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Dear Reader,

Our yearbook presenting the activities and results of the Hungarian Prison Service in 2017 provides a complex overview of the performance of our statutory and voluntary tasks and services.

The attention and honourable interest of the Hungarian society and professional organisations towards our activities confirmed that we operated effectively, moving towards our set targets in compliance with high-standard professional expectations.

The organisational and professional reforms were made in order to improve efficiency and achieve strategic aims.

We managed to comply with our obligations of continuous and safe admission, placement and supply of services despite the permanently high number of prisoners. We continued the modernisation of the infrastructure of our prisons, institutions and business associations in order to enable our colleagues to work in an environment that satisfies the European norms of incarceration and certain professional requirements. The budget of the organisation covered the needs and requirements of the activities of the institutes, institutions and limited companies and founded the background of operation in compliance with the law. As a service designated for central supply, it fulfilled its tasks completely,

The committed and highly qualified staff of the Hungarian Prison Service has also been strengthened with the newly recruited colleagues, who were successfully trained and prepared for their jobs. Our organisation provided basic and advanced training activities in all respective fields.

The Hungarian Prison Service successfully performed the tasks specified by law and supported the process of integration of convicted perpetrators into society. We provided and applied several personalised methods to address the risk of recidivism in order to reduce reoffending.

By the end of 2017 we have achieved the full-scope involvement of prisoners. In the framework of this activity we provided education and training, marketable knowledge, information and work experience to our prisoners, enabling them to develop a law-abiding life without any recidivism after their release from prison.

The image of our organisation was also revised to suit the requirements of the era, thus supporting consistent communication related to the scope of our activities. The new image components and symbols related to our activities give a unique character to our organisation which is also perceivable by society. Our revised logo, also shown on the cover page of our publication indicates our strong organisational culture, new and preserved traditions and the tasks undertaken by us. Hungarian Prison Service stands “in Service of



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Prison Service

Justice” efficiently, complying to the expectations of society.

The Hungarian Prison Service took part in managing the increasing pressure associated with migration, doing so efficiently and in line with the expectations. The members of the prison staff as well as the prisoners took part in the construction and maintenance of the Temporary Border Barrier.

The Hungarian Prison Service contributed to the public order and public security in Hungary and to the performance of all the tasks related to the protection of its borders. The example it set through its activities and the construction of the fence in an outstanding quality further increased trust and respect towards the organization. Its activities and examples, the construction and delivery of the technical facility built in outstanding quality all strengthened the trust in and respect for the organisation.

Dear Reader,

Thank you for your attention and honourable interest. I would also like to thank the staff of the Hungarian Prison Service for their committed and responsible work.

I hope that with the help of our yearbook you will be provided a complex overview of the successfully performed tasks and the outstanding quality of the work of the Hungarian Prison Service in 2017.

Major General Dr Tamás Tóth,
Director General of the Hungarian Prison Service

2017



In 2017 the Hungarian Prison Service performed its main duties in accordance with the applicable legal and professional standards. The Office of the Prosecutor General, which supervises the lawfulness of the Prison Service concluded in its report that during the year the correctional institutions (hereinafter: prisons) constantly enforced adherence to the rules applicable during the deprivation of liberty.

In order to improve the conditions of operation, we managed to use the planned developmental resources practically and effectively.

While planning our tasks, we assessed the available resources and the scope of required measures and analysed the risks of implementation and compliance with the Hungarian development policy programmes.

The importance and the professional and social acceptance of our achieved strategic goals were confirmed by the results of the given year.

We successfully improved professional commitment and dedication, emphasised training, enhancing professional knowledge and awareness of the code of conduct and the assessment of the personal conditions of professional topics aimed at the dissemination of the rules of integrity.

The effective and scheduled implementation of the capacity expansion program as determined by the Government of Hungary (hereinafter: government) and the supply of the required human resources were among the main tasks in 2017, which had a major impact on the staff of the Prison Service.

We successfully strengthened the professional relations with national and foreign partners. Maintaining existing partnerships and establishing new ones provided opportunities for exchanging experience, defining special tasks to be implemented jointly and also allowed for sharing good practices.

In 2017 the Prison put special emphasis on the execution of programmes which increase society's trust in our activities. Within the framework of social responsibility, each prison introduced programmes for the prisoners and the staff which improved the social and moral recognition of the Prison Service. The prisons actively took part in

the maintenance of residential areas, public areas and cemeteries, which was acknowledged by the local communities.

The activities of the Prison Service require advanced, high-level IT solutions. The expectations include the dissemination and supply of services not limited by physical and time constraints, the availability of conditions required set by regulations and administrative support as well.

The monitoring of operation, maintenance and refurbishment as well as the real properties of the Prison Service is a technical responsibility that requires outstanding resources, but was successfully performed in 2017 as well.

The Prison Service completed the refurbishment activities cost-effectively, with a high degree of involvement of prisoners, thus improving the conditions of detention and of the staff alike.



Professional audit and control



THE USE OF AUDIT RESULTS

A fundamental change occurred in the professional audit system of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters (hereinafter referred to by the Hungarian abbreviation as BvOP) when on 1 November 2016 the management and professional audit activities of prisons and institutions were clearly separated among the organisational units as a result of an executive decision. An Audit Service was introduced to perform audits specified in the audit plan and mobile audit activities with increased responsibility. The service fully complies with related fundamental principles during any audit activity including legality, planning, professionalism, objectivity, soundness, economic efficiency and helpful approach.

The audit findings and recommendations are always submitted in writing to the audited prisons, which may respond to such reports with remarks. The audit experiences were utilized to expand the knowledge base of the organisation.

In the course of all mobile audit activities conducted in all prisons without any prior notifications, the members of the Audit Service randomly and repeatedly checked compliance with the requirements of the law, internal regulations and the practical implementation of professional rules.

During the mobile audit activities the main tasks included the review of security operations and the service tasks, enforcement of the obligations and ensuring of the rights of the prisoners, the contents of the prisoner programmes and the performance of activities relating to health services and food supply.



In the course of the audit activities the adequacy and thoroughness of measures to prevent the entry into prisons of prohibited objects and psychotropic substances was reviewed with outstanding attention.

In addition to the review of professional activities, the auditors also scrutinized the work conditions, the accommodation of the staff took note of the problems indicated by them.

In 2017 external audits were conducted by UNHCR's Central European office, the National Preventive Mechanism of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, the Ministry of Interior, the relevant regional government offices, disaster management directorates, the National Public Health and Medical Officer's Service and the Office of the Deputy State Secretary Responsible for Environmental and Energy Efficiency Operation Programmes.

The audits focused on the conditions of the detention, compliance with the law and the regularity of public procurement. The Hungarian Prison Service responded to all remarks made by the external auditors by implementing new measures based on the results of the audit findings.

The findings of the audit provided a sufficient basis for the clarification and modification of the internal regulations of the Hungarian Prison Service and for improving the regularity, practicality, economic efficiency, effectiveness and profitability indicators. The audits contributed to the improvement of the professional activities of the Hungarian Prison Service, and raised the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills of the staff. By obtaining relevant information, the audits supported the preparation of executive decisions, facilitated outstanding service performance and strengthened the organisational culture of the Hungarian Prison Service.

In addition to the audits, opportunities for seeking legal remedy also support the statutory operation and ensure the execution of the tasks related to complaints and their management. After the investigation of the complaints immediate actions were taken to remedy any justified complaints and to provide information to the complainant in relation to it.



Prison Staff

9 Scheduled recruitment and focus on improving the ability to maintain staff

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HEADCOUNT FIGURE

The Prison Service managed to achieve the scheduled recruitment quota to match the expansion of its capacities, which was set as a specific target in 2017, as almost 900 new staff members were recruited in the year.

RECRUITMENT

The capacity expansion programme launched by the government urged for the continuous recruitment and training of at least 2000-2500 new staff members. As a result of the effective and scheduled recruitment efforts by 31 December 2017 in total 6,556 CVs were received for the advertised vacant positions. Following the processing of the received CVs 1 172 persons were found physically eligible, 987 persons were found psychologically eligible, while eligibility based on health conditions was concluded in the case of 903 persons. Following the suitability examination and checks of immaculate lifestyle a total of 860 people were recruited. Of those 818 people signed contracts for professional positions, 37 persons gained public servant status and 5 persons became government officials.

From 9 January 2017 in total 789 deputy officers were enrolled for basic training and 498 of them obtained their certificates by 31 December.



Following a successful exam, these staff members were allocated to the designated correctional facilities for service.

STAFF RETENTION

The retention of staff is crucially dependent on the standard and motivating force of the various factors that determine the quality of the organisational structure, which are indicated by the protective support of the management, an ideal work environment, access to social support and other preferences, adequate communication and a system of sanctions proportionate to the requirements. The management of the Hungarian Prison Service puts great emphasis on all these factors.







EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM

Within the framework of its modular vocational training system the Hungarian Prison Service started 35 classes of which 23 classes are already completed, providing prison custodian (supervisor) qualification to 657 people. In the secondary prison training 7 classes were introduced, of which 5 classes, with a total of 113 people took successful exams. 43 officers and 23 public servants began their studies in the professional law enforcement executive (correctional executive) training.

During the year, 124 people began studies for law enforcement exams, 50 people took part in law enforcement management training and 11 people were involved into law enforcement high-level executive training. The training activities are performed and conducted at the Remeteszőlős site of the Ministry of Interior's Management Training and Scientific Research Department.

In order to ensure a deliberate and continuous supply of young executives, 188 people were delegated to the Ministry of Interior's Management Training and Scientific Research Department for a new type (4 days) management selection procedure. 159 people performed successfully and thus became eligible for registration in the management supply databank.



9 The staff members of the Prison Service are trained specifically in order to make them capable of performing a diverse array of tasks.

AWARDS

In addition to the recruitment of new colleagues, the retention, motivation, recognition of results and work and thus granting awards to existing staff members are also important to us. 7 members of staff received state awards for excellence in service. One person received the Hungarian Commander's Cross of Merit for the Military, two people received the Hungarian Golden Cross of Merit for the Military and three people were presented the Hungarian Silver Cross of Merit for the Military by the President of the Republic of Hungary and one person was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

In total 72 persons received awards from the Minister of Interior; eight were promoted to Consultant, three received the St Adrian Award, three were presented the Prison Service Golden Plaque, one received the Prison Service Silver Plaque and further two were awarded the Prison Service Bronze Plaque. 17 people received certificates of excellence from the Minister, 35 received souvenirs, and two persons were promoted to the rank colonel by the Minister.

The Director General rewarded 262 persons for excellence in service. The Director General of the Prison Service awarded 14 persons the Prison Service Silver Plaque, and 78 received the Prison Service Bronze Plaque. Four civil servants were promoted to Consultant, one was granted the title of associate and 165 people received special praise.

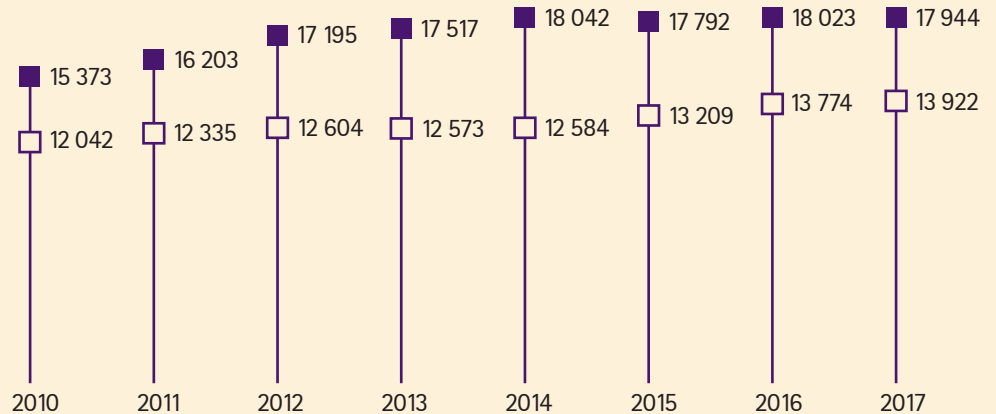
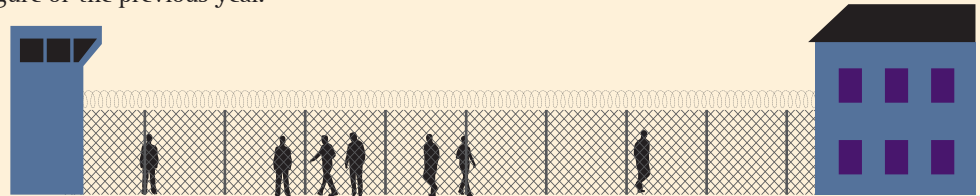


Recognition of
excellence in
service

Incarceration and Security

NUMBER OF PRISONERS, ACCOMMODATION

The internal restructuring in the number of prisoners, observed in the previous years, continued in 2017 as well. The total number of prisoners on 31 December 2016 (17 658) dropped by only 315 in 2017, with which the total number of prisoners on 31 December 2017 was 17 343. The average occupancy of the institutions of the Prison Service was 124% on 31 December 2017, reflecting a 3% decrease when compared with the closing figure of the previous year.



AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS AND AVERAGE OCCUPANCY (PERSONS)

Lawful,
professional
and efficient
operation



The tasks caused by overcrowding are shared among the prisons

Across the whole length of 2017, the average number of prisoners was 17944, reflecting an average occupancy of 129%. The figures show a slight decrease in the average headcount compared to 2016, yet with the capacity expansion implemented in the previous period the average occupancy still declined by 2%.

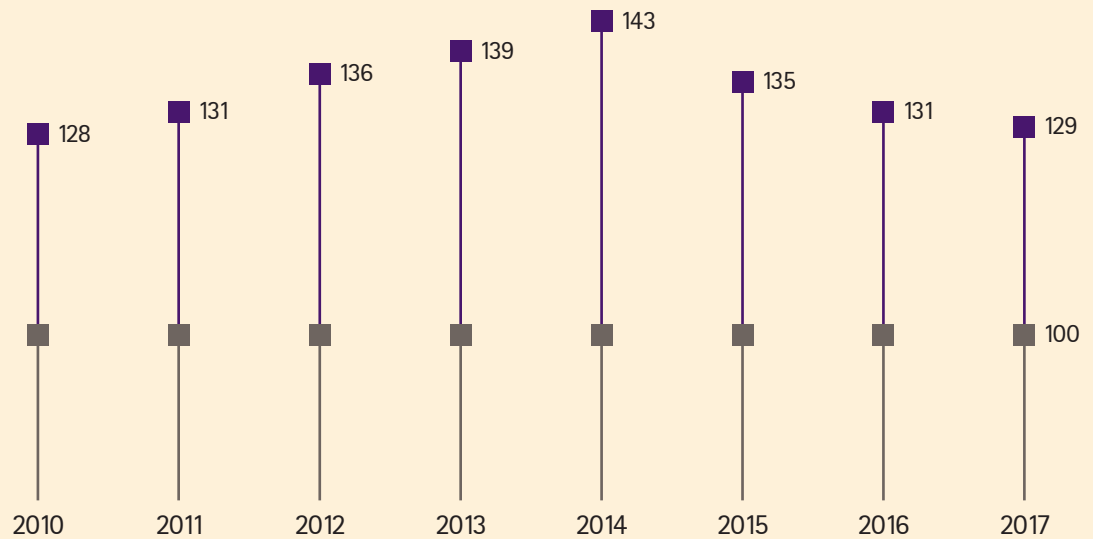
The number of pre-trial detainees was decreasing. They represent almost 20% within the total population of prisoners.

In the course of professional management the occupancy of prisons is balanced in accordance with their profile, by also taking into account the employment and reintegration tasks of the prisoners, thus sharing the additional tasks caused by the overcrowding among the institutions.

