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CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGENCY

# FINNISH SENTENCE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

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## The Criminal Sanctions Agency contributes to the safety of society (2:35 minute video)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjLnOPg7zjk>

## KEY FIGURES

■ **2 910** prisoners\* (8% women)

■ **5 546** entries from freedom in 2018

■ **2 959** community sanction clients\*

■ **26** prisons (of which 11 open)

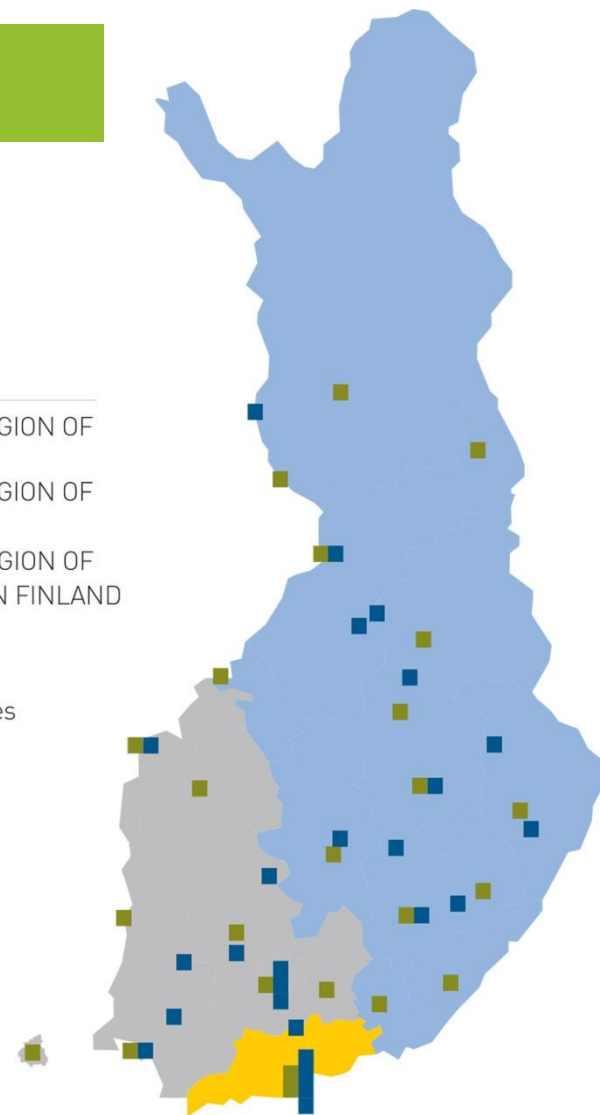
■ **14** community sanctions offices

■ **2 496** employees\*\* (41% women)  
(of which approx. 250 in community sanctions)

\* Daily average 2018

\*\* Computational man-years in 2018

■ CRIMINAL SANCTIONS REGION OF SOUTHERN FINLAND  
■ CRIMINAL SANCTIONS REGION OF WESTERN FINLAND  
■ CRIMINAL SANCTIONS REGION OF EASTERN AND NORTHERN FINLAND  
■ prisons  
■ community sanctions offices





## Cornerstones of the Criminal Sanctions Agency

### Vision

**Preparing for a life without crime –  
safely towards more open enforcement**

### Main goals

**"Path to a life without crime  
with the help of an active  
network co-operation"**

The content of sentence enforcement and the co-operation with other authorities and third sector operators as well as the close people of the sentenced offender increase the sentenced offender's abilities to reintegrate into society.

**"Safely towards  
more open and  
influential  
enforcement"**

Flexible and secure structures and sanction processes enable and support more open and influential enforcement.

**"Meaningful work,  
motivated and  
healthy personnel"**

The Criminal Sanctions Agency is a reliable and respected organisation where skilled and motivated personnel carry out meaningful work.

