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EUROPEAN MOVEMENT FOR DETENTION HOUSES

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“My job is making
windows where there
were once walls.”

Michel Foucault

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THE MEMBERS

Today: **29 members** across **20 European countries**, with ten national country ambassadors.

RESCALED MOVEMENT

Detention houses are promoted in **40 European countries** with representatives and partnerships in **30 European countries**





VISION

A NEW PARADIGM

MISSION

CONCRETIZING

THIS PARADIGM

JUSTICE REFORM

CORE VALUES

ONE DAY, SOCIETIES ARE INCLUSIVE, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE



SMALL-SCALE



DIFFERENTIATED
(INDIVIDUALLY-
TAILORED)



COMMUNITY-
INTEGRATED

**RECOGNISES HOW JUSTICE, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND
THE ECONOMY ARE INTERCONNECTED IN SHAPING PEOPLE'S LIVES.**

**DIGNITY, SUSTAINABILITY, COMMUNITY-BASED, CONNECTION,
LIVED-EXPERIENCE, TRANSPARENCY**

Workshop on Transition from Prison to Probation: Continuity of Care and Control

Continuity	# Integration
Large scale	# Embedded in community
Control	# Support:
Uniform	# Personalised pathways
Transition	# Replacement
Reintegration	# Integration in community
Prisoner	# Person in detention

*Human-centred justice: shifting from control to
community-belonging*

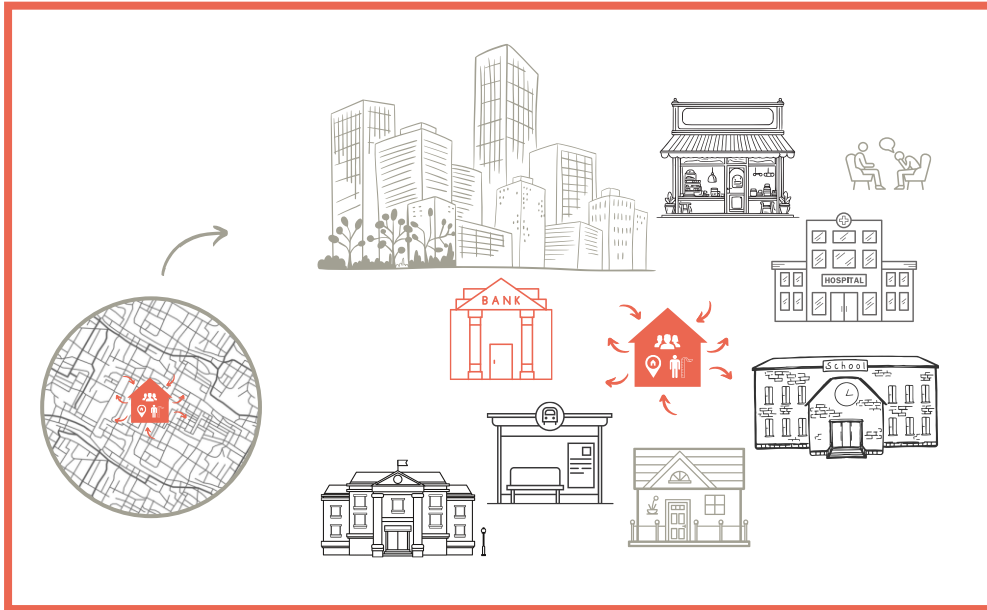


NARRATIVE: 3 core ideas

Changed mindsets to achieve a justice paradigm shift in policy and practice according to the RESCALED narrative.