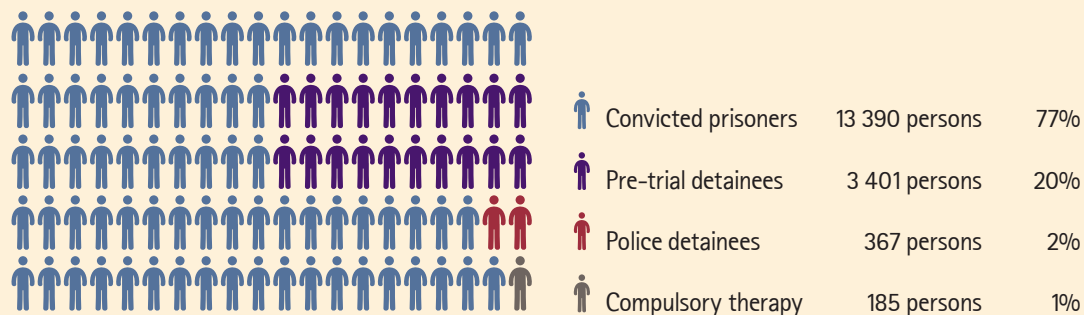


Reduction of average occupancy

ANNUAL AVERAGE OCCUPANCY (%)



9 The Prison Service is prepared to the differentiated accommodation of prisoners under strict regime.



PRISONER DISTRIBUTION (31 DECEMBER 2017)

Total: 17 343 persons

On 31 December 2017 there were 13 390 convicted prisoners, reflecting 0.9% decrease (129 people) since the previous year. Among the convicted prisoners the largest ratio is still made up of the medium regime prisoners, as 54.7% (7 325 persons) of the convicts with a final sentence

fall into that category. On 31 December 2017 there were 4 710 convicted perpetrators in strict regime prisons, which means that 35.2% of the convicted perpetrators belongs to the most severe prison category. In 2017 the number of prisoners under strict regime increased by 214 (4.8%).

%





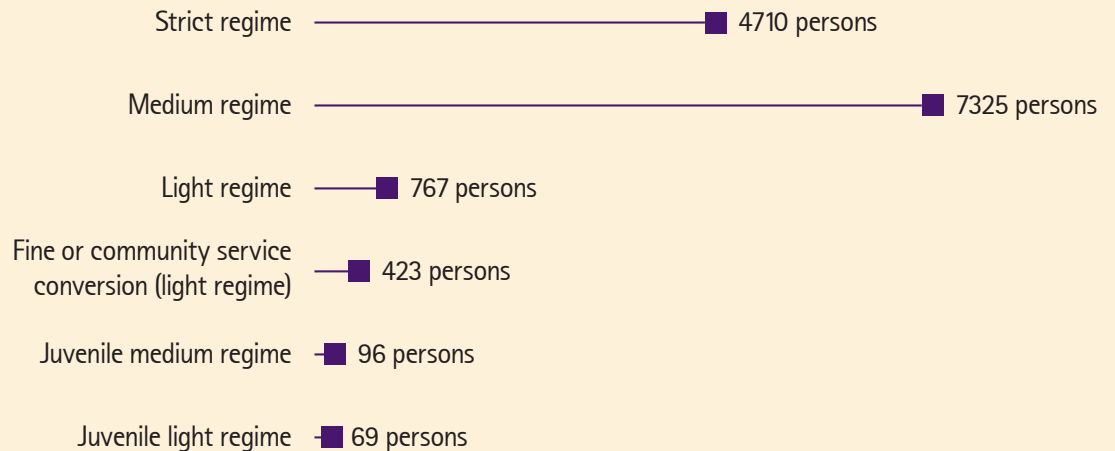
The accommodation options of female prisoners increased further

At the end of 2017, in total 185 people was ordered court-ordered psychological treatment, reflecting a slight increase compared to the figures of the previous year.

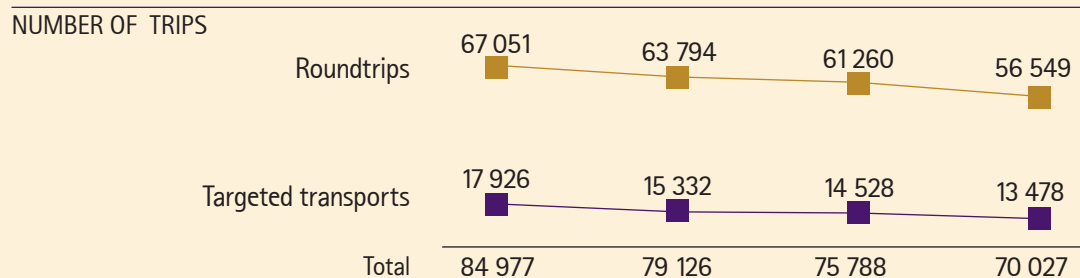
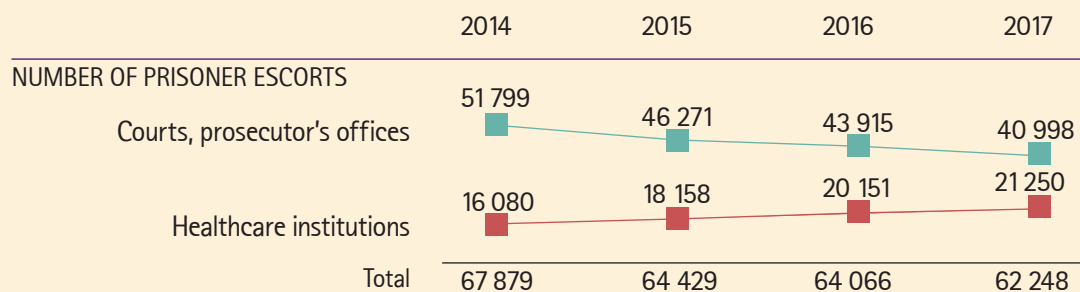
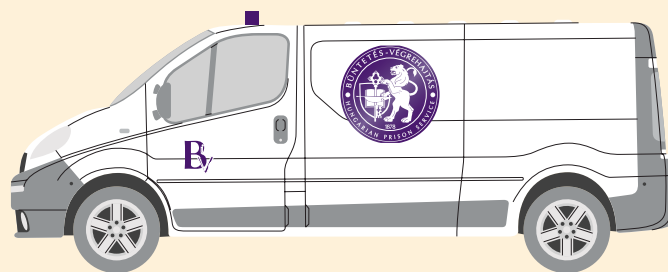
The ratio of juvenile prisoners within the prison population continued to fall in 2017. On 31 December 2017 in total 237 people (14%) were in pre-trial detention or were sentenced to imprisonment in juvenile prisons.

There were 1 276 female prisoners at the end of the year. Their accommodation can only be maintained, in view of the proportionate distribution of tasks among the prisons. The efforts to enhance units accommodating female prisoners continued in 2017, within the framework of which the accommodation options of female prisoners increased at Veszprém County Remand Prison.

On 31 December 2017 a total of 861 prisoners had non-Hungarian citizenship (5% of the total headcount).



Total: 13 390 persons



TRANSPORT

The number of transports outside prisons (2016: 75 788, 2017: 70 027) and number of escorts to court hearings (2016: 64 066, 2017: 62 248) have decreased. The number of prisoners attending medical consultations continued to be high (21 250 cases).



Prevention of the entry of prohibited items



NOTIFICATIONS

The Hungarian Prison Service continued to issue notifications regularly and lawfully. More than 70% of the documents establishing obligations involving application for admission, sent by post to convicted perpetrators were delivered successfully. Until 31 December 2017 the Prison Service issued in total 3 852 orders.

NEW RULES PERTAINING TO THE ENTRY OF PROHIBITED ITEMS, SENDING AND ACCEPTING OF PARCELS

The main responsibility of the Hungarian Prison Service is to maintain the order and security of the institutions controlled by it, in the course of which special attention must be paid to the prevention of the supply or entry of items, tools and substances that cannot be possessed by prisoners. Detection of info-communication subjects posing a threat to the safety of detention, substances affecting physiological activities and instruments suitable for threatening life and physical safety is a major task.

It is an improvement in the detection of prohibited items that the number of mobile phones unlawfully supplied to prisoners has decreased (2016: 62%, 2017: 53%). Staff members intercepted 884 mobile phones before prisoners could receive them.

The number of cases involving potential drugs and substances also decreased (311 cases in 2016 and 280 cases in 2017). In 75% of the cases staff intercepted illegal substances before prisoners had access to them. These decreasing figures clearly prove the legitimacy of the measures introduced to prevent the entry of prohibited items into prisons.

INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE PHONE DEPOSITS

Last year prisoners damaged a large number of mobile phones that had been provided for communication. The purpose of introducing mobile phone deposits is to encourage a more responsible and compliant conduct among the prisoners. The prison may use the amounts blocked from the prisoners' deposit money to repair or replace these phones.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

In 2017 we provided education and training to develop special skills in technical measures and application of devices. The procedures, methods and components promoting secure performance of services were introduced into practice. Our organisation improved the introductory and follow-up training of employees who have been trained previously and have professional experience. The instructors were trained and prepared, thus improving the conditions required to ensure high-standard professional performance.



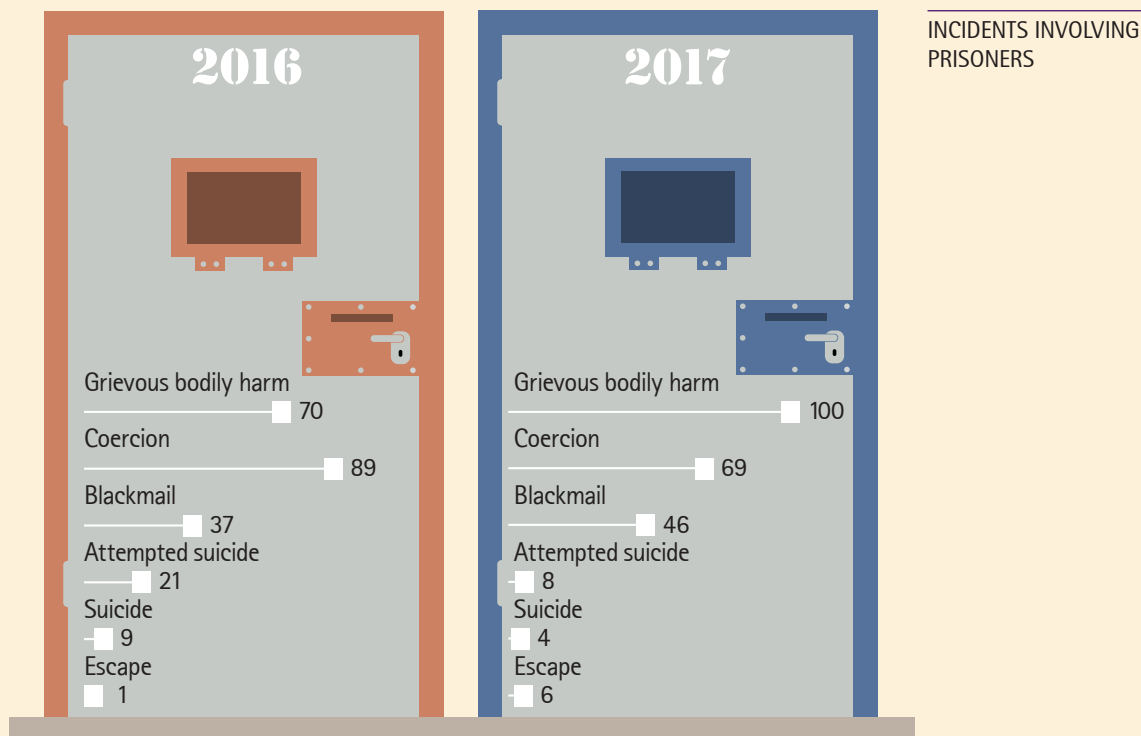


SERVICE DOGS

Task-specific
training with
dogs

In 2017, the training and examination of dual-purpose (tracking and substance detection; tracking and guard duties) dogs was conducted. The prison service only rarely uses strictly tracking dogs. As besides tracking, service dogs were also trained to look for drugs and patrolling, these dogs could be used more widely for other activities in our service. The operation of the service dog branch fits the concept of effective activities cost-effectively and target specifically. In the course of the training implemented jointly with other law enforcement agencies involving the exchanging of experience special attention was paid to compliance with and teaching of search tactical rules. The patrol, tracking, drug detecting dogs were trained, prepared and their qualification exams were organised in accordance with the plans.





DEFENCE

The Prison Service was also involved in the international nuclear emergency response system exercise performed across the full segment of the defence administration system (the headquarters and regional organisations of the Hungarian Nuclear Emergency Response System and the operative units of the county and local defence committees) organised under the title of ConvEx-3-2017 on 21-22 June 2017.

Staff meetings and cooperation exercises were held in prisons in relation to disaster and crisis management. The cooperation exercises were successful, in the course of which the members of the staff obtained experience that will be useful during their daily service.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING PRISONERS

During the year, the Hungarian Prison Service operated lawfully and professionally. There were no serious incidents that would have threatened public order or safety.

The number of acts committed by the prisoners clearly indicates that management and control over the specific areas, coupled with training and the sharing of best practices are indispensable in our professional activities.

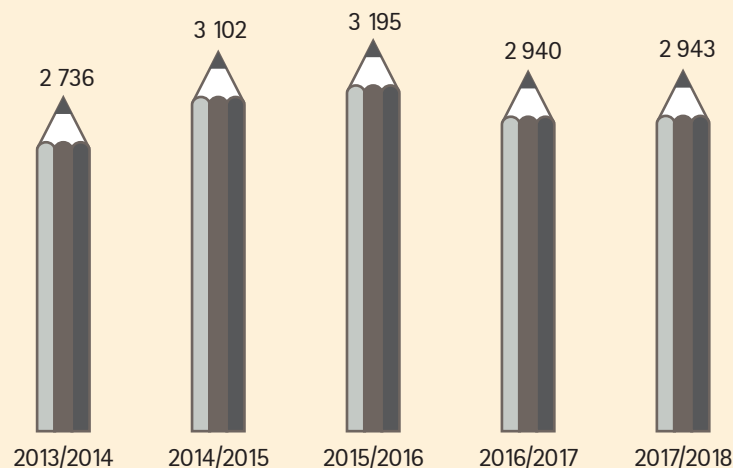
Cooperation of agencies controlled by the Ministry of Interior

Services
and training
promoting
social
reintegration

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The enhancement of the knowledge and qualifications of prisoners is crucial in the facilitation of social reintegration. The organisation of educational activities and training is one of the principal tasks of the Hungarian Prison Service. The increasing efficiency of labour market reintegration is shown by the decreasing recidivism.

In 2017 a total of 26 prisons provided primary and secondary school education or vocational training. All of the courses take place within the institutions, and they vary in format: full-time, evening and correspondent courses are available, all within the framework of public education and the national curriculum.



STUDENT ENROLMENT (PERSONS)

EFOP-1.3.3-16. REINTEGRATION OF PRISONERS PROJECT

The Ministry of Interior and the BvOP jointly launched the EFOP-1.3.3-16-2016-00001 Reintegration of Prisoners project. The purpose of the project is to strengthen social and labour market reintegration of convicted perpetrators and individuals in pre-trial detention and to reduce the reoffending risk of these persons. The objectives of the project also include the preparation of prisoners for reintegration into the labour market and society with support even before their release. Within the framework of project implementation, the Prison Service helps reintegration after release from prison and facilitates the strengthening of family relations. By introducing child-friendly visitation rooms and restitution programmes for the local community, the prisoners' responsibility and commitment to community values will also improve.

PRISONER REQUESTS AND PROPOSALS

In 2017 prisoners filed 49 complaints (2016: 33) to the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights. The investigations were ordered primarily in relation to fundamental rights to health, fair trial, legal certainty and data protection.



SPECIAL PRISONER UNITS

19 prisons continued to operate a drug prevention unit, with a capacity of 332 people. These units contribute to effective drug prevention and community integration and reintegration within the prison and after release.

Treatment and therapy units operate in 13 prisons with 351 beds and almost at maximum occupancy, with special focus on work therapy employment opportunities.

7 prisons have psycho-social units containing 313 beds. The contents of the recently revised directive provide extensive support to professional monitoring and treatment of the respective prisoners.

At present 4 prisons have religious sections with 95 beds. These sections are also referred to as "APAC" abbreviation, which comes from the term "Association for the Protection and Assistance of the Condemned".

3 prisons have long-term special sections with 29 beds.

CALLS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The National Crime Prevention Council allocated more than HUF 22 million funding as an assistance for the implementation and performance of the tasks of the Hungarian Prison Service in the National Crime Prevention Strategy (hereinafter: Strategy) and for the promotion of the successful reintegration of prisoners as a result of the winning applications.

The team created under the Strategy prepared a methodology guideline for all prisons in order to enable them to extend the programmes functioning as best practice in the prisons across the country.

With the implementation of art therapy and creative programmes the social ability, empathy, tolerance and personality of prisoners may be improved. In 2017 a total of 416 art therapy programmes were organised for the prisoners, involving 4 363 people. 210 of these were creative programmes organised for 2 216 prisoners.

