'The extraordinary impact of prison sentences on Roma women'

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Final sentenced women with a child up to the age of 10 years

- prison nursery for babies until 3 years
- ICAM: low security custody for mother in prison
- Safe Family Houses
  In case of alternative measure
Cop, open!
PRISON IS NOT A SUITABLE PLACE FOR A CHILD
2006
I.C.A.M.
the ICAM project
Who are the mothers in ICAM?
DATA FROM ICAM (2011 - 2020)

Roma babies
73,3% up to 1 year old
(53,8% up to 6 months)
10 pregnant women

Roma women (158)
average age: 26 years
from Bosnia: 31,6%
from Italy: 25,3%
from Croazia: 19,6%
from Romania: 9,5%

legal position
49,4% arrested
43,7% convicted
6,9% mixed
26 multiple entries
DATA FROM ICAM (2011 - 2020)

exit grounds

47% alternatives to detention
19% release
17,7% relocation
13,3% pre-trial measures
1,3% escape (2 women)

length of the stay

54,9% no more than 1 month
(25,3% no more than 1 week)
18,4% from 1 to 3 months
12,7% more than 6 months (20 women)

release/age of babies

OUT WITHIN A WEEK:

34,9% minors of 6 months
38,1% minors between 6 and 12 months
Activities for children
Activities with mothers
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