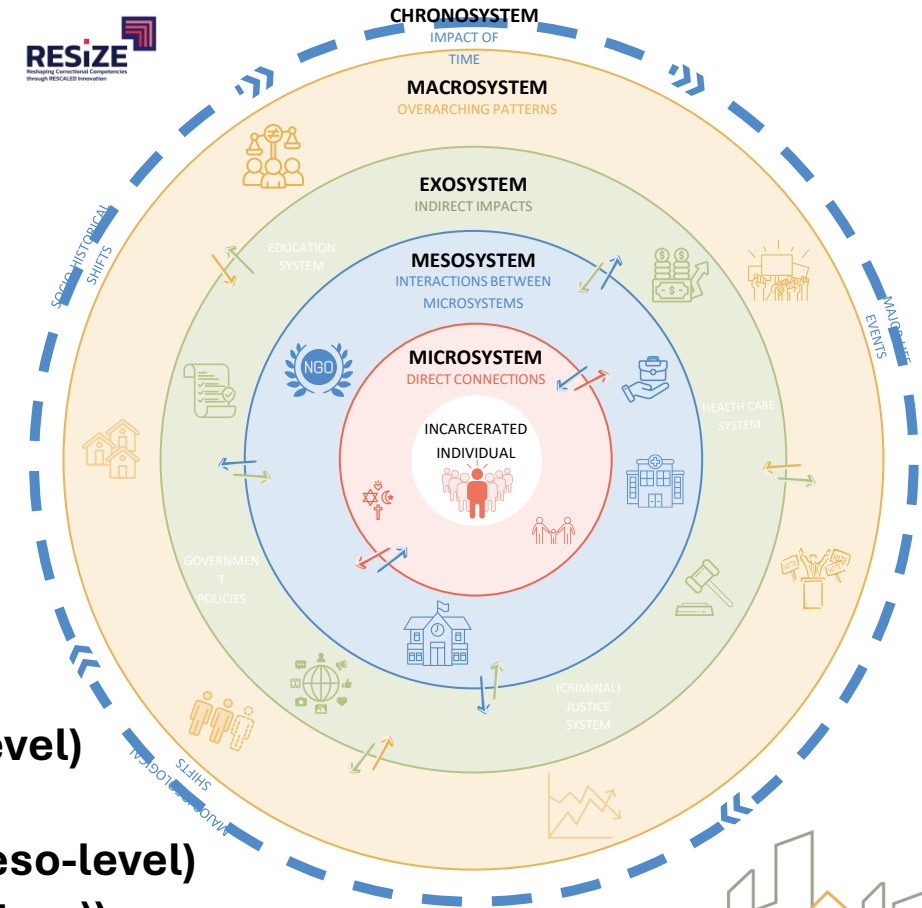
1. The Ecosystem perspective
2. Justice reform
3. Restorative Cities

1. THE ECOSYSTEM PERSPECTIVE



Ecosystem-based continuity rather than institutional continuity

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A. The Person

B. The House (micro-level)

C. The Community (meso-level)

D. Institutions (Exosystem))

E. Society (macro-level)

3. Justice reform:

WHAT SHOULD JUSTICE LOOK LIKE IN THE 21ST CENTURY?



ANSWER RESCALED:
Justice Reform, by replacing large prisons with detention houses, within the ecosystems of European countries