### Basic duty

**The Criminal Sanctions Agency is responsible for the  
implementation of remand imprisonment as well as the  
enforcement of community sanctions and prison sentences.**

### Values

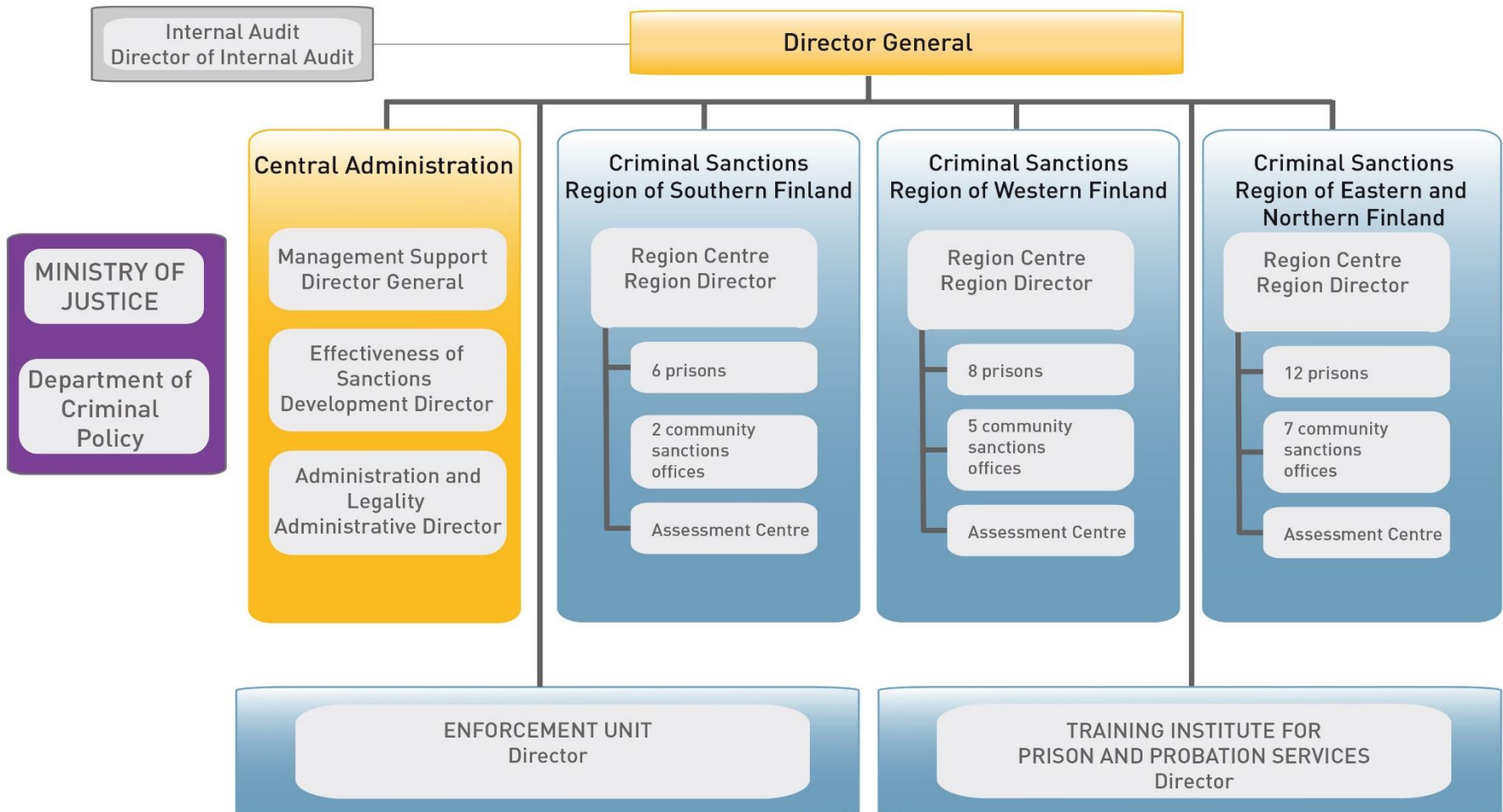
**Respect for  
human dignity**

**Justness**

**Belief in an  
individual's potential  
to change and grow**

**Safety**

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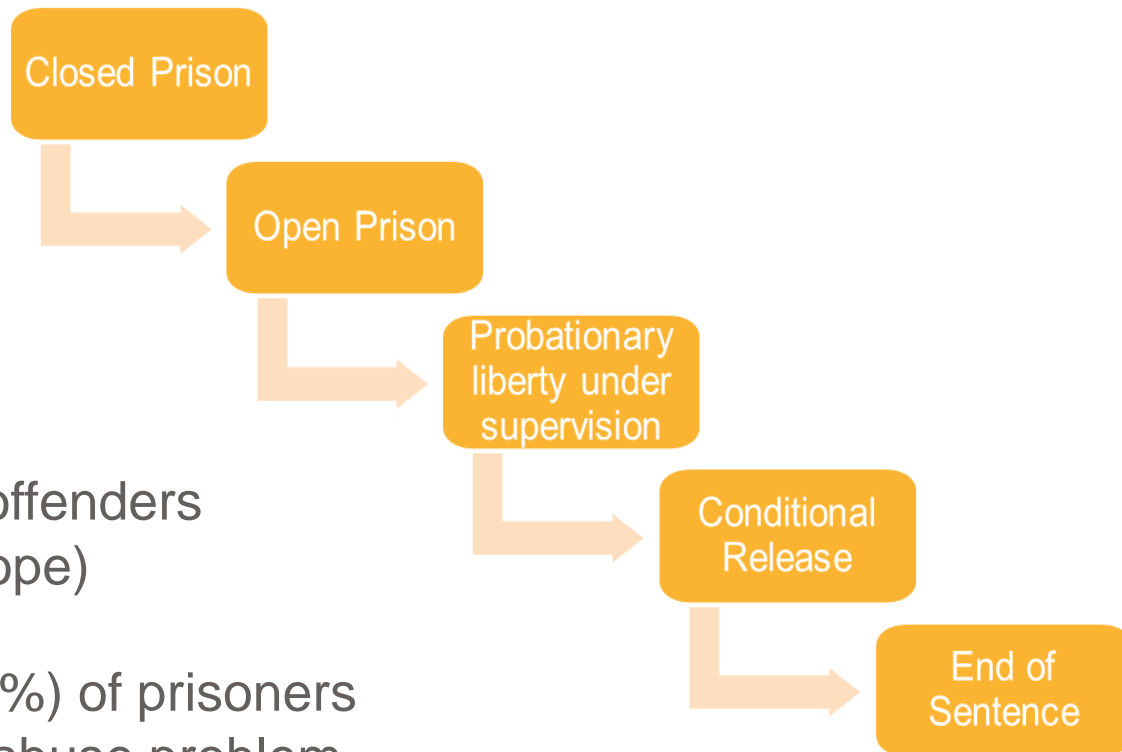
## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS (1/2)

- Low prisoner rate: 51 / 100 000
  - Russia: 366, USA: 655 \*
- Transition towards a more open enforcement of sentences:
  - Prisons (~1/2) → Community sanctions (~1/2)
  - Closed prisons (~2/3) → Open prisons (~1/3)
- Short prison terms
  - Average length of actualized prison term 11 months
  - Nearly half less than 3 month

\* <http://www.prisonstudies.org/world-prison-brief-data>

## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS (2/2)

- Gradual release
- Exceptionally low amount of under-aged (<18) or juveniles (<21) in prisons.\*
- High number of violent offenders (about 3 x Western Europe)
- High amount (almost 90%) of prisoners with serious substance abuse problem (alcohol and/or drugs/medication)