9 None of the convicted perpetrators transferred to successful reintegration custody returned to prisons, which confirms the relevance of this legal institution.

REINTEGRATION CUSTODY

The amendment of the law, effective from 1 January 2017 and extending the group of prisoners eligible for reintegration custody and also its period from 6 to 10 months and, to 1 year in the case of prisoners sentenced for imprisonment for criminal acts committed through negligence, was a significant change.

The prisons requested 293 such procedures and prisoners and defence councils submitted

1 080 requests. 818 decisions granted the requests (2016: 412), of which reintegration custody was successfully implemented in 533 cases (2016: 364).

The gradual increase in the number of people involved in this concept called for the restructuring of the remote surveillance tools. The reintegration custody significantly helps reduce the congestion in prisons.

The job opportunity in this legal concept is the major factor in the social reintegration of the allocated convicted perpetrators, which may be detected in the reduction of the reoffending risks.

PROBATION OFFICERS IN PRISONS

The amendment of the legal regulation on reintegration custody also had an impact on the tasks of the probation officers in prisons (hereinafter: prison probation officer). In 2017, a total 1 920 expert opinions were prepared, of which 1 361 were related to procedures for reintegration custody and 511 were related to the interruption of sentences.

Preparations for release continue to be a major objective of the Hungarian Prison Service, in which the prison probation officers play a central role, in close cooperation with the reintegration units. In 2017 a total of 3 965 convicted perpetrators were prepared for release, with special focus on the labour market integration tasks within the framework of individual and group activities.



RELIGIOUS PASTORAL CARE, EXERCISING RELIGION

Prisoners are allowed to practice any religion while in prison. With the help of pastoral care in prisons, prisoners can practice their religion freely on an individual and community basis while serving their punishment. The Decree of the Minister of Justice 8/2017 regulates in detail the tasks, operation and status of religious pastors operating in prisons and the involvement of churches in the pastoral care in prisons based on the principle of ecumenism. There were many excellent religious events for prisoners: Bible study competitions, prayer days, and holy masses were open to every inmate. Furthermore, prisoners kept in religious units may attend religious events, prison masses, Bible study groups and morning prayers as well.



Staff members' National Pilgrimage to the National Place of Worship by the staff

The members of prison staff completed their first pilgrimage to a place of worship in Mátraverebély-Szentkút on 31 May 2017, with the intention of establishing a tradition. Almost 140 members of the staff of 24 prisons participated in the pilgrimage.

Prisoners' II. National Pilgrimage to the National Place of Worship

The pilgrimage organised for prisoners took place on 22 June 2017, involving 76 prisoners of 15 prisons. It was the second National Prisoner Pilgrimage. The event was attended not only by the leaders of historic churches but also by numerous secular guests. The religious leaders welcomed the prisoners. Cooperative prisoners of low or medium security risk were able to attend the event.

Cursillo

The cursillo course was organised with 95 prisoners in 5 prisons in 2017 within the framework of cooperation with the Prison Cursillo Secretariat. The programme, which is based on Christianity, effectively contributes to the moral development of individuals and to the development and improvement of their family and social relations.

CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR ANALYTICAL EXAMINATION AND METHODOLOGY (KKMI)

During the year the KKMI made preparations for the introduction of predictive measuring devices and prepared the staff of prisons for risk management programmes and supervised the trained staff in terms of professional aspects. In addition to the main tasks, it also reviewed regime classification and the correlations between incarceration risks and security risks.

Development of a predictive measuring tool

An infrastructure, suitable for registering the results of the Predictive Measurement Tool was put in place. Last year the data of 1 600 convicted perpetrators was registered and professional standards were defined for detention risks on the basis of the analysis of said data.

Risk management programmes

Risk assessment, risk analysis and risk classification was conducted on 5 249 convicted perpetrators based on a uniform methodology guide. The risk analysis of prisoners is based on an assessment process built according to identical principles with the objective of enabling the prisons to assess dangerous behaviour representing risks as much as possible and thereby improve the efficiency of the Hungarian Prison Service. In 2017 a total of 150 staff members were trained to deliver programmes addressing substance abuse, aggression management and improving assertivity.

Elaboration of programmes for managing deviant behaviour

Health service

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE STAFF

The Hungarian Prison Service paid outstanding attention to the coordination of the preservation of the health of its staff as well as its staff retention activities. The contents of the health education platforms of prisons and the health plans at the workplace are gradually extended. Each prison organised health days with medical and physical assessments of their staff, and provided all the conditions required for medical screenings.



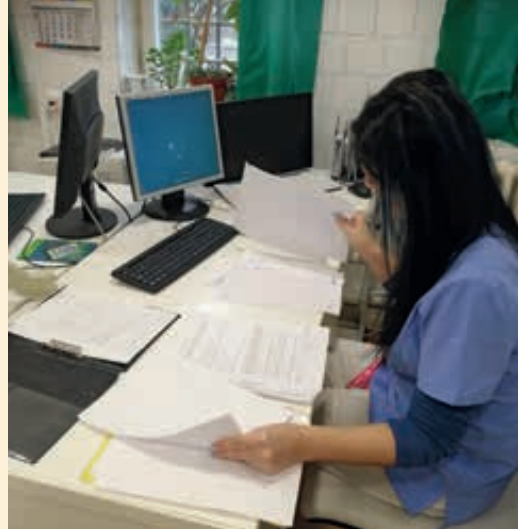
HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PRISONERS

The prisoners are eligible for health service based on their social security rights. Treatment and prevention are available within the framework of progressive care. Inpatient care is offered to prisoners at three sites: in the medical wards of the prisons, in the health institutions of the Prison Service and in civilian health institutions.

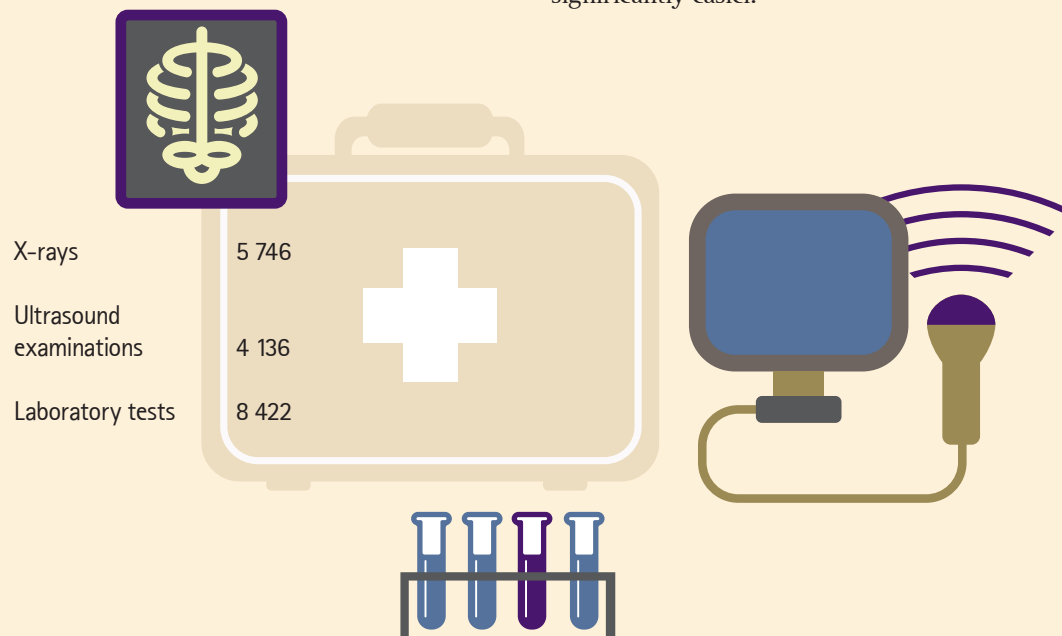
The ratio of old prisoners in bad health condition at the time of admission is gradually rising. Their healthcare is a major professional challenge for the health services of the prisons, but they have coped effectively so far relying on the experience of the previous years. Most prisoners require treatment for cardio and vascular diseases, problems of their locomotive organs and psychological deviations. In addition to professional primary healthcare health education was put into the focus of attention in 2017.

HOSPITAL CARE FOR PRISONERS

In 2017 the refurbishment of the main building and the wards of the Central Hospital of the Hungarian Prison Service continued, focusing on the security requirements associated with the accommodation of high-risk prisoners.



The refurbishment improved the accommodation conditions of prisoners and put in place professional aspects of treatments and prevention besides clearly improving the standard of the working environment of the staff. The Central Hospital of the Prison Service received a number of valuable medical equipment and instruments, which made the work of health service employees significantly easier.



NUMBER OF TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE

Office work and professional administration

LEGAL SERVICES

The number of reviews of legal regulations submitted for public administration consultations increased by approximately 20% compared to the previous year (2016: 437, 2017: 505). Within the framework of professional supervision the the Legal Department of the BvOP regularly controlled the internal regulations and directives of the prisons, and as a result the internal regulations of the prisons were also revised. There was a major increase in the number of lawsuits filed against the Hungarian Prison Service compared to the previous year (2016: 77, 2017: 106). Most procedures were initiated for compensation claimed by prisoners. There was no significant increase in the number of litigated procedures pressed and in progress against prisons (civil, labour and other economic lawsuits) (2016: 911, 2017: 948). The compensation lawsuits filed by prisoners related to the crowded prisons, accommodation and other conditions.



DATA PROTECTION AND CYBER COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES

Data protection and cyber commissioner activities were performed and the requests concerning data of public interest were fulfilled in a manner specified by law. The Hungarian Prison Service performs its tasks, the activities relating to the protection of qualified data and managed this qualified data in accordance with the regulations.

ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

In 2017 the number of documents managed by the Hungarian Prison Service amounted to more than 2 million, which was a significant increase from the previous year. In relation to electronic document management the hybrid and inverse hybrid procedures were integrated into the document management processes successfully. All physical documents received by the Hungarian Prison Service can be converted into authentic electronic documents, which helps reducing the burden associated with document management. The purpose of the Hybrid Delivery and Conversion Programme implemented within the framework of the Electronic Administration Operational Programme is to expand the forms of contact between the authority and the customer with partially electronic solutions.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Strengthening our existing international relations and building new ones in order to respond to the constantly varying challenges of the Prison Service and for adopting the best practices in Hungary is indispensable.

That is why we focused and shaped our international activity last year to emphasize professional cooperation based on substantive issues.

We successfully strengthened the professional relations with Hungarian and international partner organisations and representatives of special fields as well. The continued and new partnerships provided opportunities for exchanging experience, sharing good practices and defining special tasks to be implemented jointly.

The data supply to diplomatic representation offices accredited in Hungary continued to be extensive. Of the data supplies sent to international organisations, the annual criminal statistics of the Council of Europe and the UN (E.g., SPACE I., COPE, UNODC questionnaires) need to be emphasised. We contributed to them in 2017 as well, similarly to the previous years.

We increased our international relations and built new ones

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, STRATEGY - STRATEGIC RESEARCH

At the Hungarian Prison Service the research activities of external partners and joint scientific activities were conducted according to consistent professional principles. Research was conducted with key strategic partners in the spirit of result orientation and scientific conferences were organised in relation to research and results. The National Crime Prevention Council the National Institution of Criminology and the Hungarian Prison Association were our major partners in these joint efforts. The technical events, meetings and project applications promote the modernisation and development of the professional activities of the Prison Service. The Human-Centred Science Conference was organised at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to celebrate the Hungarian science. The Faculty of Law Enforcement Studies of the National University of Public Service is expanding the professional knowledge of the organisation in the framework of the Prison Service Ludovika Key Research Workshop international project.

BvOP pays outstanding attention to supporting scientific and research activities of the areas of the Hungarian Prison Service within the framework of its scientific organisation activities. In addition to the research institute activities, the publication of the Prison Review and participation in international and national conferences, it also intends to publish scientific results.

UNIFORM APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

The single law enforcement approach, which is developing and shaping constantly with the involvement of the Prison Service means not only legal regulations on common basis, identical values and professional and ethical principles, but the team spirit and concerted activities can also be observed in its everyday activities.

Similarly to BvOP, most prisons have an active cooperation agreement with the police and disaster prevention organisation that are competent locally or regionally. The agreements generally focus on the delivery of joint exercises, assistance in extraordinary events and the performance of various security and defence tasks.

We rely on the results of the present while planning the future





9 We continue to expand the professional knowledge of the Hungarian Prison Service in scientific conferences, events and in our publications

Communication and social responsibility

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The communication department of the Hungarian Prison Service represented the organisation in the media with proactive and coordinated information and consistent messages in line with the principles of internal and law enforcement communication. The family day, a central event of the Prison Service, was an outstanding event with significant press publicity. During the year we presented our results in the engagement of prisoners, our centralised services and the accommodation of prisoners. Our news on the training and education of prisoners and our press conferences on the training and recruitment of staff resulted in intensive press coverage. The individual prisons were covered by the media primarily through events opened to the press. In addition, we also receive a lot of individual requests in relation to our professional activities and local programmes.

As a result of a major development across the Prison Service, a new image was developed for the organisation. The previous image components were modernised, as a result of which we developed a new slogan (“In Service of Justice”) a new logo and other image components. The renewed image of the Prison Service includes special signs of the organisation that ensure a consistent and deliberate appearance. It supports the external and internal communication activities of the organisation in the identification of its mission by emphasising the slogan. The used components are unique and easily recognisable and they represent the organisation even on their own. The expression that suggests strength and authority refers to the history, reputation and commitment of the organisation.

Within the framework of the development of a positive image of the Hungarian Prison Service in society, we widely presented our positive experience related to reintegration custody (owing to the expansion of this legal device the number of prisoners in such custody is increasing) the refurbishment of the prisons, the professional training and other prison activities supporting the integration: work engagement and restitution projects.

The publications of the Hungarian Prison Service continue to play an important role in the internal and external communication (e.g., Prison Review, Prison Newsletter, Prison Newspaper).



Engagement of prisoners in work

ASSESSMENT OF ENGAGEMENT OF PRISONERS IN THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PRISON COMPANIES

Work engagement is creating a chance for prisoners to re-start their lives and reintegrate into society, and is a condition of the intention to change and to obtain adequate qualifications.

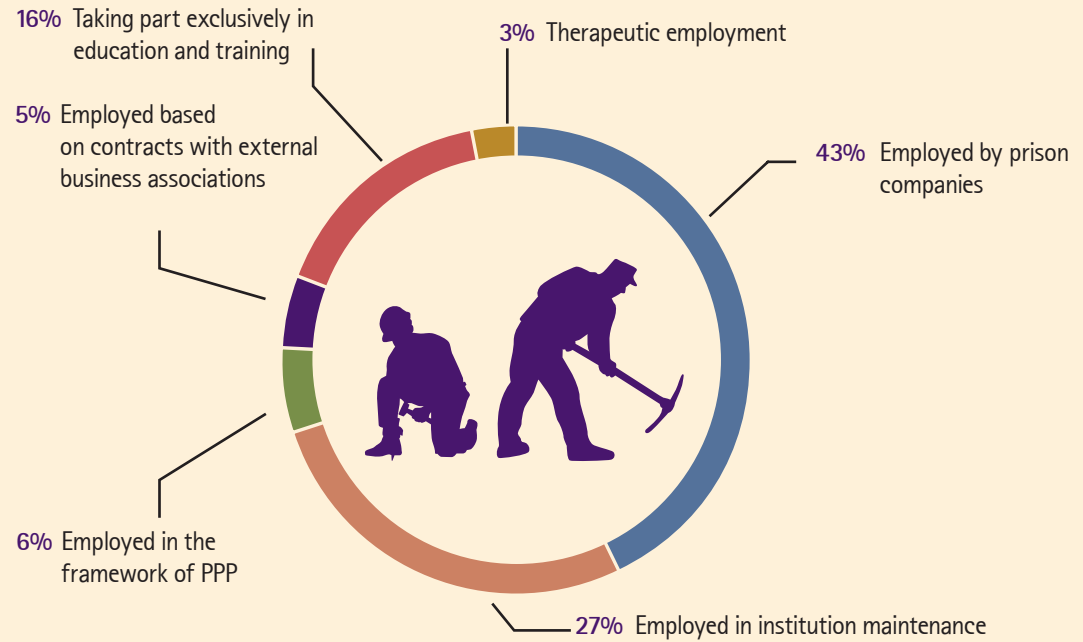
The majority of basic foods, items of everyday use and furniture used in prisons are produced by the prisoners themselves. The prisoners

produce the uniforms of the staff working in law enforcement as well as numerous other products available in trade.

