, with particular emphasis on the tasks related to the preparation for release and the implementation of probation supervision. To date, reintegration custody has been successfully implemented for a total of 4 412 prisoners. The effectiveness of this legal instrument is reflected in the fact that only 120 cases of serious misconduct led to the termination of reintegration custody.

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Decree 6/2023 (II. 21.) of the Minister of the Interior on the different application of certain rules of the prison service during the state of emergency entered into force on 21 February 2023,



which introduced home care detention as a new legal institution. Prisoners suffering from chronic illnesses, regardless of the degree of execution and the offence committed, except for multiple violent offenders and those sentenced to life imprisonment, may use the legal institution from the third month of the persistence of the chronic illness, as certified by a specialist opinion of the primary care doctor of the prison institution.

In 2023, the joint training of judicial and prison probation officers continued. Special focus was given to the specific treatment of offenders of intentional crimes against sexual morality and sexual freedom and of offenders of violence against a person, as well as to the implementation of probation supervision of offenders of violence against a person between relatives and of offenders after their release from prison for endangering minors.

5 people are participating in the Halfway House programme run by HPS-HQ in cooperation with Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison and

Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd. and arrangements have been made for the involvement of 1 additional person. As of 31 December 2023, there were 21 people on the waiting list.

Prison chaplaincy, religious practices

In the year 2023, the work of the prison chaplaincy service and the prison pastoral care organisations will no longer be affected by the restrictive measures of recent years related to the epidemic.

In 2023, the Hungarian Brotherly Prison Society celebrated the 30th anniversary of its foundation and operation with a conference.

From 1 September 2023, 1 theologically qualified reintegration officer will support the activities of the prison chaplain in Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison and from 1 December 2023, 1 church worker will be employed on a 20-hour-per-week contract, on the recommendation of the Diocese of Szeged-Csanád.

Based on the request of the Hungarian Reformed Charity Service, the 10th National Prayer Day for Prisoners was held at the Middle-Transdanubium National Prison.

Central Institute of Analytical Examination and Methodology

As in previous years, the Central Institute of Analytical Examination and Methodology (hereinafter referred to as the 'CIAEM') has undergone professional development in 2023. During the year, the number of convicted offenders involved in risk assessment was further increased by the addition of sex offenders against adult person(s), so that the CIAEM now carries out central intake and

risk assessment of all adult male sex offenders, as well as of those convicted by the competent court under the Criminal Code 160 (2) (qualified cases of homicide offences), and those who are about to start serving a basic sentence of at least 15 years, regardless of the offence committed.

In the year 2023, new reintegration programmes (*'Goals-Decisions-Motivation'*, Stress Management Training, Communication Training) were developed and piloted.

In view of the exceptional events of the past period, training was provided for the delivery of *'aggression reduction'* and *'assertiveness'* programmes. In 2023, 629 prisoners in 65 groups were involved in this programme. The CIAEM carried out professional activities related to the Predictive Measurement Tool (hereinafter: PME) and its IT interface, the Risk Analysis and Assessment Module, and, in addition to its executive functions, also provided professional management of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for the first time, drug prevention





units and Intensive Prison Adaptation Programmes (hereinafter: IPAP).

The section for first-time offenders operates in 11 facilities in 9 prison institutions. The total number of persons admitted to the units is 275. Drug prevention units have been set up in 12 prisons, with 231 inmates. IPAP is currently available in 3 prisons, with a total of 36 prisoners involved.

Intelligence

Due to the change in the legal environment effective from 1 January 2023, the Intelligence Department has started to carry out security risk analysis activities, which include the intelligence function and tools of the prison system. This provides a



Specialised knowledge, research for safer detention

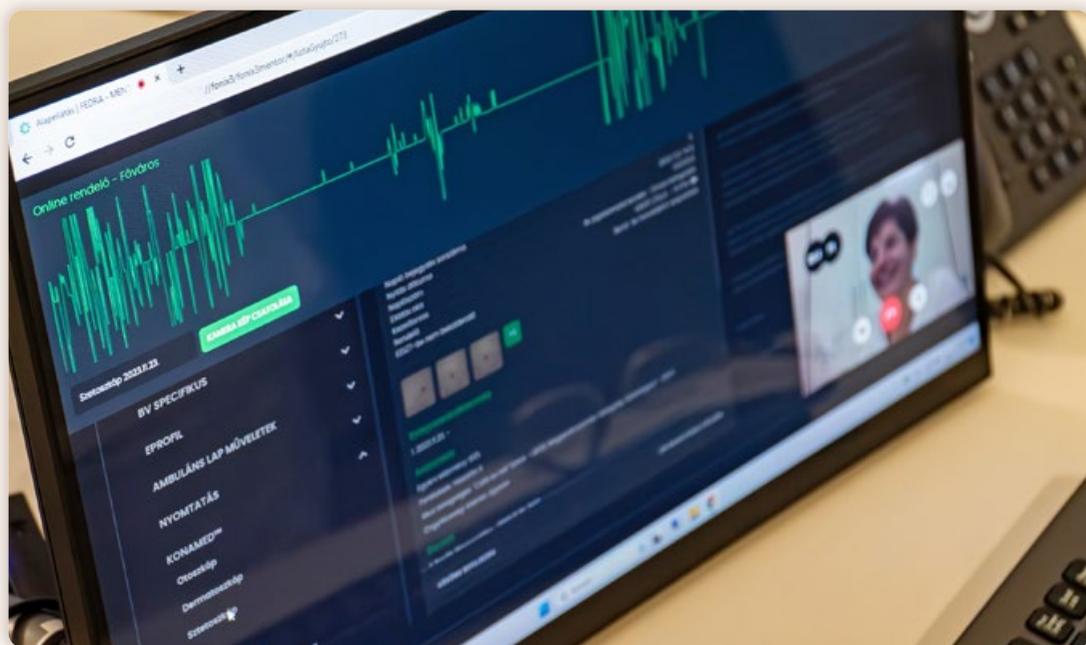
much wider range of tools than before for special activities aimed at preventing and detecting risks affecting the security of the execution of sentences and the security of detention, as well as acts of insubordination.

On-going cooperation with partner organisations in the field has become a constant task. In addition to its core tasks, the department has continued to place great emphasis on continuing and strengthening cooperation with its partner specialised areas and law enforcement agencies. The most significant of these is the multi-directional cooperation with the National Police Headquarters, which is constantly expanding in its areas (e.g. combating telephone fraudsters, joint action against the introduction and use of intoxicating substances in prison institutions, etc.), which is also partly reflected in joint undertakings. ●





Healthcare



The health care of detainees was still provided on a high standard in 2023, despite the difficulties spilling over from civilian health care.

