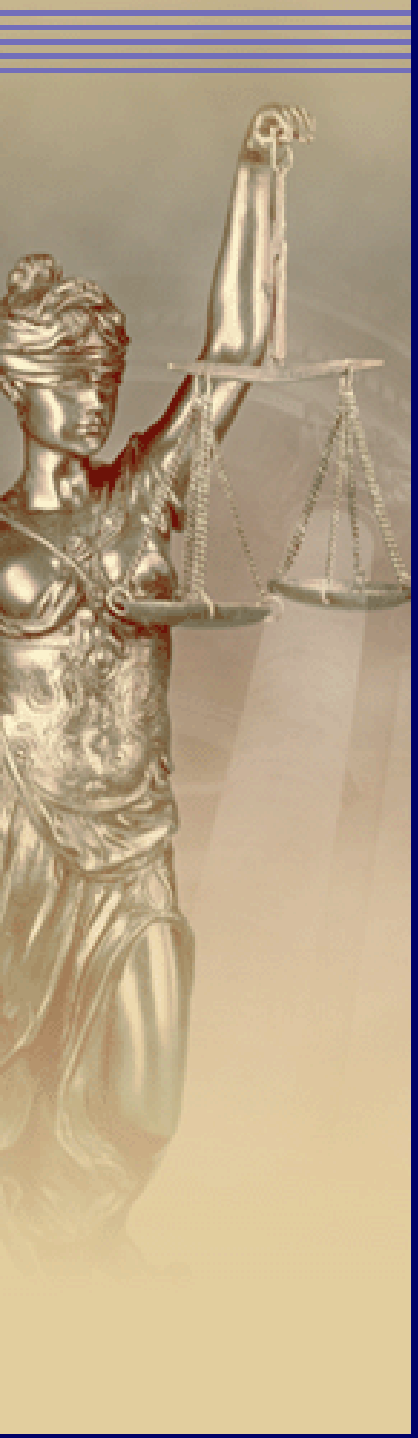

Poland

- on the way to electronic monitoring of offenders

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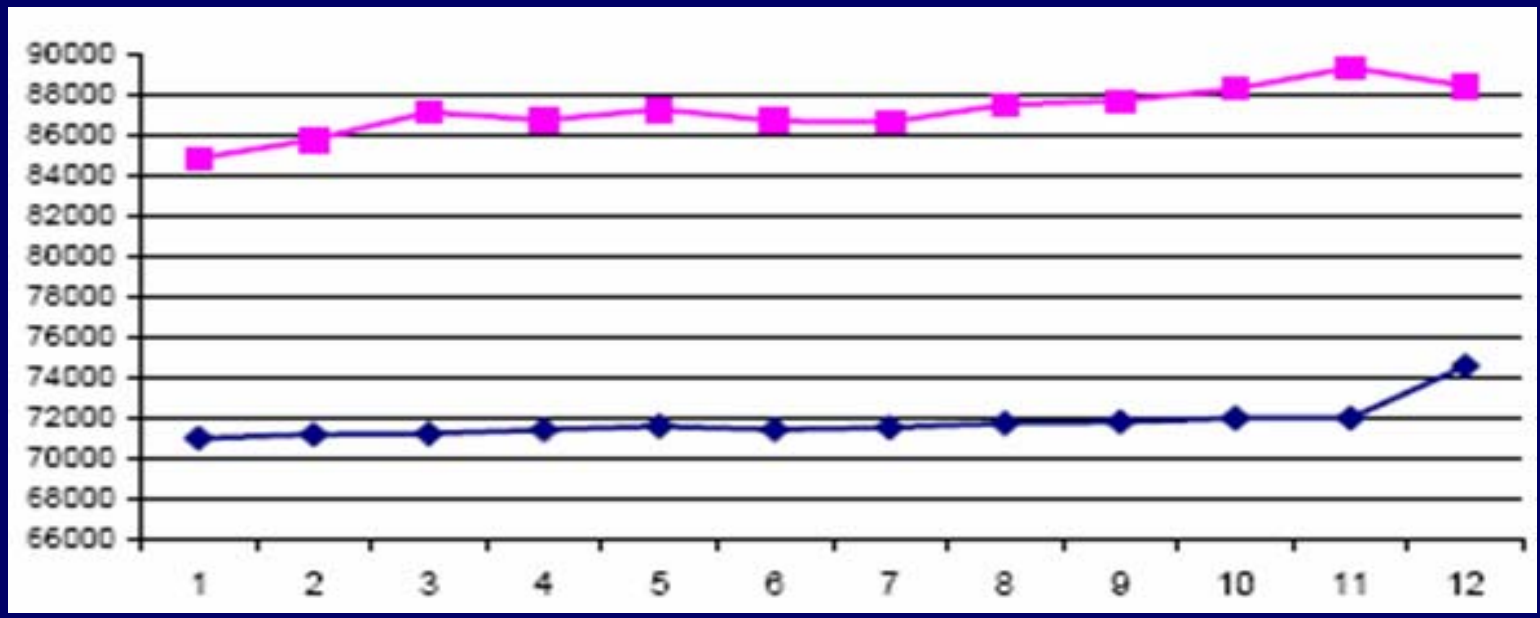
May 11th, 2007