Within the framework of the employment systems full engagement was achieved in business associations and in other jobs funded from the budget of the institution by the end of 2017.



AVERAGE PRISONER EMPLOYMENT BY WORKPLACE (%)



The prison companies and other prisons expanded work engagement by creating new jobs, providing jobs based on contracts with external business associations with the launch of new activities, an increase in the number of trained prisoners and by employing the maximum staff funded from the budget.



Work engagement, defined as a condition of social integration is a statutory obligation.

FINANCE

Bv. Holding Ltd. (hereinafter: Bv. Holding) continued to fulfil its public task specified by law in 2017 too: with the help of the mandatory employment of prisoners and its business activities it managed to increase the value of state property.

Looking at the distribution of revenues, central procurement continued to be more prominent for manufacturing enterprises, almost double that of agricultural enterprises.

The capital investments of the companies continued in 2017 too with the expansion of machine parks, maintenance and refurbishment activities which could be covered from their funding. The active value of investments is expected to reach HUF 2.2 billion.

In 2017 the aggregated post tax profit of the companies exceeded the projected amount, i.e., all companies complied with the expectations. Owing to their successful operation, we implemented a lot of important investment projects in order to further improve results, expanded their partner relations widely and launched new activities in order to enhance the employment of prisoners.

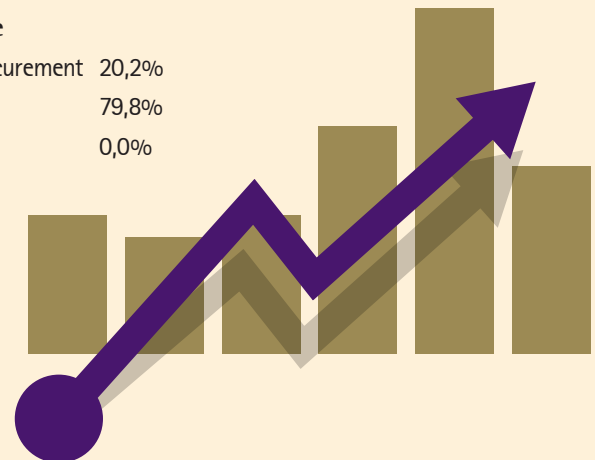
SALES REVENUES OF PRISON COMPANIES BY SECTOR

Manufacturing

Central procurement	56,2%
Market	42,5%
Export	1,3%

Agriculture

Central procurement	20,2%
Market	79,8%
Export	0,0%



CENTRAL SUPPLIES

The central government administration bodies falling within the scope of central supply submitted 3 074 supply requests to the Central Supply Organization.

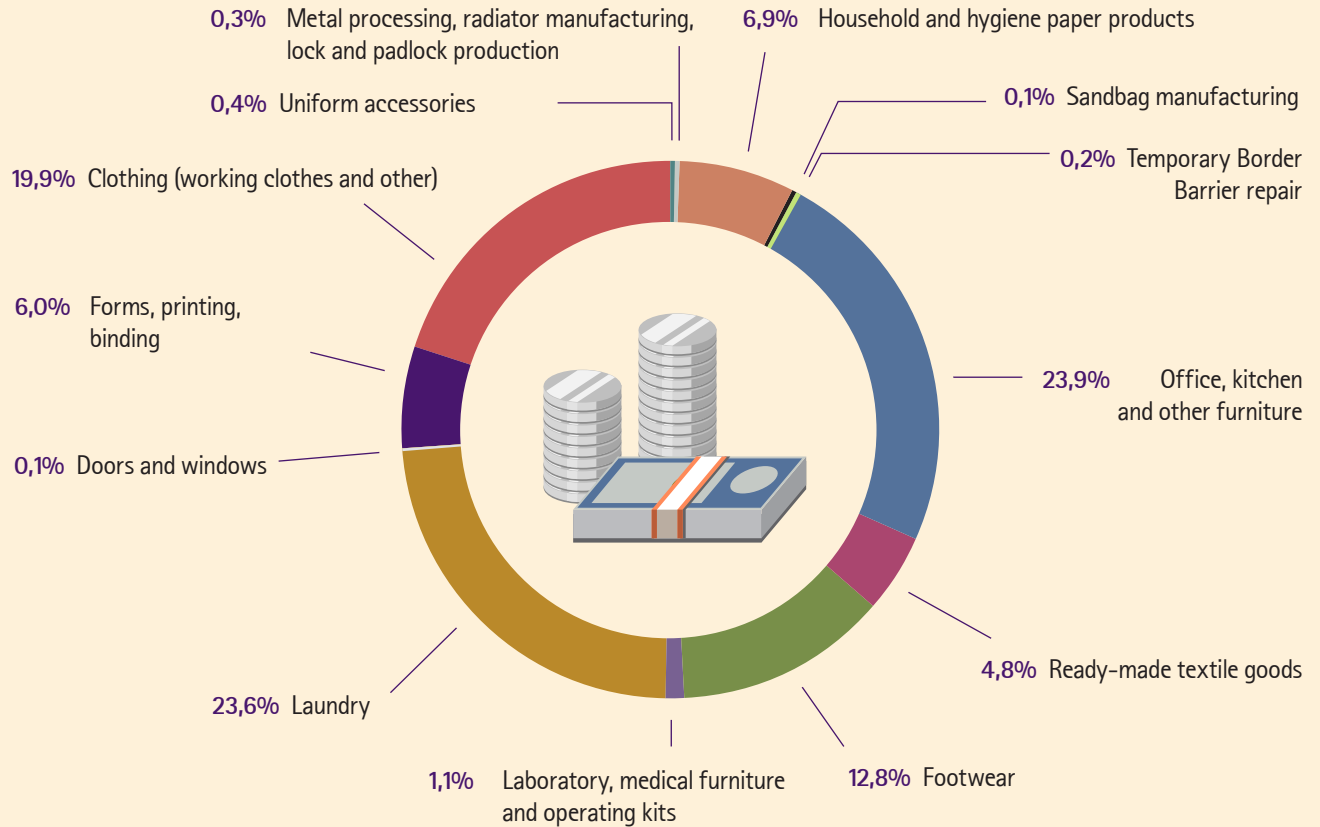
In response to the supply requests companies capable of fulfilling them were appointed for projects at the net cost of HUF 9.192 billion, which was the highest amount since the establishment

of the central supplies unit. The value of contracts concluded in relation to such appointments is expected to be higher than net HUF 7.2 billion during the reporting period, which is also higher than the figures of the previous year.

Looking at the concluded contracts by activity it is clear that most contracts were established for furniture, but the value of contracts for laundry services and clothes also continued to be high.



BREAKDOWN OF THE VALUE OF CONCLUDED CONTRACTS BY ACTIVITY (%)



All prisons were supplied with poultry and pork produced within the service. Bakery products are supplied to 12 prisons, to approximately 12 000 prisoners daily.





The total value of the delivered food ingredients was higher than HUF 992 million during the reporting period. All produced pork are certified to be Excellent Quality Pork (KMS). In the areas of the production of food ingredients, the quality and adequacy of the products are also guaranteed by the HACCP quality management system.

In order to regularly monitor the supply, demand and manufacturing and to produce accurate and up-to-date information a single production information system was introduced at 12 companies (hereinafter referred to as TIR). The TIR contains up-to-date and transparent records of orders, manufacturing tasks and inventories compliance with deadlines and facilitates effective controls based on up-to-date information and reports.



BV. HOLDING

Bv. Holding continued and strengthened the review and analysis of the establishment, strengthening and expansion options of new products and services, business lines and activities at the controlled companies primarily in relation to the central and internal supplies.

The new products and services requiring outstanding attention include cell door manufacturing, dry pasta and other products of the fat frying plant, doors and windows, laundry services and the wildlife fences beside motorways and express ways.

The Bv. Holding group was also contracted for contribution to the construction of the temporary border fence (hereinafter Hungarian abbreviation: IBH). In 2017 the IBH and the conditions of border guarding were further developed, within the framework of which Bv. Holding constructed the second protection line on the Hungarian-Serbian section on the total length of 155 km with the involvement of prisoners.

76 high observation positions and 41 rain shelters were produced and installed on the Hungarian-Croatian, Hungarian-Romanian and Hungarian-Ukrainian border sections. Bv. Holding also reinforced 156 high observation posts and prepared them for deployment on the Serbian section. Bv. Holding was also involved in the maintenance and connection road construction tasks related to the 160 km long manoeuvring road built on the Hungarian-Serbian border section. That is how the Hungarian Prison Service contributed to the public order and public security of our country and to the performance of the border control tasks.

IT developments and technical investments

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Info-communications developments

IT DEVELOPMENTS

We cooperated on a regular basis with the National Infocommunications Service Company Ltd. in the implementation of a remote consultation and remote hearing system project. The rooms were installed and prepared for the devices in the respective prisons of the Hungarian Prison Service.

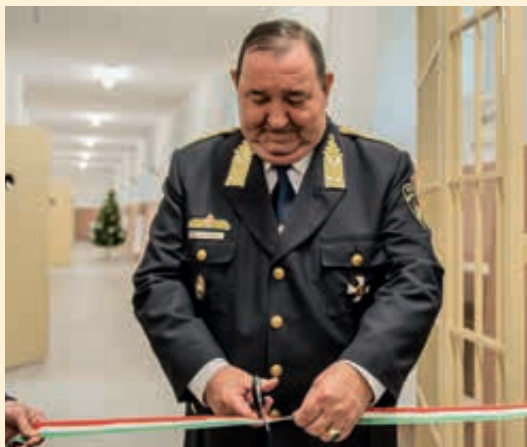
Under the control of the Ministry of Interior the scope of activities related to electronic administration and electronic file management kept expanding. The extension of the tasks simultaneously called for the expansion of the IT background.

One of the strategic objectives of the Hungarian Prison Service is to operate and develop its IT instruments through projects that preserve their value with which it can satisfy the requirements defined in the laws and the applicable technical standards.

ONLINE INFORMATION SHARING INTERFACE

It is important to highlight that in order to share information effectively between the law enforcement agencies and to further reduce the number of paper-based communication and electronic messages as well as the administration activities relating to them a cooperation agreement was signed between BvOP and the National Police Headquarters, the Counter Terrorism Centre and the Counter-Terrorism Information and Criminal Analysis Centre. The introduction of this direct information distribution service built on an authentic database of prisoners facilitates faster and more effective support to crime prevention and detection organisation and, simultaneously, also reduces administration.





INVESTMENTS, REFURBISHMENTS

During the year a number of large development projects were implemented and major progress was achieved as a continuation of the capacity expansion project, which was launched in the previous years.

Prison section IV was built in the territory of Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison, primarily with the workforce of the prisoners of the institution (and the involvement of some external contractors for specific industry works), introducing new capacities for approximately 91 people. At the Solt unit of Állampuszta National Prison the public procurement procedure for the construction of a new prison building was closed successfully and the project introducing 144 new beds began in October 2017. Work started on the preparation of the permits and construction planning documentation for the restructuring of Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison and for establishing cells in building parts used for other functions in 2017. Within the framework of this investment new beds were introduced in the territory of the prison with internal restructuring, which is a lot more cost effective than any new construction.

Preparations began for the full refurbishment of the 3 buildings situated in the territory of Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison, which also includes the Forensic Psychiatric and Mental Institution (the construction of the electrical network, refurbishment of the engineering systems, reconstruction of roof structures, etc.) The construction of a modern health institution for prisoners began in Berettyóújfalu with the land transformation of the properties involved in the project, the clarification/transfer of asset management rights, preparations for the regulation plan and the awarding of the contract for the planning documentation of the future facility.





Transit zone construction

In 2017 the Prison Service built new facilities for more effective utilisation and satisfying all expectations on the Serbian border section, at Röszke and Tompa, within the framework of establishment and expansion of transit zones. The functions of operation of the transit zone, aligned to the tasks and the number of asylum seekers were put in place parallel with better conditions of accommodation.

The transit zones were constructed in a number of phases. In the first phase 16 residential and 16 sanitary containers owned by the Immigration and Asylum Office were transferred from Nagyfa. In the second phase a transit zone of 161 containers, with a capacity of 200 people were introduced at Tompa and Röszke and then, in the third phase a transit zone with a capacity of further 200 people was established also in Röszke.

The transit zone expansions were completed with the required technical content, in good quality, by the required deadline and were hand it over for operation to the police by the Prison Service.



Improved work conditions

The working environment of the staff was renewed and offices and community spaces were modernised.

The reform of the infrastructure used for the services of the staff continued in 2017. In four prisons (Bács-Kiskun County Prison, Heves County Prison, Central Transdanubia National Prison Székesfehérvár facility, Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison) all changing rooms of the staff were refurbished (exchange of doors and windows, exchange of tiling and wall covering, new furniture etc.)

In Sopronkőhida and Márianosztra 12 vacant service flats were improved for the prison guards, and new flatlets were created on the 3rd floor of the staff lodge in Venyige street.

The windows were changed and external heat insulation was installed at the Dal street staff lodge as well.

Higher standard work conditions were introduced in almost all prisons, involving office refurbishment, purchase of new furniture, refurbishment of certain dining facilities and modernisation of the health services.



Partial reconstruction began on the BvOP headquarters building in 2017. Within the framework of the phased programme a cafeteria room was introduced, 13 offices were refurbished on the 3rd floor and 12 offices were refurbished on the 4th floor. Meeting rooms for events and receptions were also put in place. Complex refurbishment goes on continuously.



Energy management

8 prisons of the Hungarian Prison Service submitted successful projects for the implementation of solar panel systems within the Environment and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme (KEHOP). Solar panels were introduced on 11 103 m² at Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Central Transdanubia National Prison, Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Szombathely National Prison, Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison as well as Zala County Remand Prison. HUF 1 091 million was awarded for the implementation of the investment project.



Energy improvement projects were implemented not only in prisons but also at the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service, involving subsequent heat insulation, replacement of doors and windows, installation of a solar panel system in the project for which HUF 246.6 million was allocated from the KEHOP operational programme.

Within the scope of energy management the Prison Service used the HUF 33.978 million allocated by the Ministry of Interior for the procurement and installation of advanced lighting devices.



9 Innovative and environmentally friendly, energy efficiency developments relying primarily on renewable energy were put to the forefront.

Environment

As a result of efforts for environmental operation the efficiency increasing project at the biological wastewater treatment plant of the Pálhalma National Prison was implemented. Following the replacement of the obsolete technology the treatment plant already complies with the strict environmental and technology requirements. The cost of the investment was HUF 120 million.



Chronicle

January 6, 2017

Reintegration

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

“Not my crime, but still my punishment”

With the joint efforts of Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Nógrád County Speakers Association for the Gypsy Minority an exhibition has been created from the photos of Anna Gyórfy and the carvings and paintings of Balassagyarmat inmates, at the Roma Workshop of the county seat of Nógrád. The pictures were taken within the walls of the prison and focus on family relationships of inmates, more specifically their children.

January 7, 2017

The inmates successfully passed their exams

CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA NATIONAL PRISON

For a few years now, in addition to work activities NQR (National Qualification Register) courses have been provided to inmates at the Central Transdanubia National Prison. The inmates who successfully passed their exams during the 2016-17 school year received the baker's certificate registered within the NQR, which will make finding a job after release easier.



January 8, 2017

A convicted man in reintegration custody saved a person's life

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

A life-saving man is one of the 642 convicts who, through the institution of reintegration custody, are more likely to integrate back into society. The incident happened at Lake Deseda. The convict was walking his dog by the lake, within the reintegration custody zone that he was assigned to, when the ice broke underneath an ice skating man. The man risked his life rushing to save the man falling into the water. Later, the arriving emergency disaster management staff assisted in getting to shore. Thanks to the quick arrival of help the man in trouble survived the incident.

January 9, 2017

Anyone who commits a crime makes a prisoner of themselves - Károly Eperjes' visit to the prison

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 9 January Károly Eperjes visited the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison. The Kossuth and Jászai Mari Prize-winning actor talked about his Catholic faith and the spiritual boost that religion means to him. This visit was a part of those programmes, during which inmates can receive help towards their reintegration into society after their release through the examples of famous artists.