Primary care for detainees continued to be largely provided by contracted doctors. In order to provide a wide range of specialised care within prison institutions, the availability of specialised medical units continued to be ensured in two locations (Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison).

The new FÓNIX3 FEDRA Basic Care Sub-Module, developed on the basis of the needs and professional guidance of the Health Department,

was implemented in all prison institutions by 30 September 2023.

From 20 November 2023, the pilot launch of the telemedicine specialised clinic (internal medicine) provided by the Medical Centre of the Prison Service was carried out, involving four designated prison institutions. In addition to the development of the procedures for the implementation of telemedicine, the Department of Health has continuously monitored the number of cases, which has led to the inclusion of 5 more prisons in the pilot programme. ●



Professional inspection and control

Utilization of controls

Comprehensive audits are designed to identify and address inadequate operational elements in each area and to take effective action to eliminate them. Comprehensive inspections are also intended to assess the implementation of trends in the professional tasks of the prisons, the human, material and economic conditions of work, the activities of the executives of the institutions, the conditions of detention and the employment of prisoners.

The purpose of the thematic audits was to inspect a single activity in several departments within a given period of time and to draw generalizable conclusions from the inspection in order to implement appropriate measures.

In 2023, the following audits shall be highlighted:

- the audit of the Long-Term Special Unit,
- investigation of compensation procedures for damage to public property,
- Inspection of the disciplinary section, solitary confinement and the conditions of placement of prisoners in solitary confinement.

The target audits typically focused on the quality of the control activities of the executives of the prisons.

The unannounced mobile inspections were carried out on a sample basis to check compliance with the standards laid down in the legislation and internal rules, the practical implementation of professional rules and to follow-up on errors previously detected.

The priority for 2023 was to support the activities of the inspection departments set up in the regional centres and the IES in order to ensure that the inspections were of the right quality and professionally correct.

The Complaints Office at the HPS-HQ received and coordinated the management of 669 petitions (13% fewer than in 2022). The number of substantiated complaints was 36, representing only 5% of all notifications.

Fig 10 | Evolution of inspections carried out

Type/Year	2021	2022	2023
Comprehensive inspection	3	6	6
Theme inspection	12 themes, covering 72 prisons	12 themes, covering 72 prisons	12 themes, covering 71 prisons
Target inspection	74	67	33
Follow-up inspection	2	1	2
Mobile inspection	258	264	321



Lawfulness and professionalism



The Inspection Service's Complaints Office also operates a separate abuse reporting system, in view of the legislative change in 2023. In the exercise of its powers, the Complaints Office has acted professionally, diligently and in ac-

cordance with the requirements of cooperation with the whistle-blower and the data subject. The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights did not initiate a review in 2023. ●



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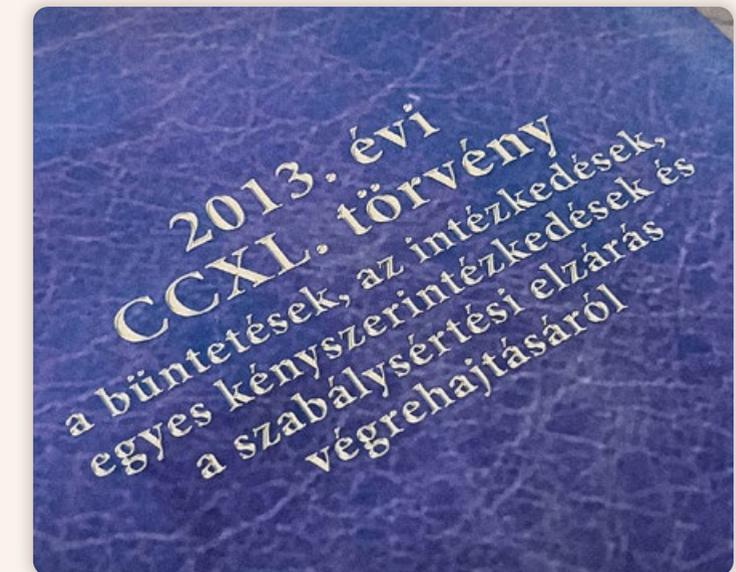
Legal matters and data protection

In 2023, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice, the amendments to Act CCXL of 2013 on the enforcement of penalties, measures, certain coercive measures and the detention of offenders have been drafted, which will enter into force on 1 March 2024. This amendment puts the prisoner-related tasks of the prison system on a completely new footing, bringing the organisation's activities significantly closer to the interests and capabilities of the prison system, while also providing a more transparent and comprehensible system for prisoners, with a simpler five-stage system of categories as the basis for the enforcement of custodial sentences. The categorisation system, which also responds to the security and detention risk of prisoners, allows for an efficient allocation of prisoners, flexibly adapted to the maintenance of security in detention, and helps to optimise the usage of capacity.

The aim of the amendment was to create a complex system that reflects the crime committed and the willingness of prisoners to cooperate more than the current structure, and which also better serves the purpose of punishment. With built-in warranties, it can respond effectively and transparently to threats to society, thereby serving to protect it and it also provides a framework in which the success of reintegration programmes

can be based on the responsibility of the offender. In 2023, 119 public interest data-requests were submitted, of which 51 cases the HPS-HQ, 65 cases the prison institutions and 3 cases the prison companies were concerned. The initial training for new staff on data protection was delivered electronically and the annual training for DPOs was delivered online on 7 December 2023.

During 2023, 47 HPS-HQ instructions were published in the Official Notice, 23 of which were new rules and 24 of which were amending rules. The internal regulations of the newly created





IES were drafted and commented on, and the internal regulations of regional scope drafted by the regional centres were revised.

The Local Security Inspectorate performed its tasks of protection and management of classified data as defined in Act CLV of 2009 on the protection of classified data and related implementing regulations.

Academic and professional life

The Department of Strategy, Analysis and Planning has also been carried out by the effective representation of the scientific and research interests and perspectives of the prison service, the compilation of background material to support the professional work, the preparation of publications on the work of the penitentiary and the management of the research database in 2023.