Prison population in Poland*

- prison population ≈ **89000**
- prison capacity ≈ **70 000**



*** as of 2006**

Prisons in Poland

- 85 prisons
- Mostly built before 1945

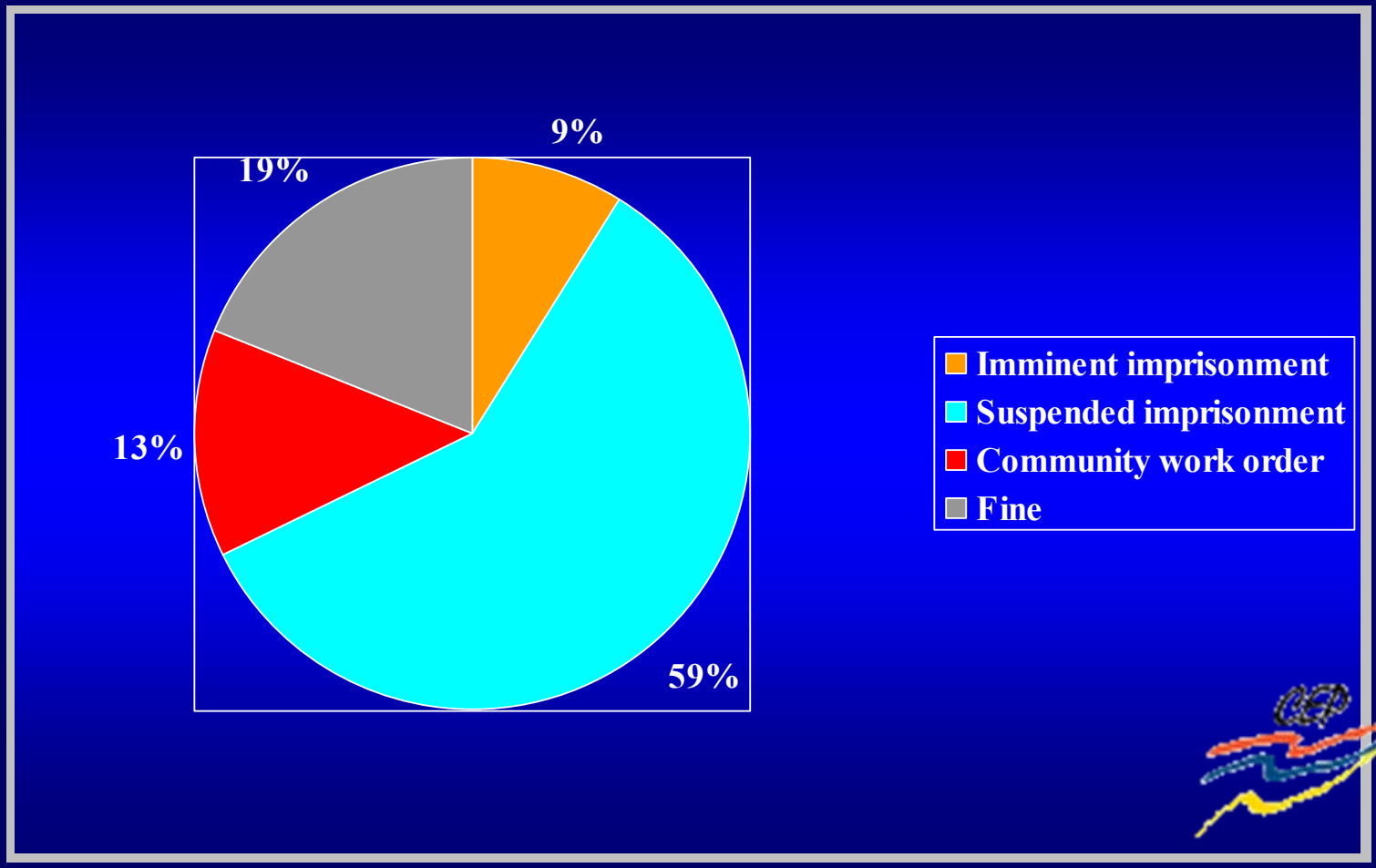
The World Prison Population List (fifth edition)

