

Understanding the impact on the  
Albanian Prison Service, of receiving  
back nationals

---

Presented by:  
Erjon Tema, Deputy General Director of the  
Albanian Prison Service

# Introduction



In this presentation will be discussed the following issues :

- ▣ A current overview of the Albanian Prison System
- ▣ How overpopulation has affected the standards of treatment of persons deprived of their liberty;
- ▣ Data on deports and transfers of national prisoners and foreign prisoners
- ▣ Mechanisms in place to work with the returned prisoners

# Overview of the Albanian Prison System

- There are currently 20 prisons and pre-trial detention centers, 1 Special Health Institute, 1 Institute for Juveniles and 1 Special Institute for the treatment of prisoners with chronic diseases and the elderly;
- Total prison' capacities are for **5455** persons;
- As to 07.11.2016 data, total number of detainees is **6198**;
- Overpopulation is **14% or 743** persons above capacity.

# Division of Prisoners

□ In a population of **6198** prisoners

**3167** are pre-trial detainees of which:

- **Men 3048**
- **Females 52**
- **Juveniles 67**

**3031** convicted offenders of which:

- **Men 2970**
- **Females 52**
- **Juveniles 9**

# Categorization of Prisons

- Out of 23 penitentiary institutions, **5 prisons**, has been categorized as high security detention centers.

| Nr.                   | Penitentiary Institution | Capacity                   |                    | Total       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                       |                          | Pre-trial sections         | Detention sections |             |
| 1.                    | Jordan Misja             | 350                        | 0                  | 350         |
| 2.                    | Mine Peza                | 159                        | 7                  | 166         |
| 3.                    | Vaqarr                   | 140                        | 0                  | 140         |
| 4.                    | Ali Demi                 | 40                         | 60                 | 100         |
| 5.                    | Spitali Burgjeve         | 13                         | 86                 | 99          |
| 6.                    | Kukës                    | 36                         | 0                  | 36          |
| 7.                    | Tropojë                  | 10                         | 16                 | 26          |
| 8.                    | Burrel                   | 74                         | 122                | 196         |
| 9.                    | Lezhë                    | 233                        | 379                | 612         |
| 10.                   | Fushë Krujë              | 100                        | 280                | 380         |
| 11.                   | Krujë                    | 90 (Compulsory Medication) | 106                | 196         |
| 12.                   | Durrës                   | 244                        | 56                 | 300         |
| 13.                   | Kavajë                   | 20                         | 20                 | 40          |
| 14.                   | Rrogozhinë               | 193                        | 150                | 343         |
| 15.                   | Peqin                    | 50                         | 508                | 558         |
| 16.                   | Lushnjë                  | 0                          | 189                | 189         |
| 17.                   | Elbasan                  | 140                        | 0                  | 120         |
| 18.                   | Berat                    | 110                        | 0                  | 110         |
| 19.                   | Korçë                    | 170                        | 210                | 380         |
| 20.                   | Vlorë                    | 160                        | 0                  | 160         |
| 21.                   | Tepelenë                 | 50                         | 25                 | 75          |
| 22.                   | Sarandë                  | 31                         | 0                  | 31          |
| 23.                   | Fier                     | 205                        | 623                | 828         |
| <b>Overall total:</b> |                          |                            |                    | <b>5455</b> |

# Division of Convicted Offenders

□ **899 persons: 5-15 yrs; 367 persons: 15-20 yrs; 398 persons: 20-25yrs; 158: Lifers**

## Convicted offenders

| Division by age and duration of sentence | 14 -16 vjeç | 16 < 18 vjeç | 18 < 21 vjeç | 21 < 25 vjeç | 25 < 30 vjeç | 30 < 40 vjeç | 40 < 50 vjeç | 50 < 60 vjeç | 60 < 70 vjeç | 70 -80 vjeç | Stealing | Murder | Injury | Sex crimes | Drugs | Fraud | Prostitution | Criminal organisation | Other | Less than 1 year | 1 < 2 vjet | 2 < 5 vjet | 5 < 15 vjet | 15 < 20 vjet | 20 < 25 vjet | Lifers |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| <b>Total</b>                             | 5           | 4            | 109          | 503          | 699          | 743          | 524          | 217          | 118          | 14          | 566      | 1011   | 113    | 74         | 499   | 31    | 42           | 12                    | 588   | 391              | 259        | 464        | 899         | 367          | 398          | 158    |

# Foreign prisoners

- Out of a population of 6198 prisoners, **89 prisoner are foreigners**, of which:

**47** are pre-trial detainees of which:

- **Men 45**
- **Females 2**
- **Juveniles 0**

**42** convicted offenders of which:

- **Men 37**
- **Females 5**
- **Juveniles 0**

- In the General Regulation of Prisons are been foreseen specific articles for the treatment of the foreign prisoners in the Albanian Prison System.

# Data on deports and transfers of national prisoners and foreign prisoners

| <b>Transfers /Year</b>                | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Albania to<br/>Other Countries</b> | <b>81</b>   | <b>46</b>   | <b>15</b>   | <b>83</b>   |
| <b>Other Countries<br/>to Albania</b> | <b>176</b>  | <b>74</b>   | <b>85</b>   | <b>81</b>   |



# Effect on Albanian prison population

---

- Increasing the level of overpopulation
- Adaption to the regime of the Albanian prison system
- Difficulties of network and cooperation
- Involvement into rehabilitation programmes
- Lack of activities

What European prisons, who are holding Albanian prisoners who will be returned to your prison system, can do themselves to prepare the prisoners for transfer

- Preparation for transfer
- Package of information
- Building networks

Thank You for  
Your Attention.