The Scientific Council of the Prisons Service participated in the events of the Scientific Council for Home Affairs by organising professional conferences. In the framework of this, the Hungarian Celebrations of Science was held again in 2023, with the central motto 'Science: responses to global challenges', and the Ministry of Interior was the main partner. As part of the Home Affairs chapter, the Scientific Council of the Prison Service and the Bureau of the HPS – HQ organised a scientific, professional, online conference on 23 November 2023 entitled 'Utilisation of scientific results in the prison service'.

Featured events, conferences

In 2023, after a 3-year long forced break caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Family Day of the prison service was held again in the spirit of the feast of St. Adrian, the patron saint of the HPS, which took place on 9 September 2023 at a new venue, the Ludovika Campus of the National University of Public Service. The event, which offered a wide range of activities, recreation and entertainment for children and adults alike, attracted thousands of visitors.

On 17 October 2023 the Ministry of Justice, the Hungarian Bar Association and the HPS-HQ organized a professional conference entitled 'The 10th anniversary of the adoption of Act CCXL of 2013 on the enforcement of penalties, measures,

certain coercive measures and the detention of offenders and the ongoing reforms'.

On 30 October 2023, the scientific and professional conference '10 years of the Prison Code' was organised by the Scientific Council of the Prison Service and the HPS-HQ in the Ceremonial Hall of the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison.

The Faculty of Law Enforcement of the National University of Public Service, the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church and the Scientific Council of the Prison Service held a conference on 'Religion and Reintegration' on 22 November 2023.

Activities strengthening organizational culture

In honour of St. Adrian, the patron saint of the HPS, the organisation held a wreath-laying ceremony and a solemn speech in Zalavár on 7 September 2023, in addition to military tributes. The third 'St. Adrian Pilgrimage' was held to honour the patron saint of the prison service, to pay tribute to the deeds of our ancestors and to the work of the



personnel serving in the present day. The mass was celebrated in Zalaapáti by the parish priest Gergő Cséry. Afterwards, in the presence of the staff members participating in the pilgrimage, the altar in the churchyard, the columns erected in memory of the Way of the Cross and the masonry surrounding the churchyard were blessed, which was completely renovated in the framework of reparation work coordinated by the Zala County Remand Prison.

Exhibitions

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

The health exhibition of the Budapest Prison Museum - in built-in display cases - was open to the public in the HPS-HQ building (10 Steindl Imre Street).

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

The Budapest Prison Museum was represented for the first time at the 10th National Police and Firefighters Day on 22 April 2023 in the City Park.

On 11-13 May 2023, the National University of Public Service organised the large-scale Ludovika Festival in Orczy Park. The exhibition of the Budapest Prison Museum paid tribute to the more than 50 years of prison officer training with professional books and study aides related to the educational and training themes of the prison service, as well as with commemorative item related to the Police College and the Department of Prison Service of the National University of Public Service.



A career orientation day was held on 19 May 2023 at the Veszprém County Remand Prison, where the exhibition of the Budapest Prison Museum was also on display.

The closing conference of the EFOP-1.3.3-16-2016-00001 Priority Project 'Reintegration of Prisoners' and the anniversary event of the Tett-program took place on 16 October 2023, in the Marble Hall of the Ministry of Interior, where the Budapest Prison Museum was present.

International relations

The HPS has placed particular emphasis on the extensive and detailed study of the experience and good practices that can be gained from international relations and cooperation, and on the continuous examination of their possible adaptation. The role of cooperation agreements has been strengthened in 2023, both at national and at regional level.

In 2023, the collaborations of the prison service were continued to be very significant, given that a close professional relationship has been established with several new actors, and has been lead to frequent interactions. The series of in person conferences and workshops, which were relaunched in 2022, were further expanded in 2023, with a focus on meetings to exchange professional experience and good practices.

In the year 2023, foreign delegations were received on 14 occasions, of which the Director General of the HPS welcomed the heads of foreign partner organisations on 5 occasions, and the prison institutes hosted the delegations on 9 other occasions.

In terms of regional cooperation, the organisation paid particular attention to neighbouring countries and maintained close contacts with the partner organisations of the Visegrad Cooperation (V4) countries. Cooperation between the V4 countries remains a cardinal part of the



international network. In 2023, as a result of the intensification of regional relations, the existing cooperation agreements with the Romanian and Slovakian prison services were renewed with 3 prison institutes.

In the year 2023, the HPS has sought to expand its international relations with partner organisations outside Europe. In this respect, the establishment of contacts with the Hong Kong Correctional Services Department is noteworthy.

In the context of the newly-built prison in Csenger, contacts were made with service providers based in the UK, Poland, Canada and the US to identify solutions and partners to support and facilitate service provision in the section.

The intensification of relations with foreign embassies is characterised by the fact that on 9 March 2023, a large-scale consular meeting was held with the participation of 55 countries, where, in addition to general information on the



Growing international, professional relations and cooperations, fruitful consular meeting

HPS, the legal regulations concerning foreign prisoners that entered into force this year were presented. Partly as a result of this meeting, 155 enquiries concerning foreign detainees were received in 2023, which is several times more than in previous years.

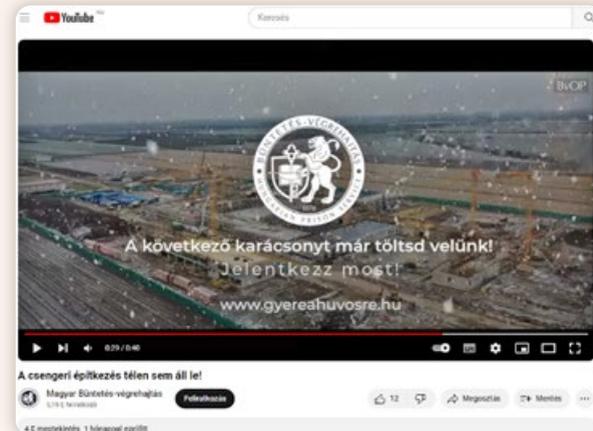




Communication and social engagement

The prison website (bv.gov.hu) has seen significantly more publication activity in 2023 than in previous years. The primary external communication channels (website and Facebook) showed a 2.5 times increase in performance compared to 2022. The quality, quantity and timeliness of content (articles, photos, videos) showed a substantial improvement across all communication platforms.

In 2023, the total page views of the prison website exceeded 2 million. In 2023, the content uploaded to the HPS's YouTube channel was viewed by 1.8 million people and the number of subscribers increased to 5 161.



The Prison Service's Facebook page reached 1 150 620 users in 2023. In 2023, the page passed the 10 000 follower mark. In 2023, the video 'The prison commando has raided!' was the most viewed content, reaching 389 505 users. The post gathered more than 1 500 reactions and was shared by 318 people.