Prison population rate per 100 K of national population

England & Wales	141
France	93
Belgium	89
Sweden	73
Estonia	361
Latvia	352
Lithuania	256
Poland	218
Czech Republic	170

Sanctions imposed by District Courts

January-June 2005, total: 249 532



The Response

- Governmental programme of gaining 17,000 beds in the facilities of the prison system in the period 2006-2009
- Enforcement of imprisonment sentences outside a penitentiary facility by implementation of electronic monitoring programme

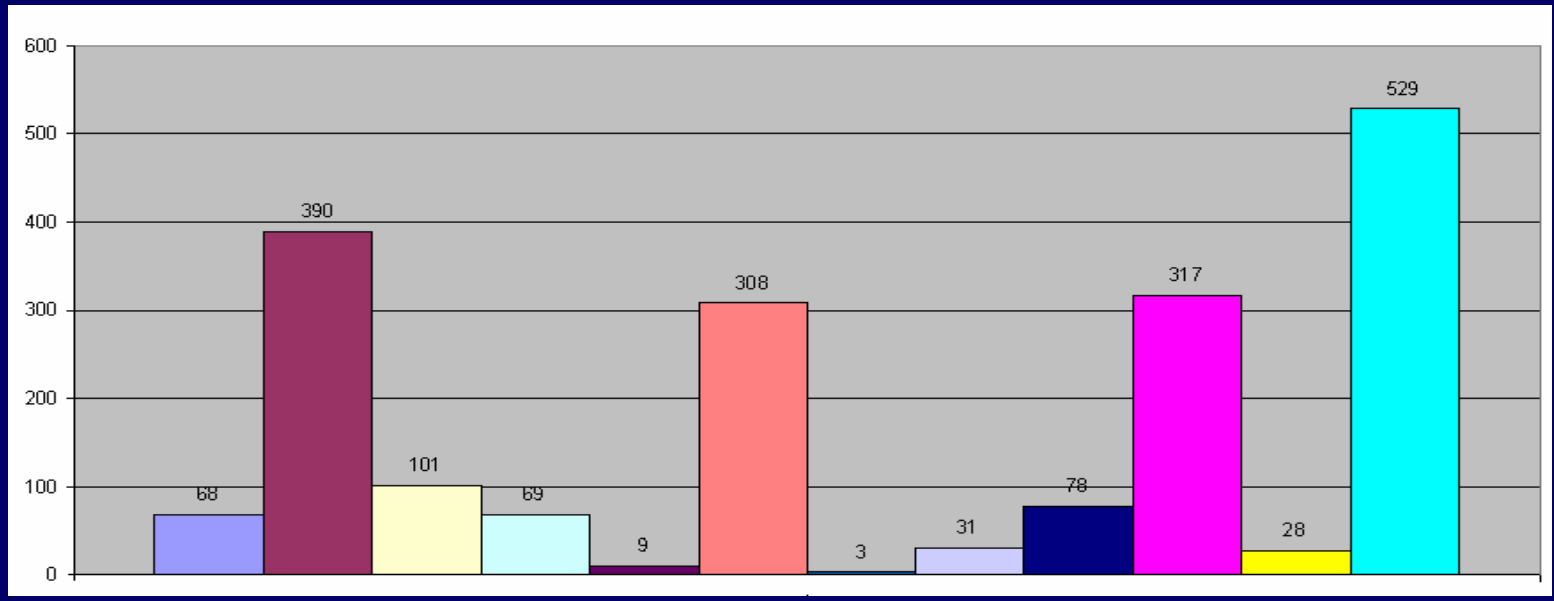
Preparatory work

- Comparative studies of legal provisions
- Study visits to EM –leading countries
- Consultations with experts (EM, correction system)
- Dissemination: seminars and conferences
- Legal proffesionals' attitude survey