Prison Wolvenplein (The Netherlands), opened in 1856

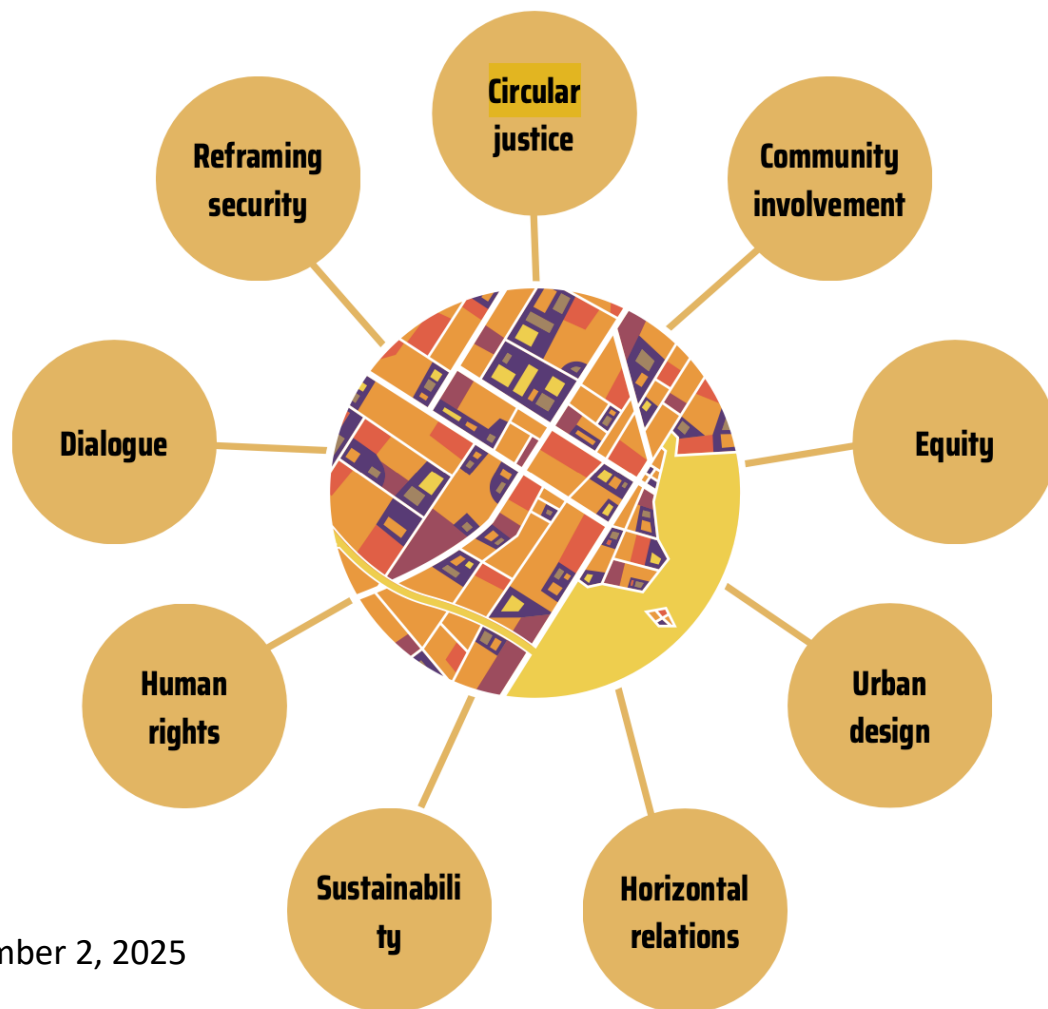


Prison Almelo (The Netherlands), opened in 1995

THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF REFORM:

PRISON REFORM	PENAL REFORM	JUSTICE REFORM
Prison reform aims to improve prison conditions.	Penal reform focuses on how people are punished.	Justice reform focuses on the ecosystem of justice.

3. RESTORATIVE CITIES





POLICY

European, national and local policymakers initiate concrete steps towards sustainable implementation of detention houses.



LANDMARK: EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON SMALL-SCALE DETENTION



On June 14th, 2024, Justice ministers of the 27 EU countries have unanimously expressed their support for the use of detention houses.

ONE SMALL STEP FOR DETENTION HOUSES,
ONE GIANT LEAP FOR RESCALED

UN Human Rights Council



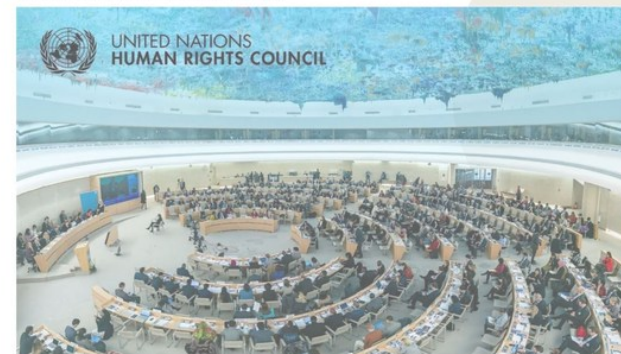
(g) Introducing, where possible, appropriate alternatives to traditional incarceration, including small-scale detention centres, while prioritizing non-custodial measures and utilizing options such as conditional release, home leave and community-based programmes and services to ease the transition to liberty, reduce stigma and discrimination and restore relations between those released from detention and their families and communities;

Resolution 57/9 - Social reintegration of persons released from detention and persons subjected to non-custodial measures

Exciting News!