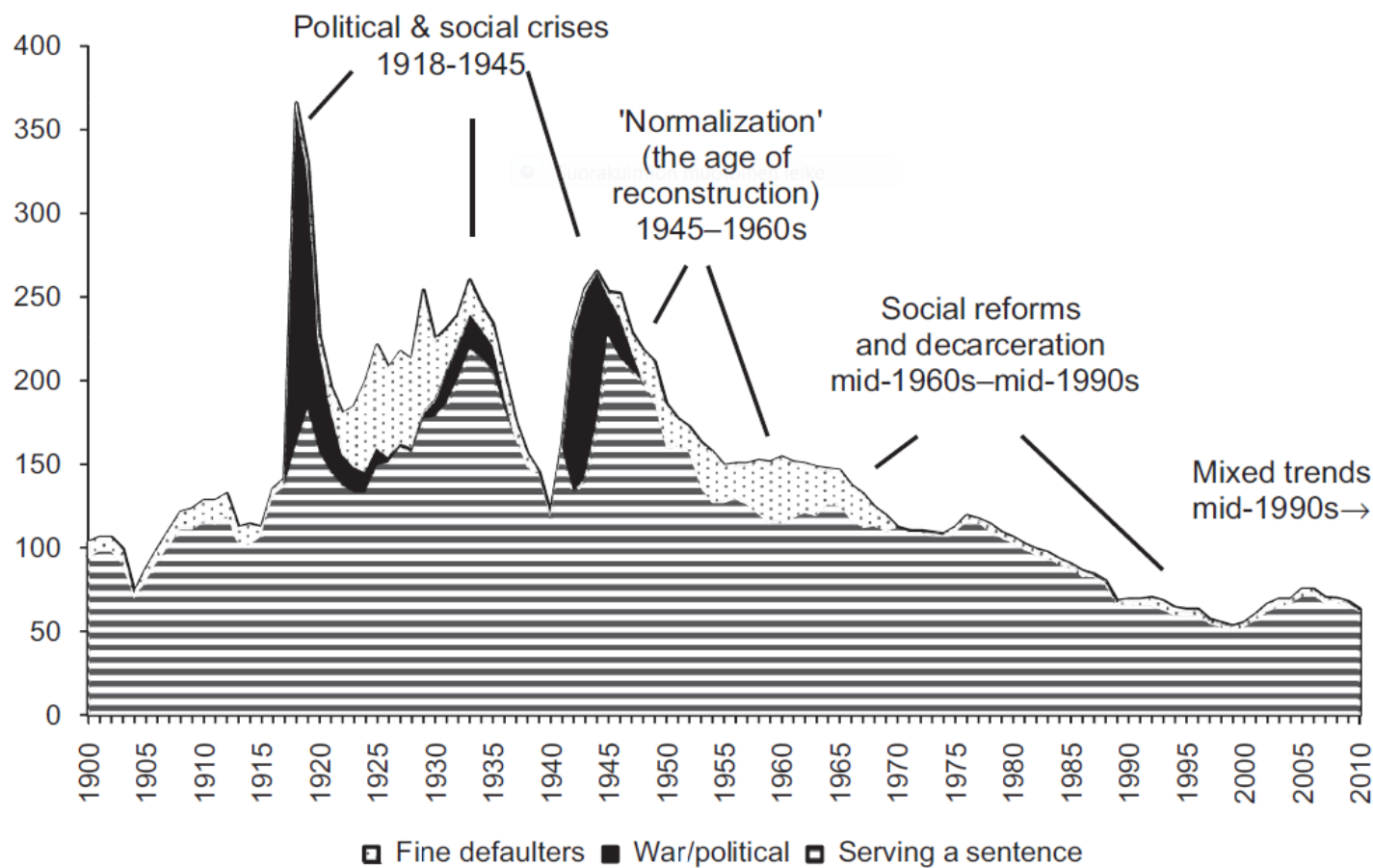
## COSTS

- The overall costs of the criminal sanctions field about 210 M€
- Costs per prisoner per year 67 000 €
  - closed prison 78 000 € (214 € per day)
  - open prison 54 000 € (149 € per day)
- Costs per community sanction client per year 5 000 €