The attitudes of legal professionals towards electronic monitoring

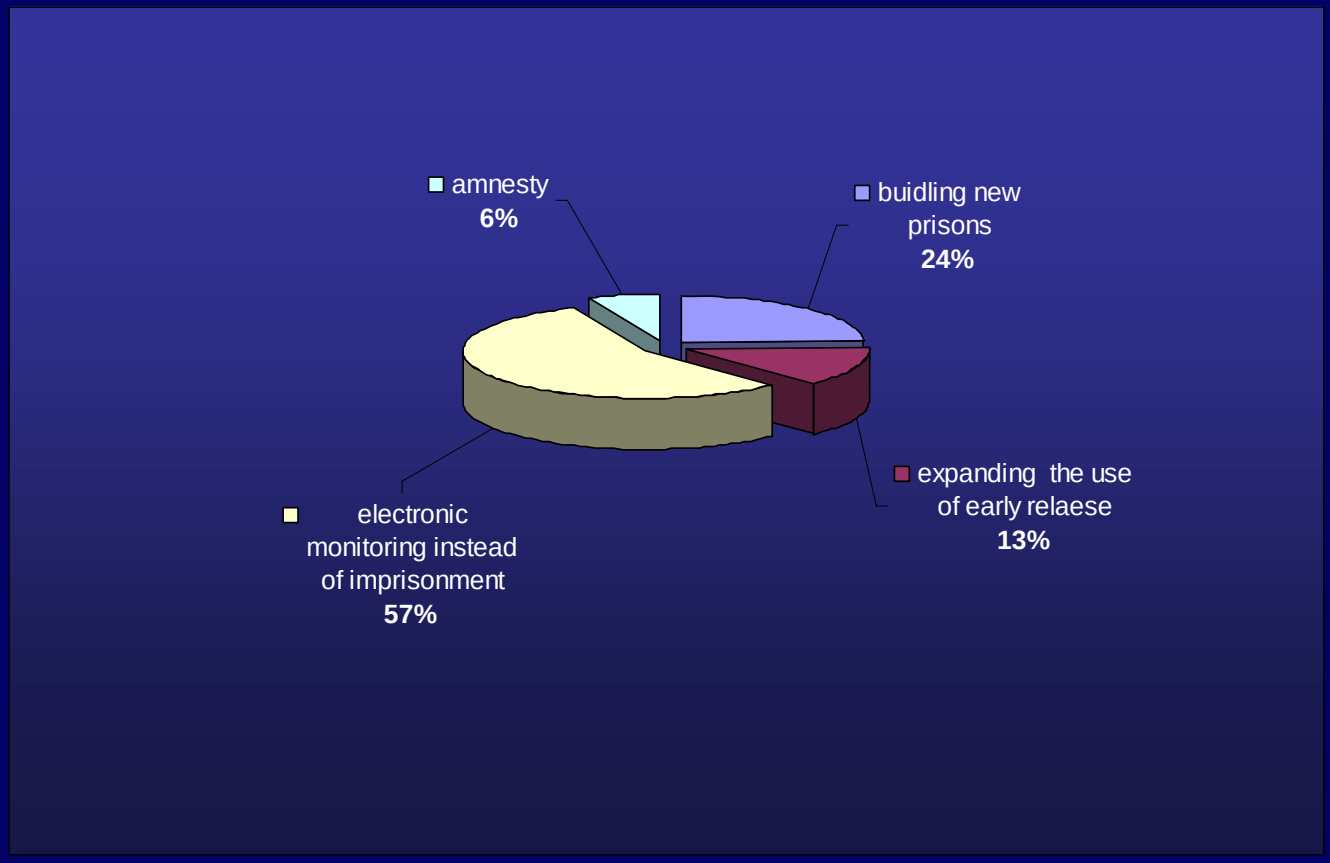
- More than 3200 questionaires distributed
- Around 2000 respondents
- Different concepts of EM application presented in questions

The survey: participants



- Pententiary judges
- I instance judges
- II instance judges
- Judges in training
- Prison Service officers
- Prosecutors
- Probation officers
- Probaton officers' assistants
- Defence lawyers
- Other