On October 9, 2024, the UN Human Rights Council adopted Resolution 57/9, calling on all States to prioritise the social reintegration of persons released from detention and those subjected to non-custodial measures.



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POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

* Focus has been on 6 countries, at the moment tracking policy developments in 15 countries, In future, tracking policy developments in all European countries



Lobby



Research



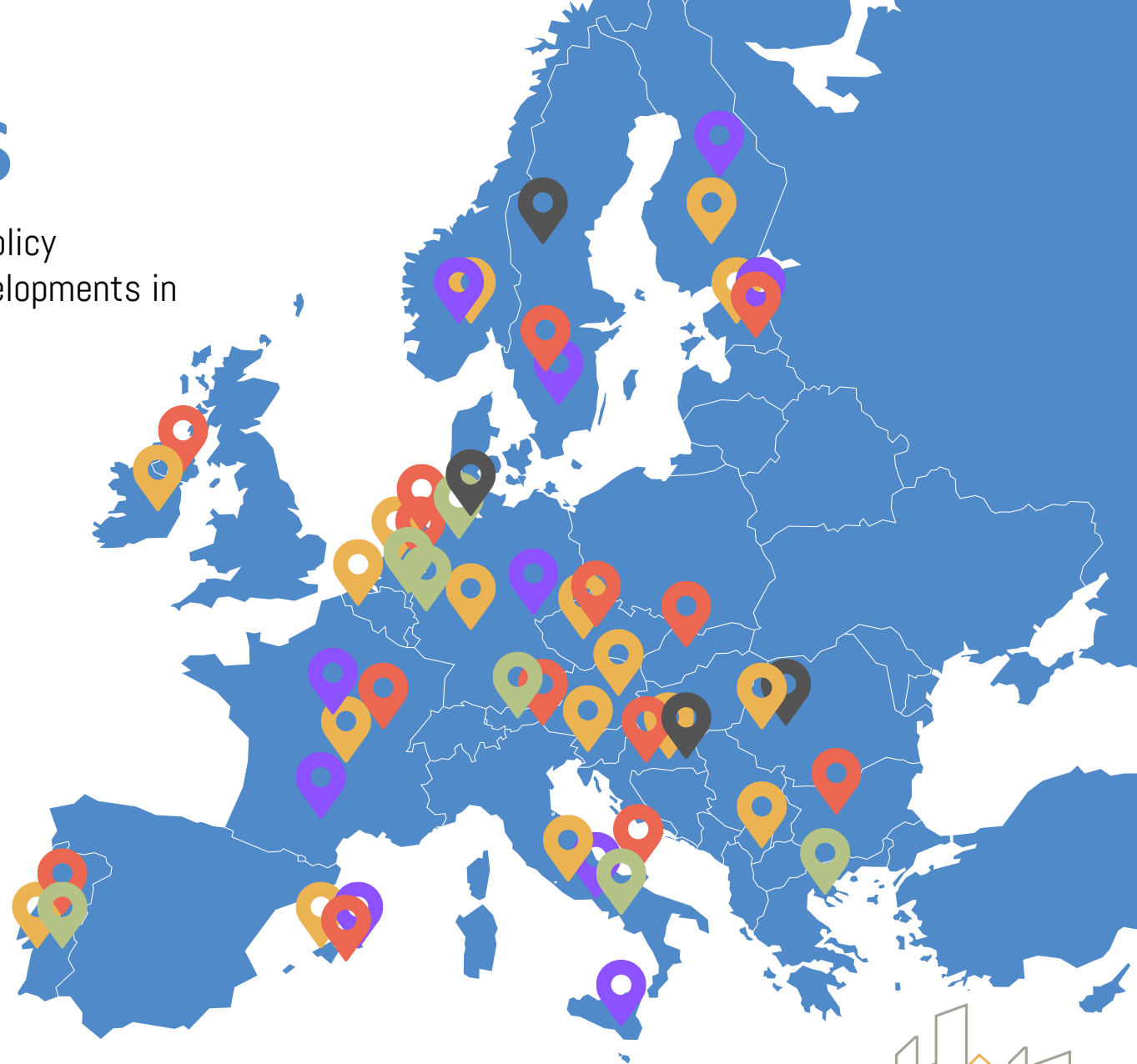
Small-scale facilities



Providing services to justice-involved clients



Mix





EVIDENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Stronger knowledge exists - from research, inspirational practices and lived experience. It is consolidated and being used by actors of change to support the use of detention houses in their national and local contexts.

INSPIRATIONAL PRACTICES

- Dissemination of know-how
- 80+ inspirational practices across 18 countries in Europe, aiming for 1000 houses across Europe by 2030
- All visited, mapped, described in a report and published after approval of the facility



Casa Madre della Ri...

Casa Madre della Riconciliazione is a detention facility and farm located in Saludecio, Italy, and was founded in 2011. The facility is an integral part of the APG Association, known as the "Associazione Comunità Papa



CIMI Los Alcores

CIMI Los Alcores (Spanish: Centro Para Menores Infractores) is a center for juvenile offenders, it is located in Carmona, Southern Spain and established in 1998. It is part of the Diagrama Foundation, which has