The organisation's Instagram profile 'Hungarian Prison Service' has 1 937 followers. The most viewed post on this platform in 2023 was the organisation's Christmas video featuring the new Prison in Csenger, which generated more than 4 000 views. In 2023, the profile of the media platform was expanded and the organisation's TikTok channel was launched. In the period under review, the 22 published videos generated a total of 217 325 views. ●





Prisoner involvement

Full-scale involvement of prisoners

In 2023, it was also important to promote the re-integration of prisoners as effectively as possible through employment, with the aim of ensuring that all prisoners who are able to work actively work while serving their sentence, contribute to the cost of their imprisonment and, by learning a work culture, become law-abiding citizens upon release. Work helps to increase self-esteem and a sense of responsibility, gives the opportunity to create value and (through their wages) enables family members to be supported.

In order to ensure the successful reintegration of prisoners, the HPS pays particular attention to social reintegration and employment to facilitate



labour market integration, thus ensuring that full employment is maintained.

Central supply

The central supply activity performs two public tasks, on one hand to ensure the employment of prisoners, and on the other hand to ensure the continuous supply of each government organisation with the products and services produced by the prison companies.

In the reporting period, regarding the supply needs below the EU threshold in 2023 the assignment of prison companies that are able to perform realized in a higher value than in 2022. ●





Economy

In 2023, the Bv. Holding group of prison companies underwent a reorganisation through centralisation and rationalisation efforts, as part of which the Bv. Holding Ltd.'s production activities were distributed among the other member companies.

As a result of the centralisation of the group of companies the supervisory, legal, procurement, controlling, compliance consulting and sales departments were transferred to the Bv. Holding Ltd. in a holder role. The holder's main task is to provide the professional support required for the continuous production of the prison companies and to coordinate the work of the member companies in order to carry out this task.



The Project Unit has been created as a new unit to coordinate and supervise major projects and investments in the company group on a centralised basis.

As of 31 March 2023, the production module was introduced in the SAP ERP system at 4 more member companies (DunaMix Ltd., Ipoly Shoe factory Ltd., Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd., Sopronkőhidai Ltd.).

On June 30, 2023, the WoodPlastic production line was handed over to Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd., which will be in operation from 01 July 2023.

At present, nearly 3 800 products and services of nine prison companies are available on the State Partner website, where 480 bodies are represented.



Fig 11 | Distribution of contracts concluded by type of activity (%)





IT activities

In the healthcare sector, the telemedicine system, which was implemented in cooperation between the HPS-HQ and the National Directorate General of Hospitals, is a noteworthy development. It has started operating in 9 prisons as a solution to the shortage of medical specialists. Our telemedicine system was awarded 2nd place in the category of best digital diagnostic systems at the tender of the Digital Health Summit, which represents innovation in medical technology.



A telemedicine system is a healthcare service where the person receiving care and the person providing care do not meet directly, the connection is established through a remote data transmission system. The FEDRA system was developed as a sub-module of the Health Module to implement this digital medical on-call system.

With the introduction of 'FÖNIX3', a more modern and innovative system is available connected to the base registry, which is able to respond quickly to new professional challenges allowing a higher degree of integration regarding the notification activity of the HPS-HQ and the activities of the prisons related to admission and other prison implementation.

A new set of functions has been developed to electronically manage the tasks related to the escort costs of notification activities.

A major innovative development in the prison service is the so-called FMR3 (detainee tablet), whose primary advantage is that it significantly reduces the workload of staff by introducing digital administration in the cell. It enables complex personal development along the lines of digital reintegration efforts and provides a broad spectrum of controlled information to the detainees. It not only supports reintegration, but also has a significant preventive effect, in particular with regard to violent acts against each other.

The development consists of providing prisoners with digital devices, tablets, with appropriate IT protection, which they can use in a controlled way, including personalised access to content. The development was piloted in the Central Institute for Analytical Examination and Methodology in 2023. ●





Developments and technical investments

Capacity expansions

The most important stand-alone project for 2023, which will be carried over to 2024, is the construction of the new prison in Csenger. The 1 500 capacity maximum security complex will be built with a modern architectural design and state-of-the-art security solutions, with the mission to become one of the most modern and secure prisons in Europe.



The contractor will be responsible for the complete design and construction works, with the exception of the IT procurement. During the construction phase, the prison companies will play a major role in the supply of equipment and installations.

The project also includes the construction of two employment halls and the purchase of the necessary equipment for the employment of the prisoners placed in the prison.



In 2023, the HPS has continued to focus on the extensive use of digital solutions. It has implemented a number of improvements that have helped to advance and sustain professional work and the administration of service activities, as well as to reduce the workload of staff through digitalisation and innovation.

The Csenger prison, which will be built with modern, durable and environmentally friendly architecture, will give priority to the use of intelligent electronic systems and robotics, and will provide prisoners with renewed prison uniforms and electronic wristbands for vital signs monitoring. The plans have been drawn up with a view to supporting staff with forward-looking technological solutions, while ensuring the rights of prisoners and the safety of staff. This will enable a prison, the only one of its kind in Europe, to start operations in autumn 2024, equipped with modern technical, IT and security solutions.

Investments, renovations

In accordance with a government decision, the prison service has completed the reinforcement of the existing 165 km security barrier and the construction of the new border protection system in the Hóduna section. The reinforcement included the covering of the so-called 'swan necks' with blade fence elements, the installation of multi-row NATO wire, the installation of reinforcing steel mesh on the first line of the border fence and the replacement and raising of the rapid deployment wire fence, which primarily prevents the fence from being cut. In addition to the fabrication of the fence components and their assembly by inmate labour, the HPS continued to maintain the security barrier and repair the damage.



**Improving working conditions
– Family-friendly measures**



Improving working conditions

In order to increase its staff retention capability, the HPS has expanded its services with a new family-friendly measure and opened its first workplace day nursery in the area of the Szombathely National Prison. The nursery rooms are furnished with modern, safe furniture and toys, and the walls are decorated with painted fairy-tale and animal figures, which praise the work of the staff.

The children are looked after by 4 qualified carers, 1 head carer and 4 nannies, who have now also



become employees of the prison. The nursery is fully adapted to the working hours of the staff, operating from 6 am to 6 pm on weekdays.

In the framework of the project 'unification of the armouries', 6 armouries were completely renovated in 2023, including the purchase of new uniform furniture.