Re: overcrowding in prisons



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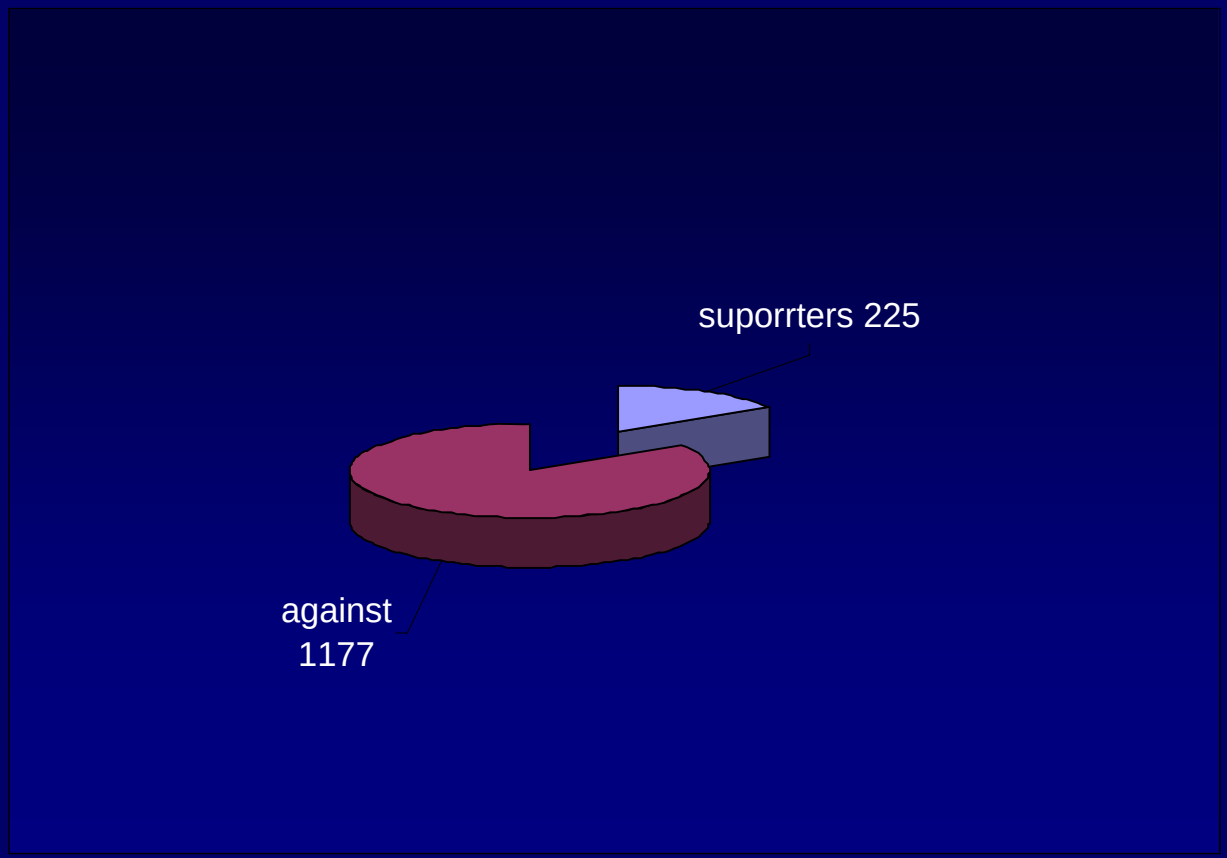