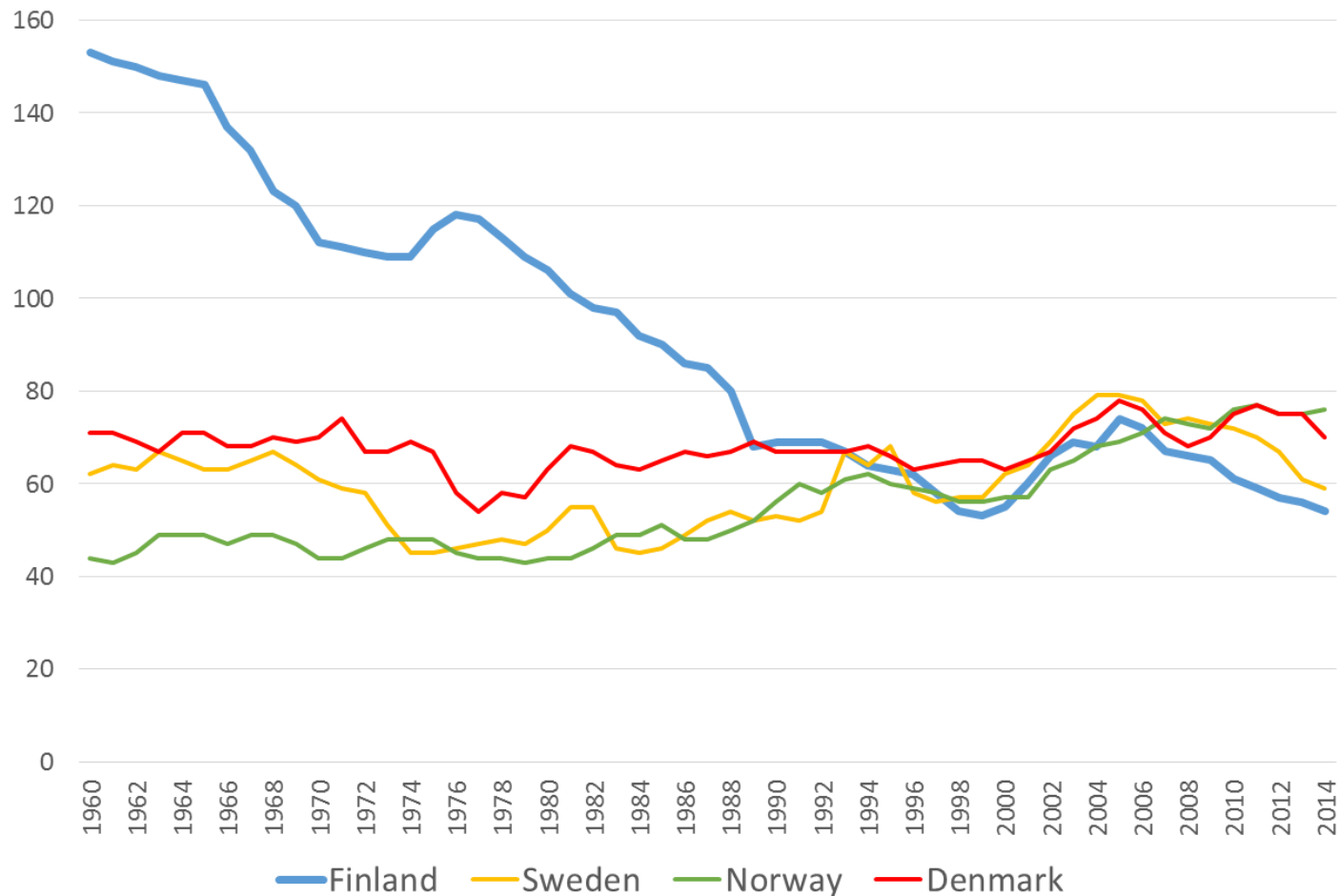




# HISTORY - PRISONER RATE IN FINLAND 1900 - 2010



# HISTORY - ADOPTING THE NORDIC MODEL (PRISONERS/100 000, 