In 2023, the renovation of the existing service housing continued on schedule and, in addition to the construction of the new prison, preparatory works for the construction of a service housing complex with a capacity of 50 persons were started. ●





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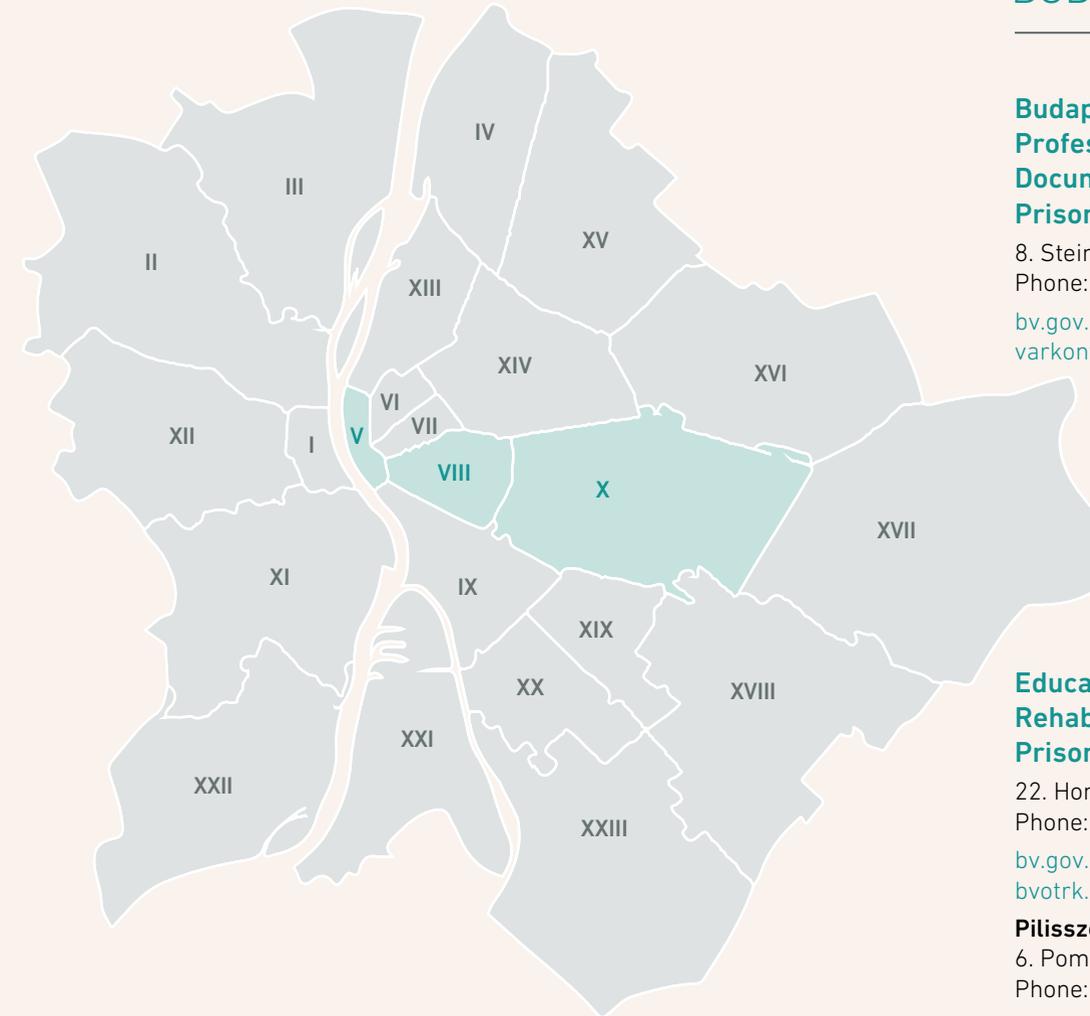
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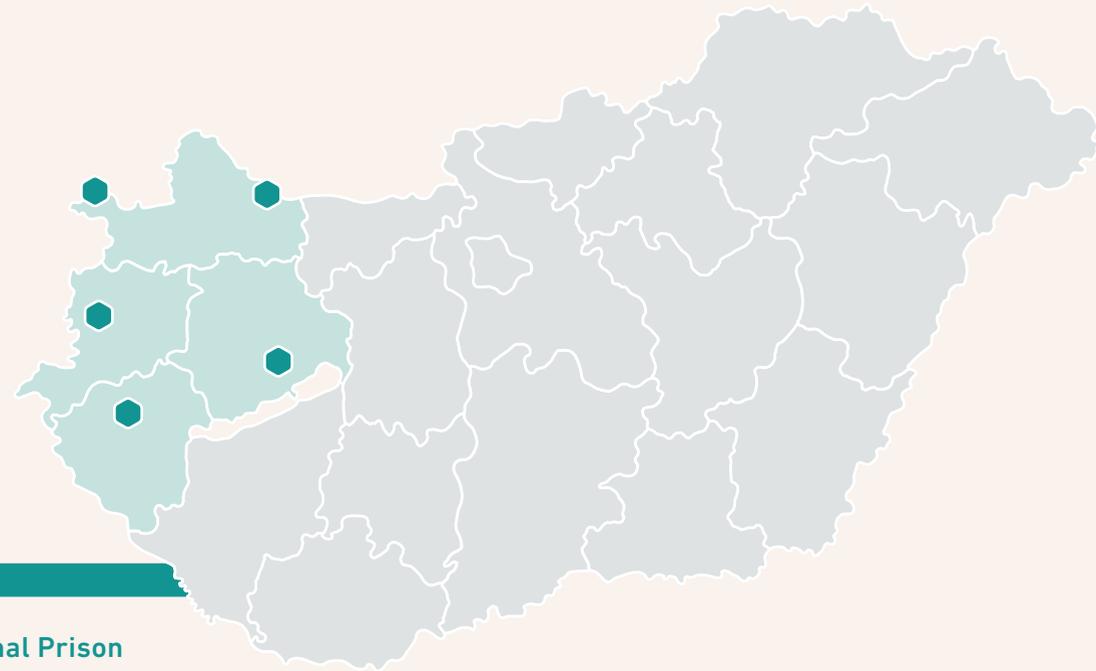