January 9, 2017

Forty convicts harvested the reeds on the Holt-Tisza in Nagyfa

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

From 9 January forty inmates harvested the reeds on 15 cm thick ice, until the end of the month. The workers were selected from unit III of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison in Nagyfa by a professional evaluation group. They selected those who were capable of work, were adequately healthy, and whose external employment was a low security risk. The reed harvested into sheaves was used by Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd. on its livestock farms, with the convicts making thatching from them.



January 12, 2017

The Ministry of Interior's 22nd Invitational National Ski and Snowboard Contest

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison once again organised the national skiing contest of the Ministry of Interior at the Zemplén Adventure Park, for which 140 competitors from nearly 40 Ministry of Interior departments signed up.



January 12, 2017

The prison of Eger has become more modern and imposing

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The renovation of the Heves County Remand Prison has been completed. The construction started back in 2016 with the reconstruction of the facade of the officers building. As part of the reconstruction, the construction professionals have replaced the sandstone skirting and the ledges, repaired the plastering and the windows and upgraded the drain system. Convicts also participated in the works by painting bars and windows. In the western wing of the building the modernising of the energy infrastructure was completed with thermal insulation and the change of doors and windows. During the works event the prison entrance was reconstructed through prison labour.



January 13, 2017

The training of new staff members has begun

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

476 people began their studies to become detention enforcement officers at the end of their training. The first training was opened by Maj. Gen. János Schmehl, Deputy Director General for Security and Incarceration in Nyíregyháza.

January 17, 2017

Even the inmates were cleaning the streets of Eger

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In view of the outstanding snowfall the Heves County Remand Prison immediately offered its assistance to the local governments of the towns by providing snow shovels, brooms and inmate volunteers. This was the 86th occasion where inmates assisted citywide in clearing the roads of snow.

19–21 January, 2017

Educatio Exhibition

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 17th Educatio International Education Exhibition was held between 19 and 21 January 2017 at the Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center, where the Hungarian Prison Service also participated. Within the organisation of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters the staff of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison participated in the three-day further education exhibition.



January 20, 2017

The restitution programme continues in Tököl

JUVENILE PRISON

The Tököl inmates made paintings and thread pictures of popular children's characters and story scenes for the Heim Pál Children's Hospital. Colonel Ferenc Pesti, Governor of Tököl National Prison presented the artworks to medical director, Dr Ferenc Fekete. The management of the hospital was pleased to receive the institution's offering, as the pictures could make the environment of recovering children more fun, helping them get better sooner.



January 24, 2017

Professional training has been launched

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

A professional painter and decorator course was launched on 24 January 2017 at the Baranya County Remand Prison. Admission of arrested and convicted adult and juvenile inmates was made possible for the cross-semester course.

January 30, 2017

A new armoured vehicle has been added to the vehicle fleet of the Budapest Remand Prison

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

A new armoured vehicle has been added to the vehicle fleet of the Budapest Remand Prison. The small-capacity, six-seater modified inmate transport basic Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van is used to transport priority inmates of Budapest Remand Prison to prosecutor interrogations, court hearings and medical examinations.

January 31, 2017

Prison theatre

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison also supports reintegration with theatre pedagogy. Participating inmates also perform personality development exercises during the preparation of the productions selected by the creative director. In addition to performing productions within the prison, the company is also a regular participant at national prison theatre conventions. The piece titled Péter Vass's honour also gained supported in the Ministry of Interior's 2017 crime prevention competition.

January 31, 2017

A large-scale renovation has been completed at the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The renovated medical area of the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison was carried out only by prison labour. During eight months of work, approximately 25 inmates were involved in the renovation of almost five hundred square meters. The total value of the investment was nearly HUF 13 million, while the use of prison labour made it possible to achieve a saving of almost HUF 7.5 million. During the renovation, the area of detention of prisoners, doctors' surgeries, offices, corridors and waiting rooms, as well as the social-work room were renewed.



February 9, 2017

Renovation at the Zala County Remand Prison

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The replacement of certain bars and the electrical network became necessary at the Zala County Remand Prison. The obsolete wire mesh in the stairwell of the prison was replaced by reinforced concrete. This also means repainting of the iron structure and the whitewashing of the stairwell. The renovation was completed by inmates working in the workshop of the prison. As the electrical network was also renewed, the internal works lasted for about a month.



February 10, 2017

Voluntary work

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

In 2017, for the first time, the inmates assisted the local government of Harta. Those who are serving their term of imprisonment can engage in volunteer work on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, seven inmates helped to pack social firewood. In the past, the inmates participated in the cleaning of the cemetery, the setting up of tents during advent preparations and in decorating the Christmas tree of the settlement.



February 14, 2017

The Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison has been expanded with a new wing

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Inmates in Márianosztra were able to occupy the new wing, that is completely in line with European housing conditions. In the six cells of the new wing a total of 25 individuals could be accommodated. Those working inmates were able to occupy the wing who were in the mild regime category of the penal institute or low security risk group, who have been approved by the Reception and Detention Commission.

February 15, 2017

Key Research Laboratory

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

The Ludovika Prison Key Research Laboratory organised an international launch conference on 15 February at the Faculty of Enforcement Studies of the National University of Public Service. Maj. Gen. Dr József Boda dean, Brig. Gen. Prof. Dr Péter Ruzsonyi, research leader Dr Joseph Giordmania (University of Malta) and Daniel Muranyi, the university professor of the Tibiscus University of Timisoara gave lectures at the event.

February 18, 2017

Opening of a door and window factory facility at BUFA Ltd.

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

BUFA Ltd., which operates alongside the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison, has established a door and window factory with an investment of HUF 120 million, which, in February 2017, started to manufacture wooden and plastic windows and interior doors for prisons. As a result of the expansion, production started with the involvement of prison labour.





February 21, 2017

Changing room renovation in Eger

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The facade of the institute was reconstructed and modernising of the energy infrastructure was completed in the western wing of the building. Within the framework of the investment the staff changing rooms were renovated. Inmates were also involved in the renovation of changing rooms. With the handover of the new women's and men's changing rooms equipped with shower facilities and toilets, the working conditions of the workers in the Eger prison improved.

February 22, 2017

Creation of a new way of thinking with the help of a right brain hemisphere drawing course

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

From among the programmes organised for inmates and aimed at developing their personality and social skills the right brain hemisphere drawing course was the most popular and possibly the most successful. All participants enjoyed taking part in the course and the appreciate the knowledge gained from it.





March 2, 2017

Judo gold for our colleague

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Our colleague Tímea Szabó won first place on 2 March 2017 at the Ministry of Interior's National Judo Championship in the 78+ kg weight category. She also was the most successful competitor from the Hungarian Prison Service at the championship. Alongside performing her daily duties Tímea Szabó also excels at sports. For years now she has participated in and finished on the podium of national and international law enforcement judo competitions. This year, owing to her perseverance and talent, she could stand on the top of the podium and receive the brightest medal.

March 6, 2017

Continuously improving housing conditions

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The inmates of Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison create better housing conditions for themselves with their own two hands. In addition to increasing capacity, the prison service pays attention to the improvement of conditions. Making living quarters habitable and their preservation is the task and interest of the inmates who reside there.





March 7, 2017

The Szombathely National Prison has a new hygienic laundry facility

SZOMBATHELY NATIONAL PRISON

The new regional hygienic laundry facility established at the Szombathely National Prison was handed over during a ceremony held on 7 March 2017. The facility is operated by Sopronkőhida Ipari és Szolgáltató Ltd.

March 8, 2017

The deep well sewage treatment plant has been upgraded

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The sewage treatment plant of the deep well unit of the Pálhalma National Prison has been upgraded. The large-scale construction works began in April 2016 and the facility was handed over on 8 March 2017 after the completion of a trial run. Its operation is carried out by inmates in two shifts, the facility provides work for 2x2 wastewater operators.

March 8, 2017

National Table Tennis Championship Final

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The final of the National Table Tennis Championship was held at the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Hungarian Prison Service on 8 March 2017. 30 teams and a total of 123 individuals took part in qualifying. The best teams from the six regions attended the finals. The event was opened by Deputy Director Col. Béla Nádasí and also closed by him with the handing out of the awards.

In the group competition first place was awarded to Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison, second placed was Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Pálmahalma National Prison came third, Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison received fourth place, Tököl National Prison placed fifth and, in the end, sixth place was taken by Veszprém County Remand Prison.



March 9, 2017

Reintegration Café

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

For the first time a forum was organised at Békés County Remand Prison, which may help the inmates succeed after their release. The event was attended by employers, municipal government and government officials and representatives of educational institutes. During informal conversations shared ideas were born relating to the needs of inmates after their release, as well as on how the attending external representatives would be able to assist.



March 14, 2017

The inmates of Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison are constructing a smart fence on the southern border of the country

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The transported 163 convicted perpetrators from unit III of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison in Nagyfa each day to the southern border of the country for the construction of the fence. From the middle of February they hammered in the piles then they secured the wire mesh to them along the line of the border between Ásotthalom and Rösztke. Inmates suitable for work, whose external employment was a low security risk, were transported to Nagyfa from other remand prisons also.

March 21, 2017

1st National High School Law Enforcement Team Competition

BORSOD-ABAÚJ-ZEMPLÉN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The competition was jointly organised by the National Police Headquarters, BvOP and the National Directorate General for Disaster Management. Regional qualifiers were conducted at four law enforcement schools in the country. The qualifying teams were able to pit their knowledge against each other at the national finals from 31 March to 1 April which were held at the Miskolc Police Vocational School.



March 29, 2017

The National Association of Hungarian Rescue Dog Organizations

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

At the end of March, the heads of the National Association of Hungarian Rescue Dog Organizations presented their operational activity at the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. Within the framework of the reintegration programme, the president and vice president of the organization spoke about the rescue dog service, trainings, deployments and saved lives. The work of the individuals working with rescue dogs was also commended inside the prison walls, and the hundreds of inmates praised the life and value saving work of the trained four-legged colleagues with a round of applause.

March 29, 2017

Religious roundtable

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 29 March 2017 Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison held its traditional religious roundtable meeting with the participation of those pastors and missionary brothers who have been carrying out prison pastoral services for local inmates for a long time. Every year there are invited guests, and this year the guest lecturer invited was Dr Károly Győrfi, ex-politician and the author of the book entitled Christian Persecution at the beginning of the 21st century.



March 28, 2017

Working together for the reintegration of juvenile inmates

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

The Governor of Tököl National Prison, and the Acting Governor of the Juvenile Remand Prison, Colonel Ferenc Pesti signed a co-operation agreement on 28 March 2017 with Dr Miklós Lévény, the Head of the Criminology Department of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Eötvös Loránd University.



March 31, 2017

Instalment of a solar power system at the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The call for tender entitled Instalment of a solar power system at the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison issued by the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison received non-refundable subsidies.

March 31, 2017

The lecture of Dr Gábor Zacher

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On 31 March 2017 Dr Gábor Zacher gave a lecture on the dangers of drug use at Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The nationally recognised and acclaimed toxicologist raised the awareness of 120 participants concerning the drug situation, the implications of addiction and drug use with the use of real life examples.



April 4, 2017

Lights, colours, pictures

SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 4 April an exhibition opened at the Court of Szolnok entitled Lights, colours, pictures, which was ceremoniously opened by Dr Zsolt Pongrácz, the Director of Judicial College of the Court of Szolnok. Alongside three other artists, the photos of our public servant colleague, Judit Benke were also displayed.

April 4, 2017

After several decades the inner courtyard is renovated

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

With the assistance of central funding, the smaller inner courtyard of the former monastery of Márianosztra is being beautifully renovated. The inmates - classified in the milder regime and low security risk category, who are soon to be released and who are well-behaved - can smoked only in the yard, which they can freely access during the day.

April 7, 2017

Holy Week at the Prison "Star"

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Holy Triduum of the Easter celebration was commemorated in all three units of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison at the religious celebrations of the inmates. Since the Regime Change of 1989, the institute has been commemorating Easter with a holy mass. Nowadays 12 denominations carry out pastoral care and work for the reintegration of inmates.

April 10, 2017

Renovation works

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The renovation of the Állampusztai Mezőgazdasági és Kereskedelmi Ltd. was initiated on 2016. When determining the factory size and production performance of the plant, the institutional needs and quantities were taken into account. After the technical transfer, which was completed on 10 April 2017, they requested an operating licence from the building authority, after which actual production started that same summer. In the case of full capacity utilisation, the pasta factory provides work for 2×15 medium risk inmates.

April 12, 2017

Life saving prison guards

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

With their courageous and exemplary actions, József Maticsák and Krisztián Szele worthily represented the Prison Service on 12 April 2017 in a fire and rescue incident in Győrszemere village. On 12 April 2017 staff sergeant József Maticsák and his master sergeant colleague Krisztián Szelei noticed a 25 m² building on fire on Felpéci út in Győrszemere. The vacationing prison service employees started to extinguish the fire and also rescued a young girl from the building. On 26 April 2017 Major General Dr Tamás Tóth, Director General praised them and gave them a wrist watch as a token of his appreciation for their fast reaction, alertness and their assistance with rescue efforts at the fire incident.





April 12, 2017

Deep frying plant at Pálhalma

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

Agrospeciál Ltd. of Pálhalma has opened a new workshop. The deep frying plant supplies high-quality pig fat and pork rind to customers. The products are manufactured in a modern deep frying plant built next to the slaughterhouse, meeting all demands.

April 13, 2017

"Built-in accessories" competition

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

One of the inmates of the Békés County Remand Prison was awarded a certificate of recognition at the celebratory board meeting of Békés. Within the framework of the open playwright competition called "Built-in accessories" announced by the Local Government of Békés, the work of an inmate of the Békés County Remand Prison Institute was selected from among 44 entries, meaning he could accept the certificate for his work from Zoltán Seregi, director of the Jókai Theater in Békéscsaba.

April 13, 2017

National Cross-Country Championship

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The 2017 National Cross-Country Championship of the Prison Service was held on the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison's shooting range and its surrounding area. The beautiful environment and the favourable weather helped the runners and the Prison Service's Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre's organising team. 239 athletes participated from 29 bodies of the prison service. The event was closed by Col. Zoltán Szabó, Principal Administration and Director of the Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service with the presentation of the trophy to the winning team.

This year the winner of the event was the Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison. Second placed was Állampusztá National Prison, Pálhalma National Prison came third, Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison received fourth place, Budapest Remand Prison placed fifth and, in the end, sixth place was taken by the team of Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison.



April 13, 2017

Technical consultation

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

The Tököl National Prison has been involved in water conservation related works for years. The primary tasks include the clean and thorough maintenance of dams and floodplains. In order to strengthen this cooperation, the Governor of the institute participated in a technical consultation on 13 April 2017.

The inmates carry out maintenance work at the plants that are under the management of the Central Danube Valley Water Authority.

April 14, 2017

Establishment of a solar power system at Unit III of the Budapest Remand Prison

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 14 April 2017 instalment commenced of the photovoltaic system at the Venyige street unit of the Budapest Remand Prison. With the help of more than HUF 130 million in funding, mainly received from the European Union, the installation of a solar-powered small power plant and the installation of 854 solar modules partly assist with the costs of electricity consumption of the unit.

April 14-15, 2017

Easter activities at Budapest Remand Prison

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 14 April 2017, Good Friday, in the theatre hall located in Unit III of the Budapest Remand Prison, the director of the National Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary, György Krámer evangelical pastor's worship service made the message of the holiday meaningful and significant. The worship was made more complete with the enthusiastic and superb singing of the Izsóp choir and orchestra of the Pilis Lutheran Parish and the Finnish Verso choir from Kirkkonum.

On 15 April 2017, the eve of Holy Saturday, religious volunteers of the institute practiced religious worship at the Hungarian Evangelical Prison Mission for the inmates of unit I. and II.





April 17, 2017

Drug prevention continues

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 17 April 2017, Dr Gábor Zacher, the head of the Emergency Department of Honvéd Hospital, was the guest of the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison, from whom the audience could hear a high standard presentation of the current Hungarian drug situation.



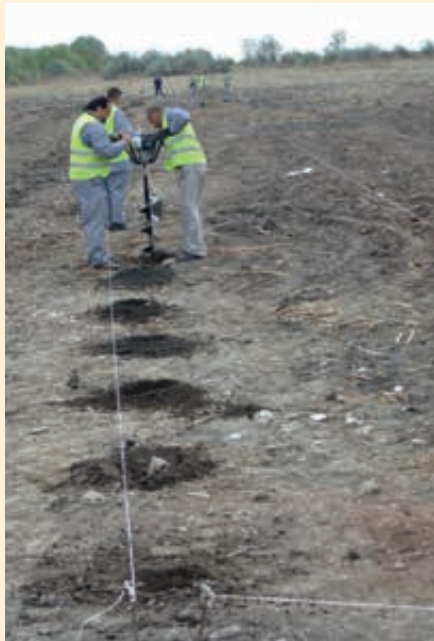
April 19-20, 2017

Restitution work

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

As a restitution work, thousands of trees were planted by inmates, contributing to the cleaning up of the settlement.