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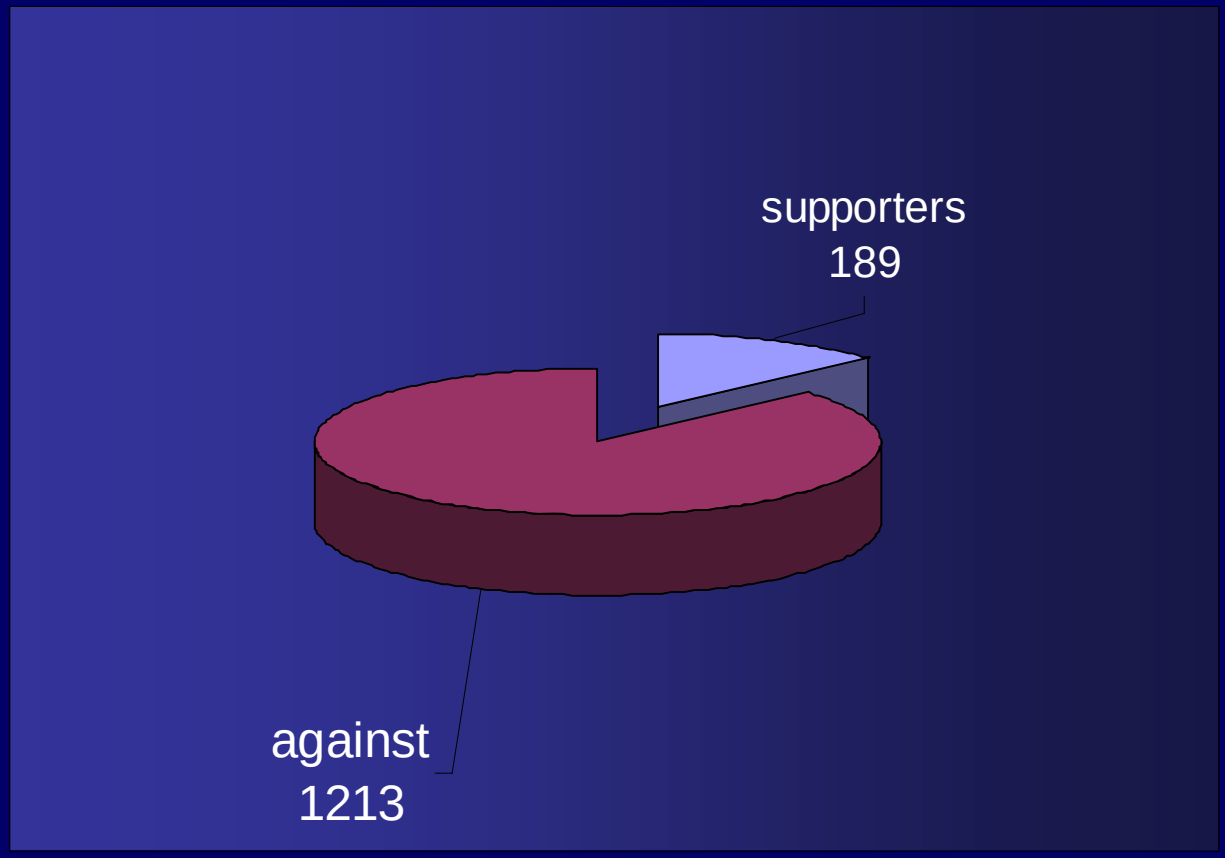


The EM Bill

Upon decison of a penitentiary court issued at the post-sentecing stage:

- in **a front-door programme-** a short time imprisonment term (up to 6 months) could be served in a form of curfew with electronic monitoring
- in a **back-door programme**- a convict who is sentenced for up to 1 year in prison and has no more than 6 months of the term left, can serve the rest of his term under electronic supervision