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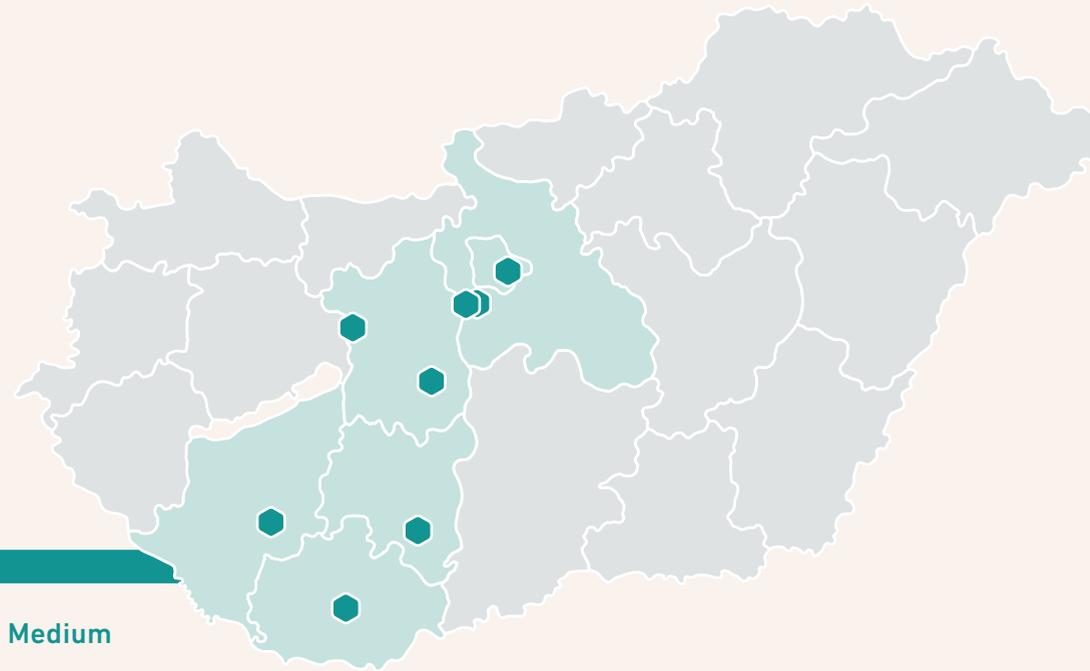
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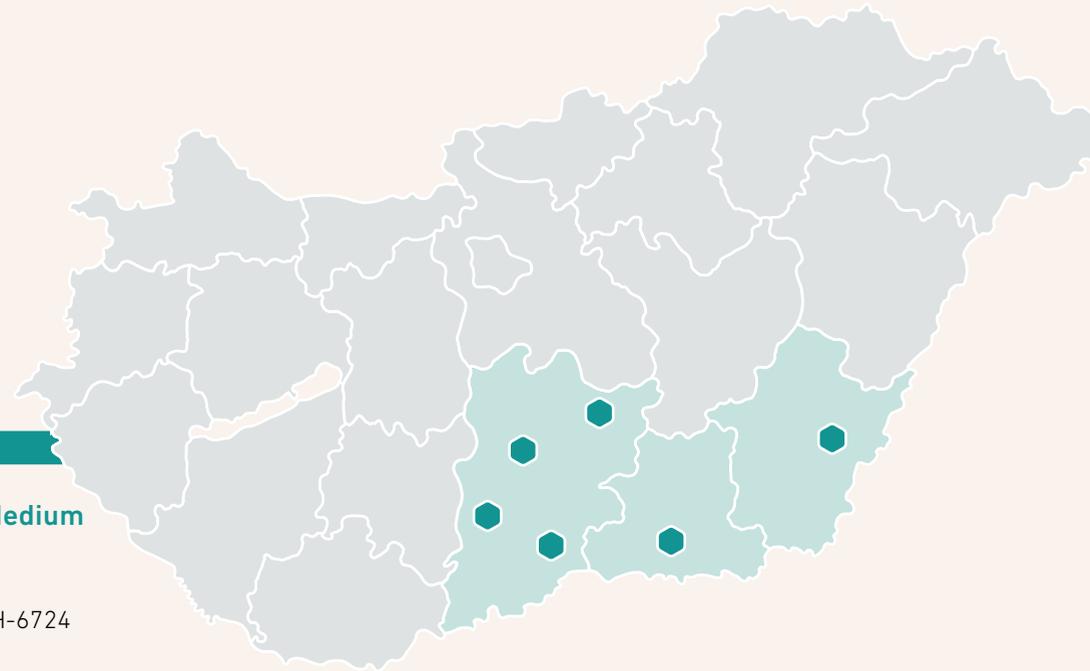
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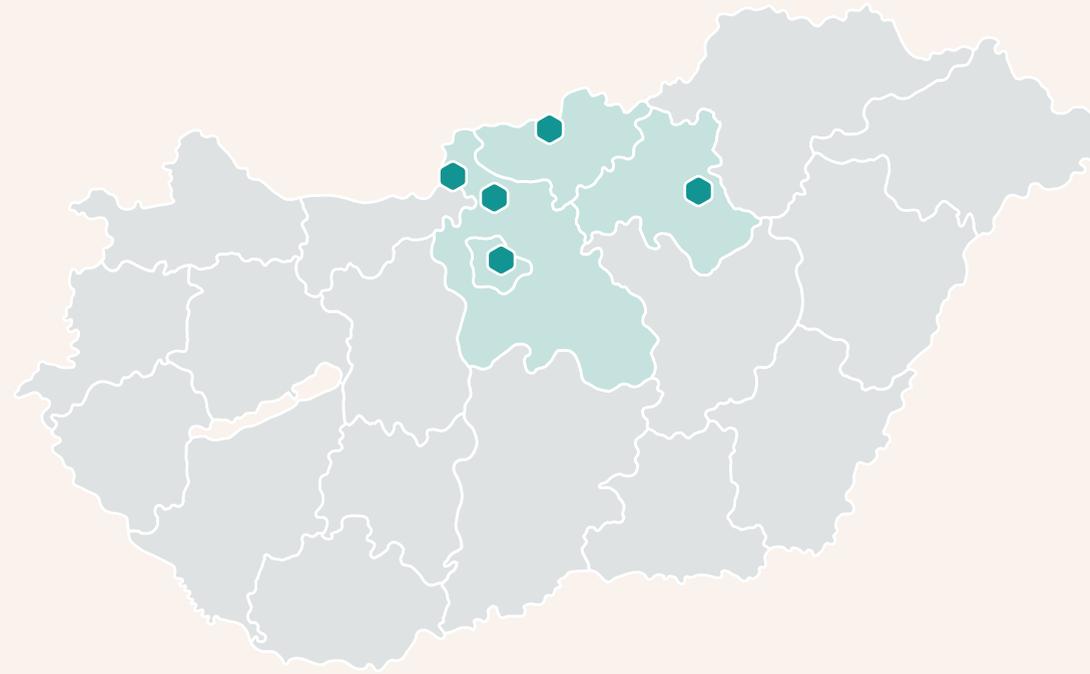
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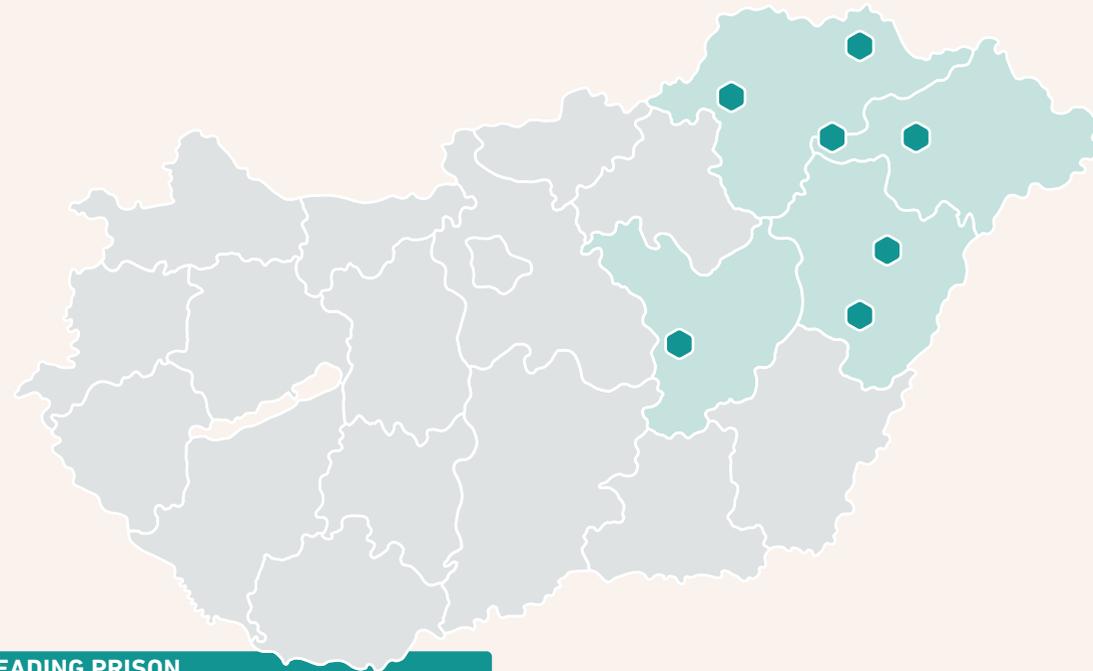