As part of the revegetation of the landfill, the local government of Harta began to plant trees on the cleared area. The Mayor asked for help from the institute, the inmates freely volunteered for restitution work to plant the saplings. Ten inmates worked for two days in the area planting almost 8,000 new trees.



April 21, 2017

The prison's courtyard has been renovated

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In February, the large amount of snow and high wind destroyed the courtyard to such an extent that its structure had become dangerous.

The inmates also participated in the demolition works, the transportation of materials and the auxiliary work.

April 22, 2017

Attending the Police and Firefighter Day

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 22 April 2017, thanks to the close co-operation with the 10th District Police Department, the Budapest Remand Prison was invited to the 7th National Police and Firefighter Day organised in connection to Police Day. In the tent of the 10th District Police Department of the Budapest Metropolitan Police Headquarters the Budapest Remand Prison also presented the institute's activities. Those interested could experience the coercive measures used in prison services and could see what the inside of a prisoner transport vehicle looks like. The Minister of Interior Dr Sándor Pintér also took part in the event, and visited the joint tent of the Police Department and the institute as well.



April 23, 2017

Picking up trash on Earth Day

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The inmates contributed to the cleanliness of our environment on Earth Day in the form of restitution work. The Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison took part in the district clean-up operation on the request of the Local Government of Kőbánya. The six inmates involved in volunteer work collected trash in the Hangár street forest of District 10.



April 25, 2017

Restitution for the benefit of senior citizens

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 25 April 2017 the convicts assisted the Joint Health and Social Care Institute of Győr in repairing their fence. This spring six inmates of the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison signed up for volunteer work, which is part of the “I regret it, I would like to make amends” restorative programme.



April 26–27, 2017

Regional training of operation teams

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The Állampusztza National Prison hosted a two-day training course consisting of theoretical and practical elements for operational groups from regional institutes. The 42 people attending the event, were provided with extensive and comprehensive training on a number of topics. They were able to hear a presentation about the current status, number of staff, training programs, and uniform of operational groups. After that, they could learn to practice courses of action with passive and actively resistant persons.

The lecturers of the Department of Operational Medicine at the University of Pécs held a theoretical training entitled Prison Medic. The operation personnel were provided with information on the treatment of injuries, haemostasis and resuscitation.

April 27, 2017

BLS training for inmates

SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 27 April 2017, Basic Life Support, that is, amateur, unassisted resuscitation training was provided to interested inmates.



Training was organised by the healthcare sector, and BLS-AED instructor Tibor Czakó, who is the deputy director of the National Emergency Medical Department at the Chamber of Hungarian Health Professionals, was invited to the institute. During the sessions 34 inmates acquired basic resuscitation skills.

May 2, 2017

Professional consultation with probation officers

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

A group of 16 individuals arrived to the Baranya County Remand Prison on 2 May 2017 from the Department of Probation of the Baranya County Government Office of Judicial Service. Col. Béla Bence, Dr, Deputy Governor of the institute welcomed the guests, then provided a short overview of the basic tasks and operation of the institute, the reintegration programme of the inmates and about employment. The Probation Officers of the Prison Service Institute were also involved in the professional meeting.

May 2, 2017

Blue Light Day

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

According to tradition, Blue Light Day was organised this year for the eleventh time, where police force, prison service, disaster management and ambulance employees provided and insight

into their work. This year also, there was a lot of interest generated in the event. During the day, visitors to the professional tents could gain insight into the work of law enforcement organizations. Firefighting, police dog demonstrations and a smoke-filled tent were, among other things, the programmes awaiting visitors in 2017 on Blue Light Day at the Archbishop's Garden.

May 2, 2017

Professionals Day on Solt

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The outsourced Professional Day for the employment security directors and deputy directors of business associations of the prison service was held at the Solt Unit and its inmate workshops.

May 3, 2017

Delegation in Tököl

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

In the framework of the Erasmus+ programme organised by the Department of Behavioural Sciences and Methodology at the National University of Public Service and the Foresee Research Group, a delegation consisting of 16 foreign and Hungarian members visited Tököl on 3 May 2017 accompanied by department head Dr Judit Hegedűs. The members of the group could learn about the operation of the prison service institutions, the housing and organisational circumstances of the Juvenile Remand Prison, the works being carried out by Duna Papír Ltd. and the educational circumstances and conditions of the inmates. The programme was planned with the joint co-operation of the Juvenile Prison Institute.

May 4, 2017

Roma Cultural and Equal Opportunities Event

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In 2017, for the third time, the Roma Cultural and Equal Opportunities Event was held in honour of World Roma Day and Equal Opportunities Day on 4 May 2017. The Roma-born lecturers invited to the program drew attention to breakout points and the possibility and the necessity of succeeding by using their own lives as an example.

May 5, 2017

Mother's Day celebration

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On 5 May the students of the EMMI Kalocsa Children's Home greeted mothers and grandmothers detained at the Kalocsa institute with their prepared show. More than sixty inmates attended the day, who were greeted by the Kalocsa Children's Home with poems and dancing.

May 5, 2017

National Invitational Chess Tournament of the Ministry of Interior

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Minister of Interior's Restricted National Chess Tournament that took place on 5 May was organised by the Immigration and Asylum Office, where the best of the competition were proven to be the staff members of the Hungarian Prison Service. At the tournament held in Budapest, they managed to take away all three individual medals, and they also triumphed in the team competition. Members of the team: Lt. Col. Zoltán Glöckl (BvOP), sergeant Pap Péter (Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison) and warrant officer Kovács Tamás (Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison, Adorján-Tex Ltd.). In the individual competition Péter Pap won first place.

May 9, 2017

Consular meeting

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 9 May 2017, in the theatre hall of Unit III of the Budapest Remand Prison, 15 honorary consuls of the country were able to familiarise themselves with the tasks carried out by the Hungarian Prison Service. The aim of the program was to establish close and smooth cooperation and personal contacts. Maj. Gen. János Schmehl, Deputy Director General for Security and Incarceration greeted the guests, then presented the legal background, structure and professional activity of our organization. Following this the attendees listened for the lecture of Brig. Gen. Zoltán Cséri, institute commander, and were able to personally get a glimpse of the life of the Budapest Remand Prison, as the programme was concluded by a nearly one-hour long tour of the institute.





May 12, 2017

The Hungarian Actor's team at the footballing event

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Hungarian Actor's Team stepped once again onto the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison's football pitch on 12 May 2017. At the tournament the actors took on the teams of the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison and the Budapest Remand Prison. This year's cup, founded in 2010 was won by the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison.

May 12, 2017

Energy rationalisation at the institution

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

Thank to the support of more than HUF 2 000 000, which was awarded from the Minister of Interior's tender, the energy rationalisation project was

initiated at the beginning of May at the Budapest Remand Prison, thus through the use of modern energy efficient LED lighting and technology, significant energy savings can be achieved on the area of Unit III. of the Budapest Remand Prison.

May 15, 2017

German missionary group

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The forty nine member German missionary group arriving to Hungary visited the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison on the invitation of Hungarian Lutheran Prison Mission. There is a tradition of the group's evangelization in our country, since every spring missionaries visit different prisons. They arrived to Kalocsa in the afternoon after visiting the units of Állampuszta and Solt. Women inmates await these events with excitement, as the vocals accompanying the instruments are sung in Hungarian. The group's performance was closed with a joint prayer.



May 16, 2017

3rd Uniform Cup

SZOMBATHELY NATIONAL PRISON

The Szombathely National Prison won first place once again at the 3rd Uniform Cup combined competition. On 13 May, the Uniform Cup which is now considered to the tradition, was organised for the third time at the Arborétum SportCentre by the Szombathely Leisure Sports Federation and the Vas Police Recreational Sports Association. The participants competed against each other in five-a-side football, bowling, tug of war, air rifle shooting, “bull riding” and cooking events.

May 18, 2017

Bridge of Love programme

CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA NATIONAL PRISON

Similarly to previous years, the Central Transdanubia National Prison took part in the Bridge of Love programme this year also. Within the framework of the programme 18 volunteering inmates, who are spending their imprisonment at the institute, cleaner the Kápolnásnyék Jewish cemetery on 18 May 2017 under the guidance of prison chaplain, Sándor Jonathan.

May 18, 2017

40th World Museum Day

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

International Museum Day was celebrating its 40th anniversary since its foundation on 18 May 2017. In the spirit of the memorial day, the exhibition space of the Hungarian Prison Service Museum was freely accessible, and for groups even extended interactive guided tours could be organised.





May 19, 2017

Visit of Slovakian colleagues

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The representatives of the detention facility located in Zselíz/Želiezovce, Slovakia visited Balassagyarmat. On the initiative of the Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison and Ipoly Cipőgyár Ltd., we hosted the Governor of the National Prison located in Zselíz/Želiezovce and his eleven colleagues as part of a co-operation agreement. During the professional visit, the institute and the business association were presented within the framework of a conference, which was followed by a tour of certain parts of the institute and the business association.

May 19, 2017

Bridge of Love

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

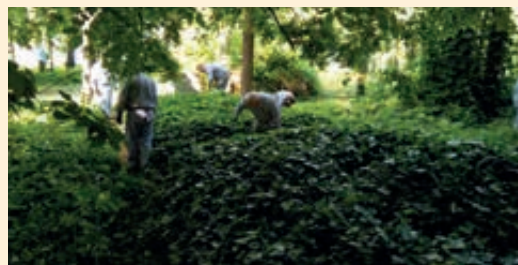
In 2017 the Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison took part once more in the Bridge of Love programme of the Reformed Church of the Carpathian Basin, the aim of which is to improve our environment. On 19 May fifteen inmates assisted with the landscaping of the area. The volunteer inmates collected trash, hoed and cleaned areas.

May 20, 2017

Restitution work

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 20 May 48 convicted perpetrators of the Bács-Kiskun County Remand Prison performed restitution work in the reformed cemetery. The reformed church and the prison have been working together for a long time; since the establishment of the prison chaplain service, a reformed church prison chaplain has been active at the remand prison.





May 22, 2017

"I say it with pictures" - photo exhibition at the prison of Győr

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

A special exhibition has been opened in the cultural hall of the Győr Remand Prison, where, for the second time, an exhibition of amateur photographer Károly Attila Molnár's pieces were displayed on the walls of the gallery. The photo exhibition was opened by László B. Bóka, town historian, after his introduction by the head of the institute. This year poems were placed next to the images also.

May 22, 2017

Professional painter training

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 23 September 2016 the Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison and the Vocational Training Center of Debrecen signed a co-operation agreement, the aim of which was the promotion of social reintegration, through professional training, of convicted perpetrators and others imprisoned and freed individuals, thereby contributing to the reduction of their re-offending risk. In the course of vocational training, two years of material were learned by the inmates in theoretical and

practical trainings. From the Ferenc Povolny Grammar School and Vocational School, five teachers attended the practical and theoretical examination of the eight inmates. After the vocational training eight inmates received a craftsman certificate on 22 May 2017 after a successful theoretical examination.

May 23-25, 2017

Cooperation exercise in Veszprém

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The organizations involved in the Veszprém County Defence Committee named Pelso 2017 conducted a joint exercise in Veszprém between 23 and 25 May 2017. The event was attended by the Hungarian Military, the Police Headquarters of Veszprém County, the Disaster Management Directorate of Veszprém County, the Veszprém County Remand Prison, the National Ambulance Service, the water authority, the Veszprém County Association of Auxiliary Officers and the lifeguard unit.





May 24, 2017

"Adam, where are you? – Where are we with our humanity?"

GYŐR-MOSON-SOPRON COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The exhibition of the representatives of the Roma Gallery was attended by inmates of Győr prison. The Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison often hosts exhibitions, by using art trends and creators' personal life examples. On this list, the joint exhibition of Tibor Balogh, graphic designer and painter, Zsolt Váry painter and János Szeverényi, nationwide known Evangelic missionary and photographer, occupies special and prominent place.



May 24, 2017

National Athletics Championship

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The task of the Hungarian Prison Service this year was the organisation of the Ministry of Interior's National Athletics Championship through the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service. The sporting event was held at the Ikarus sports ground. The tournament took place in nine competitions with 27 teams and more than 390 competitors. Students of police vocational schools also participated in the event alongside the employees of national and county police headquarters, disaster management directorates, prison service institutes, the Riot Police and the Counter Terrorism Centre.



YEARBOOK 2017

May 27, 2017

Resuscitation record attempt

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

We managed to beat the Guinness record for resuscitation with the Ambu doll being “kept alive” for 264 hours, thus surpassing the previously established record of Szombathely. On 16 May, they started to keep resuscitation doll names Ambu Sam alive by performing chest compression and interchanging for days, initially in the hall of Dózsa Mozicentrum. The team of Pálhalma National Prison eagerly participated in the record breaking attempt, and teaching each other the technique of resuscitation enthusiastically.

May 27, 2017

Heroes Day Festival

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Tolna County Remand Prison participated this year also in the Heroes Day series of programmes. For the fifth year running Tolna County Remand Prison has fulfilled its duties as hosts and therefore justly representing the Tolna County Remand Prison and the whole association, thus enriching the already multifaceted programme. The purpose of the festival remains to remember and pay tribute to all the Hungarian soldiers who have sacrificed their lives in any battle or war in the service of their country. They presented prisoner transport vehicles, weapons, inmate uniforms and items made by inmates this year also.



May 31, 2017

Renovation works

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The renovation of the Dal street prison guard quarters has been completed. Thanks to the development that started in December 2016, 115 doors and windows were replaced at the sleeping quarters, and the insulation of the attic ceiling was also completed. The renovation work included the application of outer insulation on the building in a 12 cm thickness.



May 31, 2017

Prison staff went on a pilgrimage for the first time

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

For the first time, a pilgrimage of the Hungarian Prison Service employees was organised on 31 May to the Mátraverebély-Szentkút place of worship, with the aim of creating a new tradition. Thank to Miklós Hajdú, who is the prison chaplain of the Sátoraljaújhely institute and at the same time the main organiser of the event, close to 140 employees from twenty four penal institutes took part in the pilgrimage which included both petty officers and senior officers.

June 1, 2017

Housing conditions improved with the modifications of cells

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The financial company employee inmates continued the improvement of the housing conditions in the second half of the year with the unifying the cells on the left wing. The dividing walls of adjacent cells were demolished, the rooms were interconnected, thus increasing the space for movement, and separated, stand alone ventilated toilet facilities were constructed. As a result of the renovation, the cells became more comfortable and the housing conditions improved significantly.



June 7, 2017

New working environment in Pálhalma

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The inmates involved in work activities can also take up employment in a new field, as they have been granted the option for seasonal agricultural work. In Dunavecse, Agrospeciál Ltd. provides work for inmates on the basis of a wage contract. They can employ up to twenty people on a partner's melon plantation; first they will weed the seedlings by hand, and later the ripe crops will be harvested.



June 8, 2017

Visit of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 8 June the Tolna County Remand Prison was visited by Dr László Székely, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights who was accompanied by Dr Erika Csóré Dr Pajcsicsné, Head of Public Authorities and Environmental Protection, and Dr Miklós Garamvári, the Secretary General of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights. During the visit, they were informed about the Institute's professional activities and the institutional conditions of incarceration.

June 10, 2017

Family Day of the Hungarian Law Enforcement Association

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 10 June 2017, the Hungarian Law Enforcement Association organised a family day in Debrecen, at the Oláh Gábor street Sports Centre. Here disaster management, police headquarters, tax and customs office and prison service employees could meet and socialise.

The Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison set up a stand inside of the venue where the visitors could observe what prison cells look like and could also display objects created by inmates

during certain activities. Children visiting the booth could complete a test and find a forbidden object in the set up cell. The diversity of the event was expanded with the joint presentation of the operational group of Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison and the Tiszalök National Prison, and the canine presentation of the same Tiszalök institute.