1960-2015)





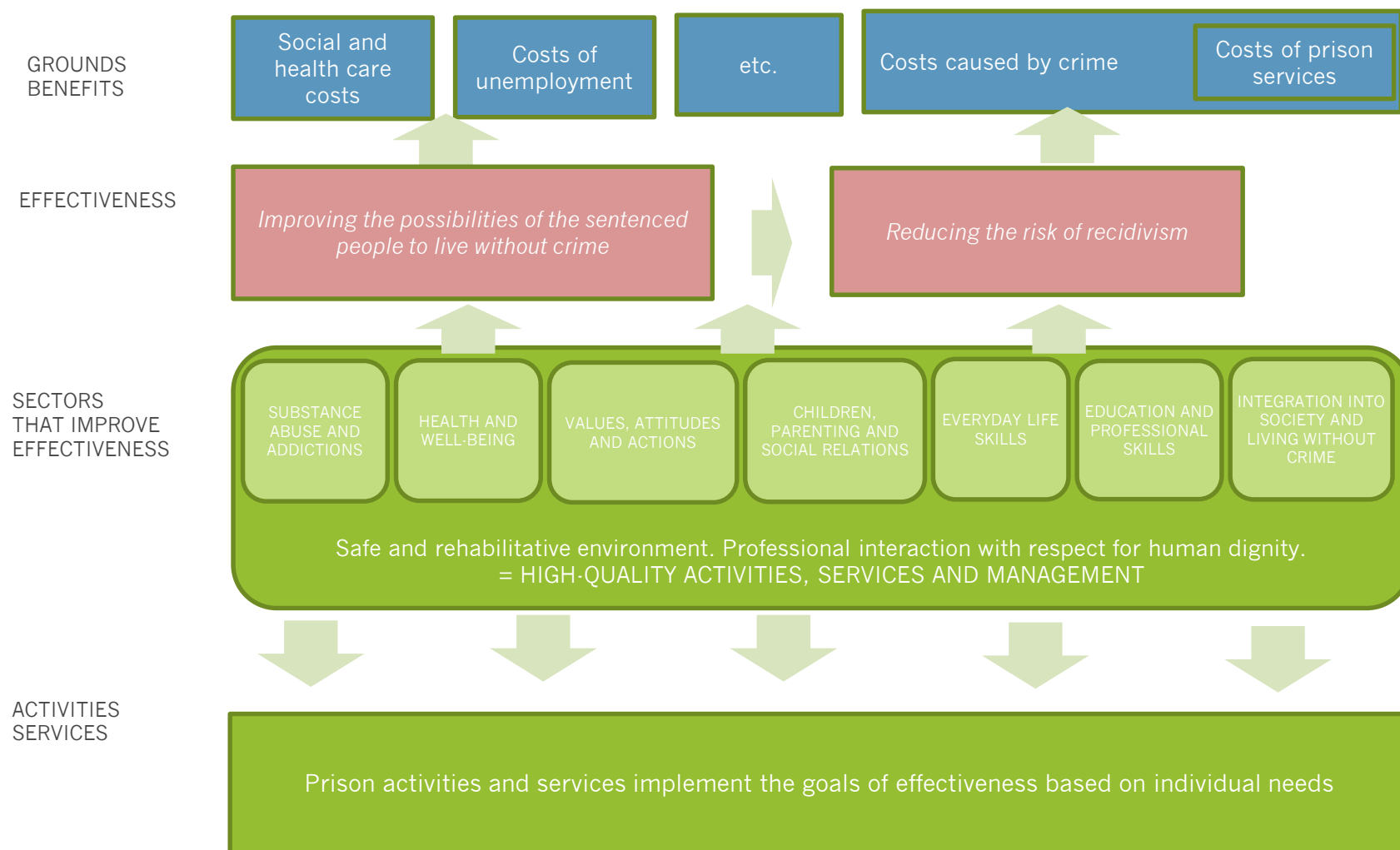
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## PRISON OF THE FUTURE - FINNISH PRISON CONCEPT