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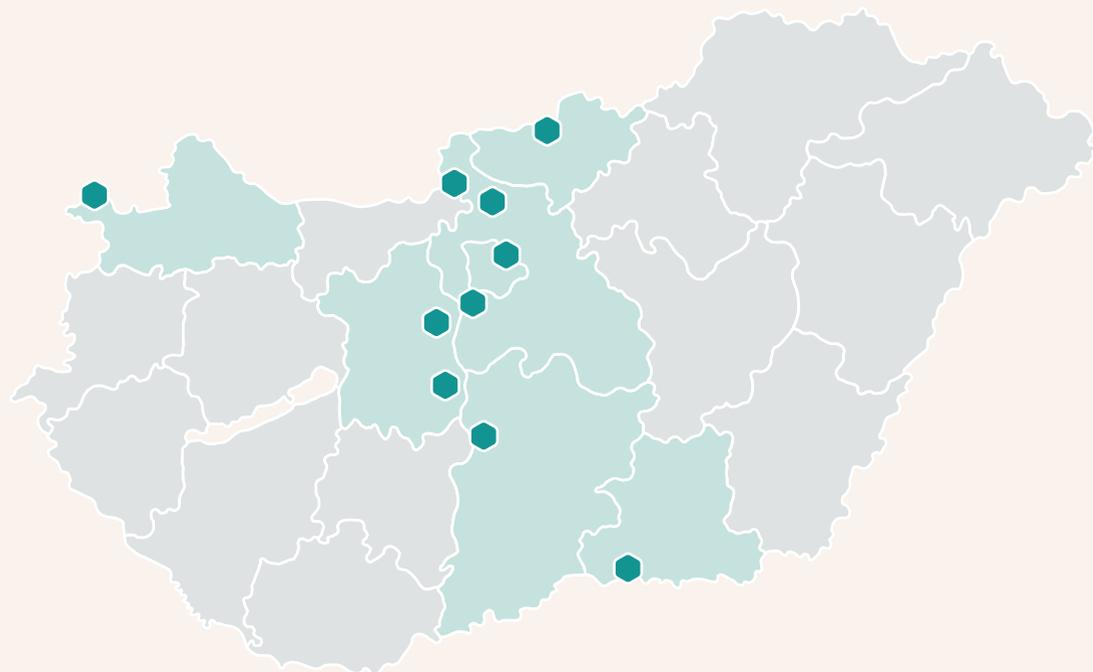
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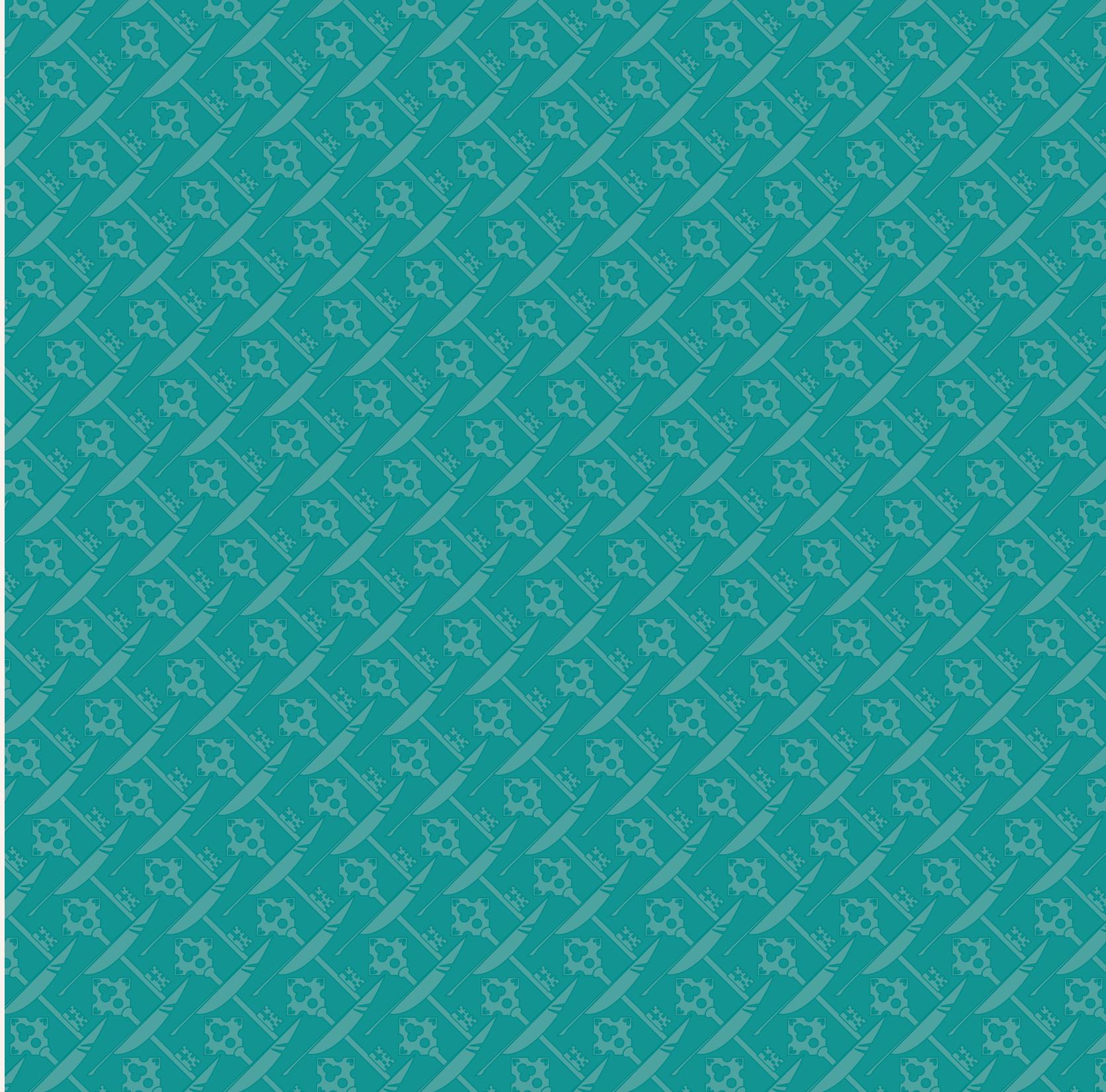