CIMI Medina Azahara

CIMI Medina Azahara (Spanish: Centro Para Menores Infractores) is a juvenile detention facility in Córdoba, Spain and was founded in 1991. It is part of the Diagrama Foundation, which has more than 35



Detention House Ko...

Detention House Kortrijk is situated on the outskirts of the municipality of Kortrijk, Belgium. It falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government Department of Justice. The Belgian Minister of Justice



SEEHAUS LEONBERG

Seehaus Leonberg is a facility for young people 'in a free form', which means it is an alternative program for young people to serve their sentence instead of a closed or open prison. It is located in the municipality of Leonberg, in Western Germany. It is inspired by the APAC methodology and based on family-like living.



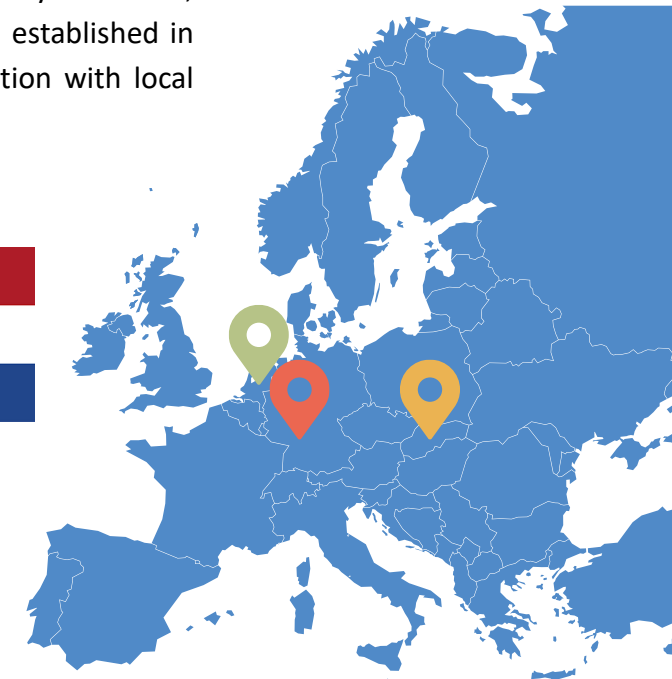
PRISON FOR WOMEN ŘEPY

The prison for women in Řepy falls under the jurisdiction of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic but it is known for its open regime with its own specific house rules. It. The facility was established in 1996 in collaboration with the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Karel Boromejský.



HOUSE OF RECOVERY

House of Recovery Twente (in Dutch: Huis van Herstel) is an open detention facility in Almelo, the Netherlands. The facility was established in 2021 and there is close cooperation with local municipalities and stakeholders..





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