June 12, 2017

Restitution of convicts for the benefit of the community

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

For the carrying out of the restitution work the penal institute concluded a co-operation agreement with Gerillart Cultural Public Benefit Association. The restitution work is carried out away from the penal institute, where the task is to rid the area of trash and weeds. From the Baranya County Remand Prison five convicted perpetrators volunteered for the performance of the work.

June 12, 2017

Unveiling of the 1956 memorial plaque in Tiszalök

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

A memorial plaque was ceremoniously mounted onto the wall of the Tiszalök National Prison by the Star of Tiszalök Cultural and Relief Association.



For the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution and War of Independence, the 1956 Commemoration Committee announced a bid, which aimed to create a Pride Point for commemorating the heroes and victims of the Revolution. By placing the plaque, the association provides the staff of the institute, the prison community and the surrounding community an opportunity to pay their respects.

June 12-14, 2017

Euro-Carpathian International Shooting Contest

SÁTORALJÁÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Between 12 and 14 June 2017, the Sátoraljájújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison participated in the Euro Carpathian International Shooting Contest held in Poland. The Hungarian Remand Prisons were represented by three institutes from the North-Eastern region of Hungary.

June 14, 2017

Health Day of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On 14 June 2017, within the building of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters a Health Day was organised for the realisation of the workplace health plan, where it was possible to participate in screening tests on self-awareness and self-development.





June 16, 2017

Tisza Cup 2017

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

The teams of the penal institutes of North Hungarian competed against each other on 16 June. The qualifying events were held at the Blanka Teleki Secondary School of the Vocational Training Centre of Tiszalök and the Shooting range of Nyíregyháza.

This year, following the combined results of the regional qualifying events, the Tisza Cup 2017 was won by the Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison.

June 16, 2017

7th National Day of Prayer for Inmates

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The 7th National Day of Prayer for Inmates was held at the Pálhalma National Prison on 16 June 2017. The patron of the large-scale event was bishop Dr István Szabó. The testimony of bible groups of the penal institutes formed part of the prayer day.

June 16–19, 2017

Prison Cursillo

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The first female cursillo was held at the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison between 16 and 19 June 2016. Ten inmates and eight lecturers took part in the four day spiritual exercise, among them was Dr János Székely, the assistant bishop of the Budapest-Esztergom Archdiocese, who was the spiritual leader of the event.

June 19, 2017

New work environment for a better life

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The end of the school year is also of great importance to inmates involved in various trainings. In June, 103 individuals successfully completed undergraduate training and 44 individuals completed vocational training. In penal institutes, in addition to employment, education and training are the main contributors to the successful reintegration of convicted perpetrators into society.



June 20, 2017

Cooperation with disaster management

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On 20 June 2017, the Head of the Pest County Disaster Management Directorate, Col. Márk Branyiczky of the Fire Service and Col. Gábor Tóth of the Prison Service, Governor of the Máriaosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison signed a co-operation agreement primarily relating to the fulfilment of general duties.

The contract extended mainly, among other things, to co-operation in disaster management situations, the training of the personnel in relation to these, the execution of various measurement and exercises related to disaster management, co-operation in transportation tasks and the sharing of professional work aiding information.

June 21, 2017

Restitution work

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

On 21 June 2017, the renovation of the nine wards, operating area, treatment rooms, store rooms, doctor's surgeries and the dining areas of the Geriatrics and Gerontopsychiatric Rehabilitation Department of the Szent Imre Hospital was completed, which was carried out by four professional painter inmates within the framework of a restitution programme.

June 21, 2017

National Prison Patrol Championship

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The National Prison Patrol Championship of the Prison Service for the year 2017 was organised by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service (ETRCPS), in collaboration with the Máriaosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison, on the shooting range of the Máriaosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison. 60 persons from 20 prison service organisations took part in the championship. The event was opened, closed and evaluated by Col. Zoltán Szabó, Director of Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service. The results of the participant teams are as follows: Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison finished first, Vác Strict and Medium Regime ranked second, Szombathely National Prison took third place, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Prison came in fourth, Baranya County Prison came fifth, and the Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison took sixth place.





June 22, 2017

Complex cooperation drill at Kaposvár Prison

SOMOGY COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 22 June 2017, Somogy County Remand Prison took part in a successful complex cooperation practice with the Department of Public Order of the Somogy County Police Headquarters, the Somogy County Disaster Management Directorate, Operative Department 12 of the Counter Terrorism Centre, and members of the Kaposvár section of the National Ambulance Service.

Education on theory was followed by a rehearsal for eliminating modelled special events.

June 22, 2017

Prisoner pilgrimage to Mátraverebély-Szentkút

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

Nearly 80 prisoners of fifteen prisons attended the second National Prisoner Pilgrimage to Mátraverebély-Szentkút on 22 June 2017. In addition to heads of historical churches, many secular guests attended the event, and the heads of churches welcomed prisoner members of their faith individually.



June 24, 2017

The Night of Museums

SÁTORALJÁÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In conjunction with the nationwide Night of Museums, the day of museums was celebrated also at Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison, or, more accurately, the “prison museum”, on 24 June 2017.

June 29, 2017

“Master of the Profession” Competition at Szolnok

JÁSZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The regional round of the Master of the Penitentiary Trade Competition, with five participating teams, was hosted by Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison this year, on 29 June.

The results:

1. Állampuszta National Prison
2. Baranya County Remand Prison
3. Szolnok County Remand Prison
4. Tolna County Remand Prison
5. Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison

July 4, 2017

Inauguration of "Pride Point"

ZALA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Zala County Remand Prison submitted an application for setting up a "Pride Point" associated with 1956 to the Public Foundation for Research on Central and Eastern European History and Society. The piece was inaugurated on 4 July.



July 10-21, 2017

Further training on tracking and drug detection

CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA NATIONAL PRISON

A further training course on tracking and drug detection was organised by the Baracska facility of the Central Transdanubia National Prison between 10 and 21 July 2017. Practical training was implemented at a number of different locations, making the task more complex. Six institutions of the Hungarian Prison Service attended the training.

July 19, 2017

National small-court football finals

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

Kalocsa hosted the finals of the national small-court football finals of the Hungarian Prison Service, organised by the ETRCPS and the Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison. The regional qualifiers were attended by 32 teams consisting of altogether 320 members. The six best teams were allowed to compete against each other in the finals.

The results:

1st place: Budapest Remand Prison

2nd place: Pálhalma National Prison

3rd place: Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison

4th place: Sátorajáújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison

5th place: Tököl National Prison

6th place: Szombathely National Prison





July 21, 2017

1956 Pride Point opened at Tököl

TÖKÖL NATIONAL PRISON

Tököl National Prison was awarded an amount of HUF 5 million of support in a tender announced by the Public Foundation for Research on Central and Eastern European History and Society on the 60th anniversary of the 1956 revolution and freedom fight.

The exhibition was opened on 21 July 2017, and showcases 28 tableaus outlining the story of the '56 revolution nationwide and in Tököl. Part of the support awarded was used to develop the library and school buildings.



Hungarian Prison Service

July 24, 2017

Examination in the Budapest prison

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The academic achievements of the over 400 students having attended corrections officer training over the past six and a half months were presented at the Venyige street facility of the Budapest Remand Prison on 24 July 2017. They carried out the practical examination tasks that they would go on to perform in the institutions every day under real prison conditions.

July 26, 2017

Another 411 prison guards enter service

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The over 400 students having completed the modular vocational training for corrections officer, organised by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service, were sworn in in the presence of Director General Maj. Gen. Tamás Tóth, Dr, deputy director general in for finance and IT Maj. Gen. József Lajtár, as well as guests delegated to the event by partner organisations. The superior delegate of the event was Deputy Minister Dr Károly Konrád, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior in charge of parliamentary affairs.



July 27, 2017

Support for crime prevention projects

TOLNA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Tolna County Remand Prison successfully applied for the tender issued by the National Crime Prevention Council, under the title “Support for crime prevention projects”, as part of which it organised training to fight burnout for employees working directly with prisoners. In the course organised for the second time, 12 staff members from five institutions were able to learn about the skills and techniques for recognising and managing burnout in due time.

July 28, 2017

Prisoners plant flowers by the Eger hospital

HEVES COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In the framework of the “Prison for the City” programme, six female prisoners planted flowers in the flowerpots mounted on the creekside wall of Markhot Ferenc Hospital in Eger on 28 July. This kind of work as reparation is not new to the city, as the “Prison for the City” programmes have been going on already for nine years; under this programme, prisoners have put in altogether 9,000 hours of work on over 90 occasions. As a result, they attempted to make the city of Eger more livable by collecting 100 tonnes of waste, planting 35,000 plants and refurbishing five playgrounds.



July 28, 2017

Help came immediately

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Sgt. Major Attila Ferenczi, driver, and Chief Warrant Officers Péter Pópity and Krisztián Szecskó-Deme, on duty at the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison, were transporting a prisoner to IMEI on 28 July when two cars crashed in front of them on motorway M5. After securing the scene, the staff members of Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison immediately started to rescue the people involved in the accident.

August 3, 2017

Corrections officer saves life by Balaton Lake

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Sergeant Major Norbert Szucsik, ward officer at Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison, was spending a day off with his family at Balatonlelle when he saved an elderly lady's life. The lady, who was feeling faint, was moved to the shore with the help of our colleague based on signals from fellow bathers, and was taken to the hospital by the staff of the medical helicopter that arrived on the scene after nearly one hour of resuscitation efforts. Family members emphasised our colleague's heroic efforts, who carried out resuscitation professionally from the first moment to the last.

August 3, 2017

Waiting area of the SOTE children's clinic renovated with help from the Vác prison

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

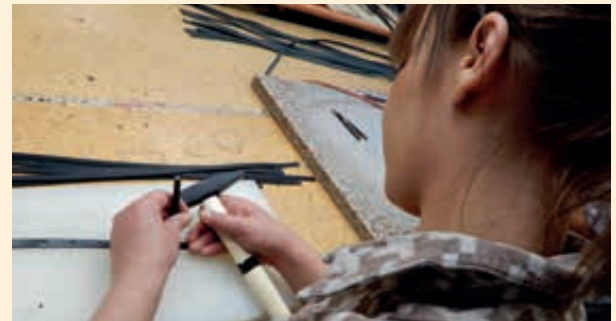
The university management asked Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison to provide assistance in the landscaping of outdoor areas as well under a cooperation agreement after our restorative work was completed. The outdoor area of Semmelweis University was renovated with the help of our staff as a result of our collaborative efforts.

August 9, 2017

Reduction of the digital gap project for prisoners

BÉKÉS COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In the framework of the GINOP 6.1.2 Reduction of the digital gap project, IT training was provided to the prisoners at Békés County Remand Prison. The training consisted of basic education on word processing to help with writing a curriculum vitae, as well as other computer knowledge. Prisoners received certificates after completing the courses.



August 14–18, 2017

Reintegration week

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Making use of the break in judgment delivery, prisoners of Nyiregyháza prison were able to attend substantial programmes between 14 and 18 August 2017. The one-week programme series entitled Reintegration Week in Prison started out with music therapy. The point of the session was to provide an opportunity for those unable to make themselves fully understood in verbal communication for some psychological reason to express their emotions. Programmes during the week also included creative sessions, as well as lectures on the importance of mental health, and opportunities for combating stress. Prisoners were also given detailed information on just what the work of probation officers consisted of, as well as the conditions for reintegration custody.

August 15, 2017

New leatherwork area at Pálhalma

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The scope of available employment opportunities has been extended to include the assembly of dog muzzles at the Pálhalma National Prison. The provision of a broader range of possibilities to work for prisoners takes place in therapeutic employment. The staff of Pálhalmai Agrospeciál Ltd. and the third party company presented the

workflows to the prisoners of the Mélykút facility, who were able to start producing the muzzles once they have practiced them.

August 18, 2017

István Kirschner Memorial Shooting Contest

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

In 2018, the István Kirschner Memorial Shooting Contest was organised on 18 August, to pay honours to István Kirschner also by naming the contest after him. He was the founder of the organisation and had headed it for twenty years. Members of Sárköz Archery Association presented a 3D range for handling and operating ancient Hungarian arms, and contestants were able to put themselves to the test using airsoft weapons on a situation course.

August 21, 2017

Prison renovation

SZABOLCS-SZATMÁR-BEREG COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Renovation work commenced on additional cells at the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Remand Prison. The alterations involve the combination of small cells into larger ones, offering more space for the prisoners. The works are being carried out in several phases, on all floors of the institution, on an ongoing basis. Prisoners with specialised training are involved in carrying out the construction, in

two or three cells at the same time. The alterations include plumbing and electrical work, the modernisation of sanitary blocks, the construction and tiling of walls as well as painting.

August 24, 2017

Commissioning of solar panels

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

On 24 August 2017, the installation of solar panels on top of the headquarters and ward buildings of Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison was completed within the framework of the KEHOP 5.2.11 tender. This may realise the institution's goal of using renewable resources to an ever increasing extent while reducing its electricity costs.





August 26, 2017

Prisoners work on facility renovation

BARANYA COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Within Baranya County Remand Prison, prisoners are working on a significant improvement in the condition of the cell. They are refurbishing the floor and painting the walls. All this takes place in the framework of budgetary employment for the workers of the in-house workshop, subject to supervision.



August 28-19, 2017

5th "Master of the Penitentiary Trade" National Contest

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The contest was organised at the Education, Further Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service for the fifth time round with the aim of presenting the high-quality knowledge of the penitentiary vocation. All participating prison organisations were allowed to nominate a team of six representing a field of specialty defined in advance. During the two-day event, winners of the regional contests compared their knowledge in six teams, solving theoretical and practical challenges. Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison's team went on to win the contest. Brig. Gen. Sándor Tikász, commander of the institution, explained the institution was very proud to have been represented by such a well-prepared and excellent team. Members of the team were: Capt. Capt. Dr Mariann Szentesi-Nagy, Capt. Zoltán Légrádi, Capt. Zoltán Zombori, Warrant Officer Gábor Nagy, Warrant Officer Attila Varga, and Sgt. 1st Class Zoltán Almási.

Team results in the final were as follows:

- 1.place: Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison
- 2.place: Győr-Moson-Sopron County Remand Prison
- 3.place: Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison
- 4.place: Állampuszta National Prison
- 5.place: Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison
- 6.place: Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison

August 28-September 1, 2017

Renewal of cooperation between Poland and Hungary

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison hosted the commander and professionals of the prison operating in Czarne, Poland, between 28 August and 1 September. During the visit, prison commander ppłk. mgr. Wojciech Brzozowski and Col. Gábor Tóth, Councillor, commander of Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison, signed a cooperation agreement; a professional exchange also took place, along with a presentation of the facility. Guests were also shown the workshops of Nostra Ltd. in charge of prisoner employment, and facility III of the Budapest Remand Prison.



August 28-September 2, 2017

3rd Cursillo at Balassagyarmat

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The 3rd prison cursillo took place in Balassagyarmat with the participation of twenty prisoners. The programme commenced at 5.00 p.m. on 31 August, with a joint dinner attended by six staff members, a reverend, and Father Zalán, the local vicar. Participants were initiated in the basics of the Catholic faith, had an opportunity to think their lives over, and the common work was spent in prayer. Candidates were able to attend Holy Mass, rosary prayers, the Way of the Cross and the Eucharistic celebration, learning about Catholic pious practices.



September 2, 2017

Anniversary in relations with the home guard

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

As a way to express gratitude for the joint efforts and to recognise the support provided by the home guard movement, on 2 September, Brig. Gen. István Budai, Dr was handed over a certificate of merit by the chairman of the county organisation, and a member of the local institution's staff, Ensign Sándor Horváth was awarded a silver Cross of Merit of the Home Guard by the vice chairman of the National Home Guard Association at the home guard day held at Bánytereny, where the operative team of Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison also held a self-defence and technical show. In recognition of the efficient and effective collaboration, Maj. Gen. Tamás Tóth, Dr, Director General, awarded a Bronze Memorial Plaque for Penitentiary Service to Miklós Vass, chairman of the Association of Home Guard Organisations of Nógrád County in the central celebration held to commemorate the day of the Prison Service.