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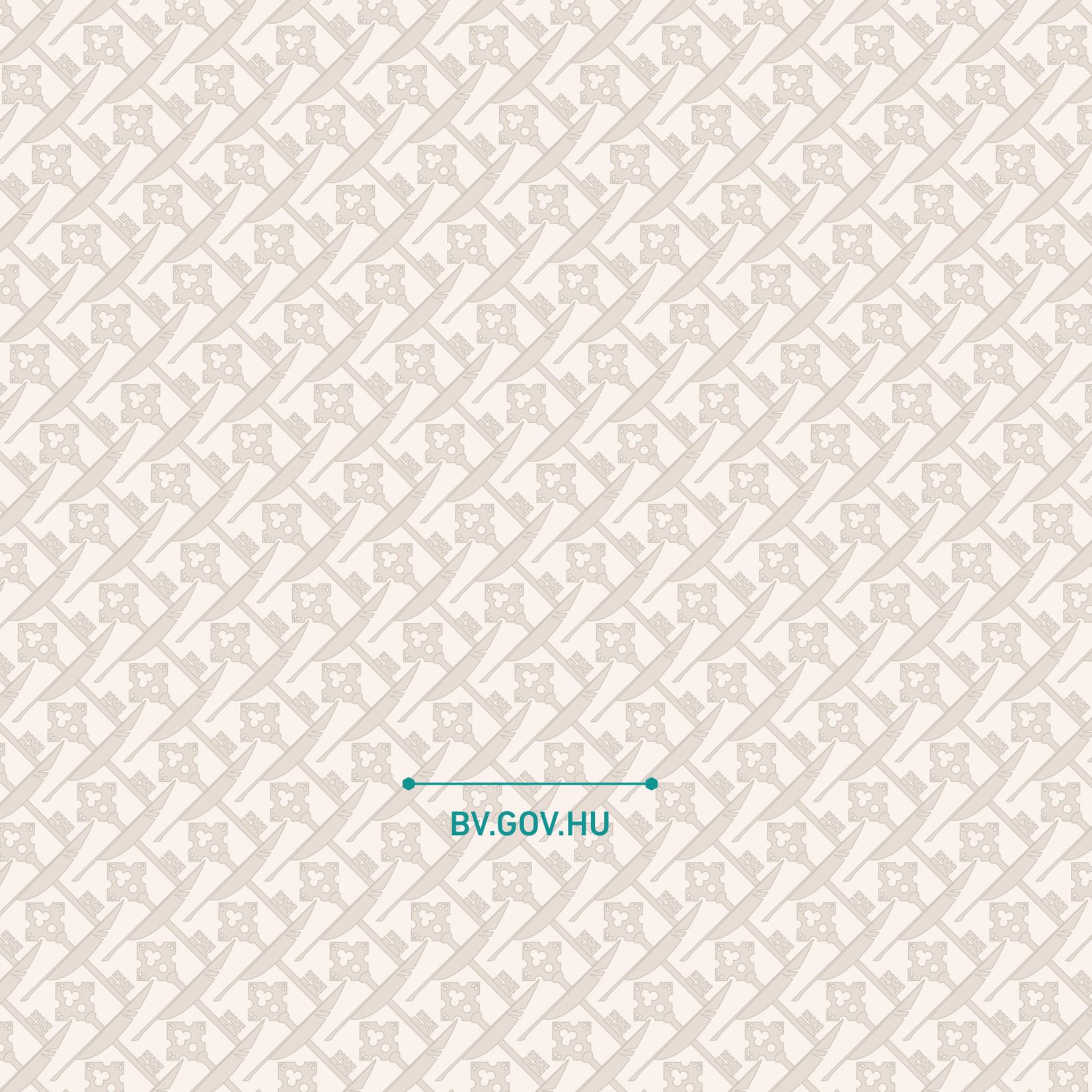


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