- prisons as learning environments

## Framework for effectiveness





## Substance abuse and addictions

Hygiene education for addicts

Mentors with personal experience

Service continuums

Substance abuse rehabilitation programmes

Digital services

Individual work carried out by instructors / prison officers \*



## Values, attitudes and actions

Restorative mediation

Programmes for managing self-esteem and social problems

Programmes for managing violence and aggression

Psychologist's reception \*

Prison chaplain's reception \*

Right to practice one's own religion \*

Creative activities

Individual work carried out by instructors / prison officers \*



## Everyday life skills

Teaching management of everyday finances

Learning social skills and mediation skills

Learning cultural skills

Management of social matters (social welfare) \*

Cooking skills for prisoners

Outdoor work / Green care

Teaching digital skills

Informal activities arranged by the staff in the wards \*

Individual work carried out by instructors / prison officers \*



## Education and professional skills

Basic education

Preparatory education for vocational training \*

General upper secondary education \*

Higher education

Vocational education connected to work activities

- Cafeteria/catering
- Well-being (sports/massage)
- Property maintenance, cleaning and landscaping
- Entrepreneurship education linked to vocational training

Music education and instruction \*

Pop-up workshops

Adult education (e.g. languages, Finnish for foreigners, ICT, arts)

Library \*



## Health and well-being

Arrival check (part of sentence plan)

Group exercise and sports with instructor \*

Health education

Dental care

Outdoor exercise \*

Gym \*

Individual work carried out by instructors / prison officers \*



## Children, parenting and social relations

Current situation and planning of individual work based on networks

Different types of visits

Family camps

Other communication with family and close people

Individual work carried out by instructors / prison officers \*



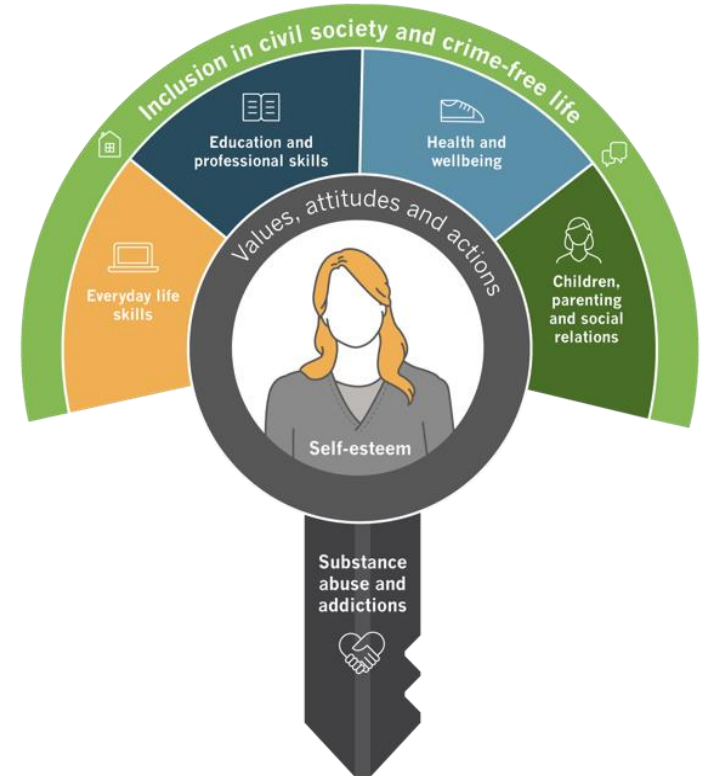
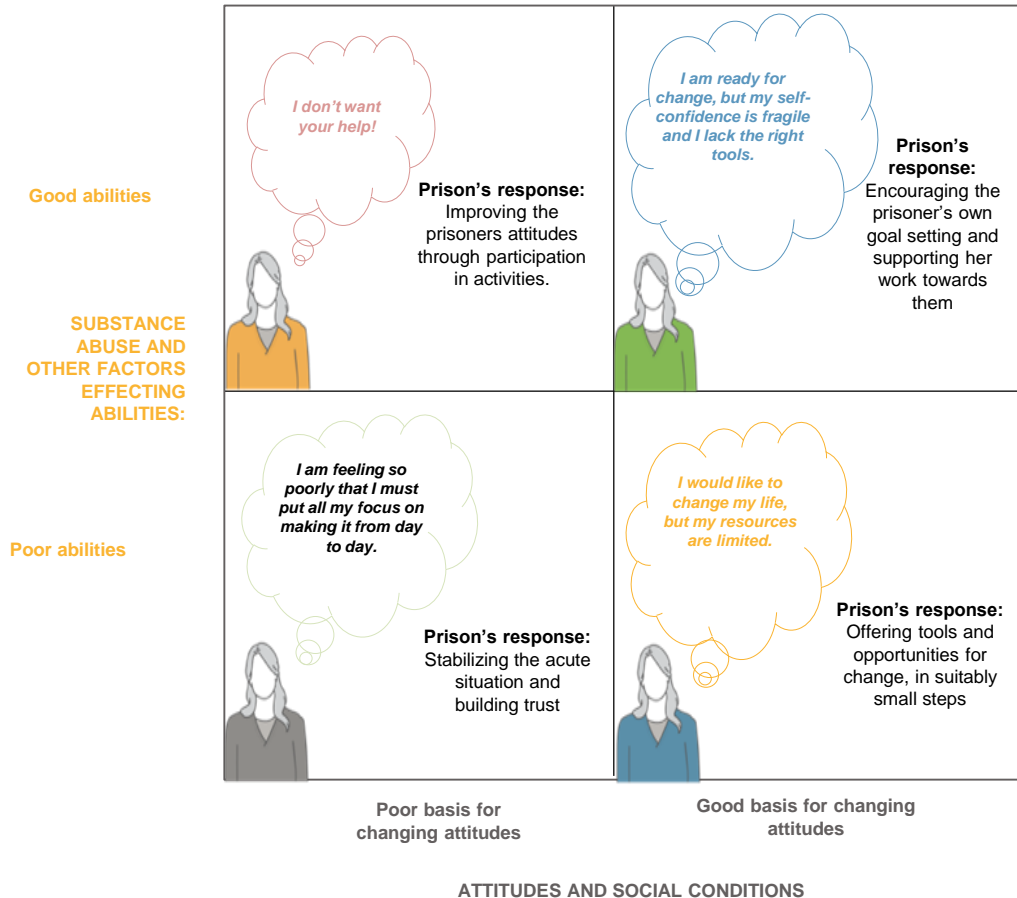
## Integration into society and living without crime