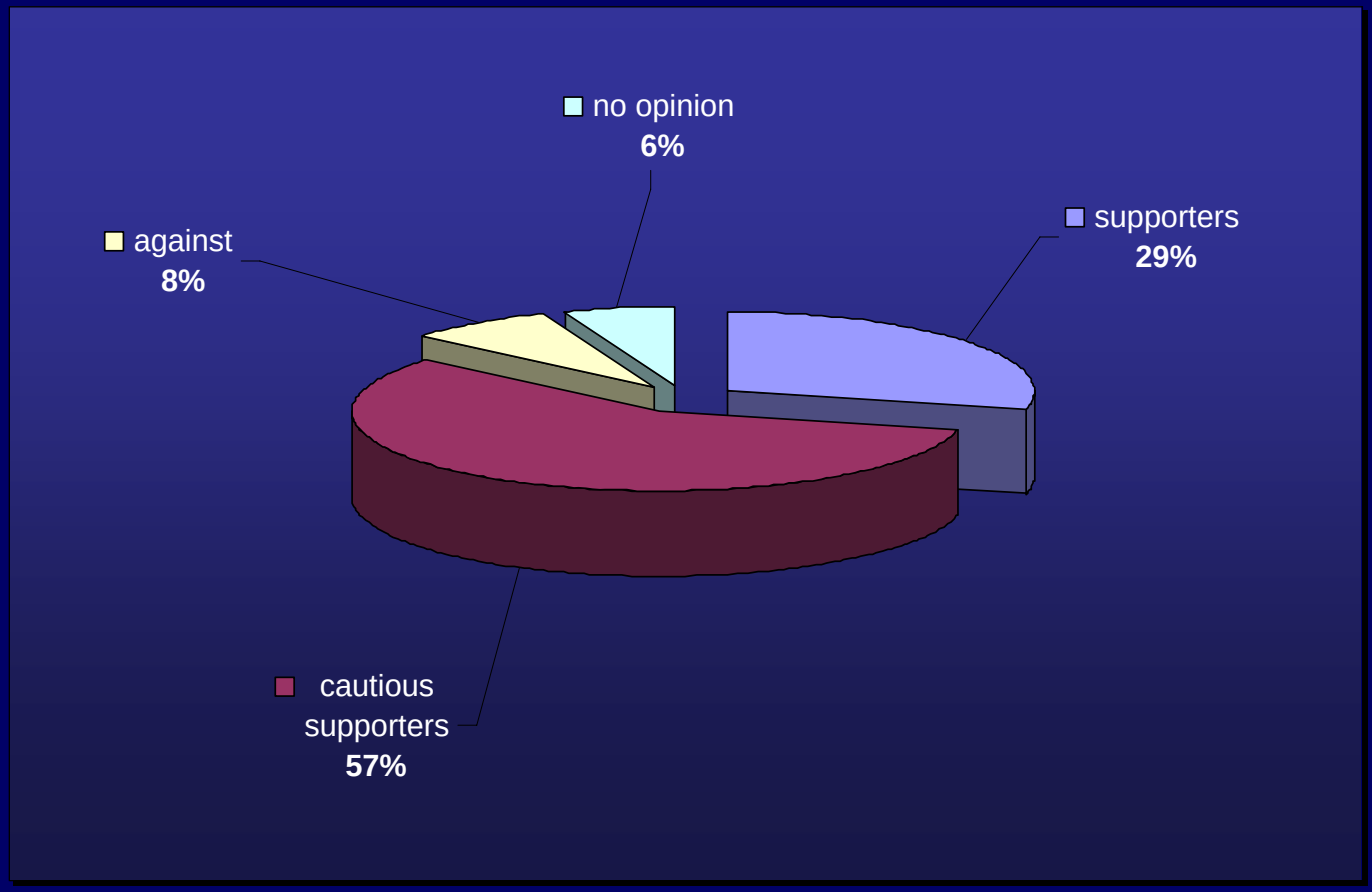
EM- the scope

- RF technology
- House arrest
- Restraining order (person, place)

The proposed regimes of incarceration in Poland

- Lock-up
- Semi-open
- Open
- EM

Re : Opinions on the proposed solution



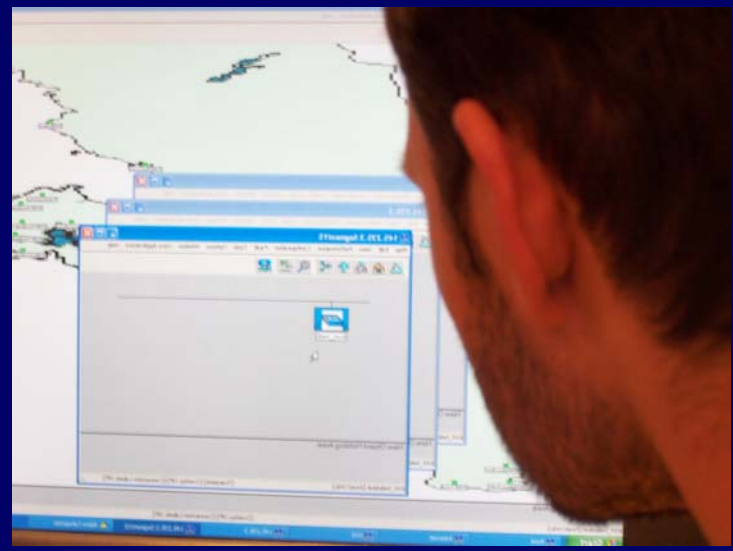
Short time incarceration*

- from 1 to 3 months 760
- from 3 to 6 months **3845**
- from 6 to 12 months 12290

*as of 31.12.2007

Monitoring of offenders: actors

- Penitentiary judges
- Probation officers
- Authorised EM service provider



Authorised EM service provider

- Providing hardware, software and necessary infrastructure
- Installation of equipment
- Maintenance and technical control
- Data storage

Tbc.