Peer-support for those motivated to desist from crime

Case management and providing information about services provided by society \*

Preventing homelessness \*

# Matching services to convicts' needs



## GOAL

To improve the prisoners' ability to live without crime  
> To decrease the risk of repeated offending

## HOW?

Effecting the probability of repeated offending is the foundation of everything. Effects are produced through...

Active support and motivation

Humane and respectful interactions

Coaching for change

CULTURE

LEADERSHIP

# A prison is a LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR A LIFE WITHOUT CRIME

– safe, encouraging and supporting  
of participation in society –

Supporting convicts' independence and initiative

Matching services to convicts' needs

Building partnerships outside the prison

SERVICE PROVISION

## WHY?



The concept is also informed by the four core values of Criminal Sanctions Agency:

Respect for humanity

Justice

Belief in the ability of a person to change and grow

Security

The prison concept is based on Finnish Imprisonment act, which states that the goal of the enforcement of imprisonment is to increase the readiness of the prisoner to live a life without crime, by promoting the prisoner's ability to manage his or her life and by promoting his or her adjustment to society as well as to prevent the commission of offences during the term of sentence.

## FOR WHOM?

The concepts' beneficiaries include the society, the personnel of the prison as well as the prisoners.

**FOR THE PRISONERS**  
Improved chances of participation in the society and of living without crime during and after the sentence.

**FOR THE PERSONNEL**  
Sense of meaningfulness in work and opportunities for professional growth.

**FOR THE SOCIETY**  
Safety and resource-effectivity that is measurable.



## VIDEOS ON RISE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

- Road to Freedom – a Work Supervisor’s Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3vzDyi7xsc>

- Road to Freedom – a Prisoner’s Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=js90Vez7twU>

- Road to Freedom – a Guard’s Story

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