September 6, 2017

Celebrating 125 years of Budapest Remand Prison

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

A staff meeting was held at the theatre hall of Budapest Remand Prison to celebrate 125 years of the institution's existence on 6 September 2017. Retired Lieutenant General László Csere addressed the staff on behalf of former governors of the institution - four of whom were honoured the event with their presence -, followed by the ceremonial address of Brig. Gen. Zoltán Cséri, incumbent governor of the institution. One of the most ceremonial moments of the programme was when Government Commissioner István György, Dr, expressed his esteem and recognition on behalf of the Government Office of Budapest - in gratitude for the organisation's work - by decorating the corps' colours with a ribbon, having regard to the anniversary. Péter Tamáska's book entitled Three prisons of a metropolis, history of the Budapest Remand Prison was also completed by the anniversary, excerpts of which were read during the ceremony, and publisher András Kemény also presented additional trivia.





September 7-13, 2017

Building photovoltaic system

CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA NATIONAL PRISON

With the help of project KEHOP -5.2.11-16-2016-00044, photovoltaic systems will be put in place to provide a part of the electricity consumed by buildings of the Székesfehérvár and Baracska facilities of the Central Transdanubia National Prison. The development, to be implemented with a HUF 134 million subsidy, will serve primarily to provide ward buildings accommodating the prisoners with electricity. The systems were commissioned on 7 September 2017 in Székesfehérvár and on 13 September 2017 in Baracska.





September 10, 2017

St Adrian's Day

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The 22nd day to celebrate the penitentiary profession was held on 10 September 2017, at Budapest-Kopaszi-gát. This year's celebration of St Adrian's Day was out of the ordinary compared to earlier years, as it was attended by nearly 4 000 persons from all institutions in the country, including staff members and their families. Maj. Gen. Tamás Tóth, Dr, Director General, greeted the guests at Kopaszi-gát, thanking the staff members for their efforts, and highlighted that we in the small family of correctional staff were all working to keep Hungary safe, and had proven over the past years that we were able to cope with all extraordinary situations at all times. There were many children's programmes, skill games and shows to entertain the people attending the event. In addition, a firefighting boat and an armoured vehicle of the Counter Terrorism Centre were also put on display. The family day was concluded with a concert.



September 10, 2017

Holy Mass on St. Adrian's Day

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

István Mészáros, Dr - Roman Catholic prison chaplain - offered the Holy Mass held on St. Adrian's day to the staff working in and retired from correctional service, emphasising and thanking them for their hard work.



September 11, 2017

Trade day for the prison services

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

On the occasion of 8 September, the trade day for prison services, Tiszalök National Prison invited its cooperating partners for a ceremony. Many staff members were given various awards, and the governor of the prison awarded the title Excellent Cooperator to staff members of two NGO partners: Mrs. Lászlóné Szlovenszki, project manager of Segítő Kéz 2003 Society, and Anita Gombos-Boczák, staff member of the Tiszavasvári Narcotics Consultation Forum.



September 13, 2017

Art therapy programme

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

On 13 September, Segítő Kéz 2003 Society launched an art therapy programme for prisoners entitled "Together, in Joint Effort", published in a call for proposals for the implementation of crime prevention programmes by the Ministry of Interior. The programme consists of ten occasions, attended by members of the temporary department on a weekly basis.



September 19, 2017

Time for Class – New academic year commences under the reparations programme of Debrecen

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

On 19 September 2017, Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison again opened its gates to secondary school students of Hajdú-Bihar County, who may attend a reparation programme organised in conjunction with the Debrecen Narcotics Consultation Forum. The presentation, held for prevention purposes, was concluded with a visit to the institution.

September 20–23, 2017

Prison cursillo

ÁLLAMPUSZTA NATIONAL PRISON

The cursillo is organised by the Catholic church, and programme managers are secular Christians. In 2017, 24 persons were able to attend the four-day programme led by the rector of the prison cursillo and nine staff members.

September 20, 2017

National Shooting Competition

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

This year's National Shooting Competition for the Prison Service was organised by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service (ETRCPS) on the shooting range of the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison on 20 September 2017. The event included new contests and hosted 30 teams, and was opened by Col. Zoltán Szabó, Director of Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service. The team of Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison turned out best and finished at first place, followed by Szeged Medium and Strict Regime Prison, then by Heves County Remand Prison in third place, Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison in fourth place, Somogy County Remand Prison in fifth place and Pálhalma National Prison at sixth place.

September 24, 2017

Balassagyarmat team at NATO run

BALASSAGYARMAT STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The international athletic competition of the Budapest Athletics Association was held on 24 September in 2017. Our colleagues from Balassagyarmat set out to run the distance in representation of Balassagyarmat Medium and Strict Prison and Ipoly Cipőgyár Ltd. for the fourth time. The Civitas Fortissima relay team of Balassagyarmat (Ensign Sándor Horváth and Warrant Officer Krisztián Szép) came in fourth out of 21 military teams on the 10-km course, and finished at 12th rank out of 79 in the complex evaluation. Sgt. Gen. Péter Csomor and Sgt. László Reitingér, representing the company, set out to conquer the 10 km course as individual racers, securing prestigious ranks as well.



September 25, 2017

Conference of Correctional Ludovika Special Research Group

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The conference entitled “Past, present and future of prisoner reintegration” was held in the framework of the project on the development of education and training for reintegration officers in order to ensure the success of prisoner reintegration. The event offered a comprehensive picture of the period following the effective date of the new Penitentiary code in the light of objectives and requirements concerning reintegration work, and reported on the research results of the KÖFOP 2.1.2 Special Research Group to date.



September 26–28, 2017

National competition for K9 officers and service dogs

PÁLHALMA NATIONAL PRISON

The national competition for K9 officers and service dogs of the Prison Service of 2017 was held at Pálhalma between 26 and 28 September 2017. Prison services from the Visegrád countries and partner agencies were invited to compete and to judge the event. With the help of professionals from the Hungarian Tax and Customs Authority, the Counter Terrorism Centre, the National Police Headquarters and the Hungarian Defence Forces, the knowledge of dogs and the officers in charge of dogs was assessed by professionals possessing outstanding theoretical and practical experience. In the national competition for K9 officers and service dogs, Gábor Nagy came in third with his Malinois dog called Vito in the combined patrol contest, and Ferenc Vajda finished first with his Malinois dog named Dízel in the combined patrol contest and the security and guard phase. Tököl National Prison finished first in the team contest as well.

September 28, 2017

International meeting at Sopronkőhida

SOPRONKŐHIDA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

László Székely, Dr, Parliamentary Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, and members of his office staff attended a joint visit to the Sopronkőhida Medium and Strict Prison with three staff members of Austria's ombudsman office for an exchange of experiences focusing on OPCAT NMM on 28 September.





September 29, 2017

Szeged security officers help fight fire

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

At about noon on 29 September, a car caught fire in Cserzy Mihály Street in Szeged, on the road in front of Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd. where prisoners are employed. Having noticed the clouds of smoke, officers at the company immediately started to fight the flames with a fire extinguisher. By the time the fire brigade arrived, titular Chief Warrant Officers László Varga and Tibor Olasz switched off the car's electric systems as well, and the firefighters cooled down the car with water jets. There is a six-kilogramme fire extinguisher in Nagyfa-Alföld Ltd.'s lobby just to manage such incidents.

September 29, 2017

Chapel renewed thanks to prisoners

SÁTORALJAÚJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In the framework of the cooperation agreement recently concluded with the town again, the renovation was completed by involving 15 prisoners. They volunteered for the renovation work primarily with religious motivation and out of willingness to offer reparations for the inhabitants. In addition to painting the fence and the ceiling, a part of the damage caused by rain was eliminated, and landscaping was provided in the park.

September 30, 2017

Family visit to institutions

TISZALÖK NATIONAL PRISON

On 30 September, a special open day was held for family members of the staff under the title "Get to know where I work". Family members attended a presentation of the facility, watched a joint show of the K9 service and the operative team, and went on a tour of the facility.



October 1, 2017

Delivery of a library

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The penitentiary library comprising over 8,000 volumes including thesis papers, degree papers and trade literature presenting the history of penitentiary services to support the needs of students and researchers was delivered and opened at the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service.

October 12, 2017

Conference on narcotics

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The Incarceration Service of the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters organised a conference on narcotics, with the participation of 90 persons on 12 October 2017 at the head office of the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service located at Pilisszentkereszt. In addition to staff members delegated by the institutions concerned, invited guests from the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior, the Counter Terrorism Centre, the National Forensic and Research Institute, the National Judiciary Office, the National Protective Service and the Health Centre of the Ministry of Defence were also in attendance.

October 18, 2017

National Powerlifting Competition

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE PRISON SERVICE

For the first time in the history of the Prison Service, the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service organised the National Powerlifting Competition, with the participation of 58 persons from 15 organisations of the prison service. In addition to the ETRCPS, the Hungarian Powerlifting Association took part in executing the event at a high standard. The event was opened and closed by Colonel Béla Nádasi, Dr, deputy director for education. The results of the participant teams are as follows: Prison Service HQ finished first, Vác Strict and Medium Regime ranked second, Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison took third place, Budapest Remand Prison came in

fourth, Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison took fifth place, while Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison finished sixth.

October 18, 2017

Happy reparations!

HAJDÚ-BIHAR COUNTY REMAND PRISON

Birthday greetings are in order - Hajdú-Bihar County Remand Prison's reparations programme turned four. For the prisoners, the purpose of symbolic reparations programmes is to face the fact that a criminal offence has been caused, the consequences of that criminal act, to promote the assumption of responsibility for the act, and to develop a commitment to community values. The community, on the other hand, promotes social integration of perpetrators by acceptance.



October 27, 2017

A prisoner-of-war camp and prisoner-of-war fates in Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison between 1944 and 1945", 1st memorial day

SZEGED STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

A memorial day was held at the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison under the title Prisoner-of-war camp and prisoner-of-war fates in Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison between 1944 and 1945, where Maj. Gen. József Lajtár, Deputy Director General of finance and IT greeted the heads of peer armed, law enforcement, justice bodies and NGOs. The memorial day was concluded by posting a wreath on the memorial plaque installed on the institution's front wall in conclusion of the lectures held after the opening; László Kiss-Rigó, Dr, County Bishop of Szeged-Csanád, performed service, then the guests posted the wreath on the memorial plaque.



November 1, 2017

Prisoners clean graveyard

MÁRIANOSZTRA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

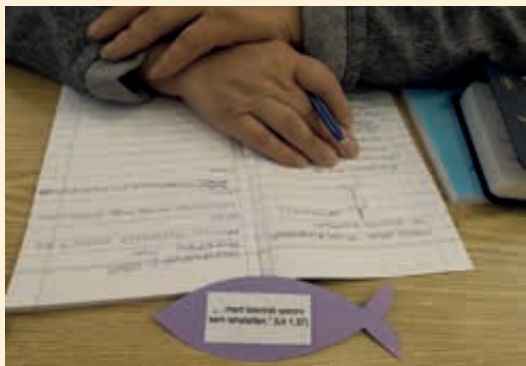
Prisoners have been cleaning graveyards throughout the year in the framework of reparations programmes on a voluntary basis, without remuneration; several hundreds of them put in several thousands of working hours nationwide to enable relatives and those wishing to pay their respects to the departed on 1 November under decent conditions. At Márianosztra, the work is special because prisoners clean up the graves of their fellow inmates who have done time several decades ago.

November 8, 2017

Polish–Hungarian conference on reintegration

SÁTORALJAUJHELY STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

In conjunction with the joint reintegration programme of the Josefa Ulma Family Museum at Markówa, Poland, and the Rzeszów Prison, the Sátoraljaújhely Strict and Medium Regime Prison was able to organise a three-day conference titled Reintegration programmes and relaying their outcomes to society.



November 9–12, 2017

Cursillo held at Kalocsa again

KALOCSA STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The Kalocsa Strict and Medium Regime Prison hosted the second prison cursillo for women in Hungary between 9 and 12 November 2017. Cursillo is a term originating from the Spanish language and means a brief course on Christianity. It helps the religious as well as those who are distant from faith and churches or those who believe in God in their own fashion to ponder and experience the Christian approach and answer to today's questions. Experience indicates that cursillo offers joy, makes people proactive, urging them to take action to improve themselves as well as their environment. 13 prisoners and ten lecturers attended the four-day cursillo.

November 15, 2017

Modern power generation

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The installation of solar power plant commenced at Bács-Kiskun County Remand Prison. The investment was financed by the Cohesion Fund and by an appropriation under the Hungarian central budget.



November 16, 2017

Prison service with a human focus

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

On 16 November, a conference organised by the Legal Subcommittee for Prison Service of the Department of Economic and Legal Sciences, the Scientific Council for Prison Services, the Hungarian Prison Society and the Office of the Prison Service HQ was held at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences under the title Science with a human focus on the occasion of the Day of Hungarian Science.



November 22, 2017

National Judo Competition

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE
OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The 2017 National Judo Competition of the prison Service was held at the UTE sports hall at Megyeri Road on 22 November. Altogether 14 teams and 77 contestants participated in the competition organised by the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison. As regards teams, Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Remand Prison finished first, Budapest Remand Prison came in second, Állampuszta Remand Prison took third place, Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison finished fourth, Pálhalma National Prison came fifth, and the team of Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison took sixth place.



November 23, 2017

Human Affairs Section of the Hungarian Prison Society meets in Kecskemét

BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The Kecskemét prison hosted a meeting of the Human Affairs Section of the Hungarian Prison Society on 23 November. The event was attended by 32 persons from the region. The lectures reflected the broad range of the Prison Service's activities, as they covered possibilities to apply for European Union funding as well as the risk analysis system. Lectures were delivered by Róbert Illés on behalf of the Europe Plan, and by Lieutenant Colonel Mihály Somogyvári concerning the risk analysis system.





November 24, 2017

Regional training of service dogs in Veszprém

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

In 2017, the Veszprém County Remand Prison hosted K9 officer training for the Western Transdanubia region twice - on 31 March and 24 November - were the K9 services of the Police Headquarters of Veszprém County also participated.



November 29, 2017

National Crime Prevention Council meets at Prison Service HQ

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The last quarterly meeting of the National Crime Prevention Council was held at the Prison Service HQ on 29 November 2017, with László Felkai, Dr, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior in charge of administration attending as a special guest. The event was opened by retired Lieutenant General József Hatala, Dr, chairman of the National Crime Prevention Council, who expressed his gratitude to the prison service for hosting the event. The session for closing the year discussed important topics such as the development of public education, improving the situation of child protection, current issues of assistance to victims, and presentation of the crime prevention activities of the police and the reintegration efforts of the prison service. Plans for the future were also an important part of the meeting.

December 1, 2017

Conference room refurbishment

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE
OF THE PRISON SERVICE

The conference room of the Education, Training and Rehabilitation Centre of the Prison Service was handed over after a complete refurbishment including new furniture; the renewed facility offers services to satisfy conference needs of the command staff and training participants.



December 6, 2017

Prisoners may surprise their children on St. Nicholas Day

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Prisoners in Hungarian prisons also prepared to give gifts to their children on St. Nicholas Day. On 6 December, printers who have completed the certified book binding course at Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison produced Christmas colouring books for their children before representatives of the press.

December 7, 2017

National scoring competition

HUNGARIAN PRISON SERVICE

The award ceremony for the national scoring competition of Law Enforcement Bodies in 2017 was held on 7 December. The rewards were distributed at the sports facility of the Training Centre for Law Enforcement Bodies of the Police Education and Training Centre located at Vágóhíd Street. The individual law enforcement agencies were rewarded on the basis of their results achieved in sports events organised by the Ministry of Interior. Awards in the combined scoring competition of the Prison Service were also handed over during the event. Points are scored on the basis of the rankings secured in sports events organised within the service.

The result:

1. Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison
2. Budapest Remand Prison
3. Pálhalma National Prison
4. Budapest Strict and Medium Regime Prison
5. Sopronkőhida Strict and Medium Regime Prison
6. Állampusztá National Prison

December 18, 2017

Capacity expansion Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison

VÁC STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

The large-scale prison service project for extending the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison to accommodate another 91 prisoners took nearly one year. The new facility is suitable for accommodating 91 prisoners at a standard that meets even the strictest European requirements. It was designed with a view to European prison rules. In the course of the project, wards, storage spaces, traffic corridors, offices, lavatories, an operator room, a health care section, a library and teaching rooms were built.



December 19, 2017

Giving feels good

CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA NATIONAL PRISON

Similarly to earlier years, milk bread with cocoa baked by prisoners was handed over to the inhabitants of Pápay Ágoston Elementary School, Special Needs School and Dormitory of Martonvásárhely in the bakery of Annamajori Mezőgazdasági Ltd. in 2017 as well. The donation was handed over to headmistress Mrs. Orbán née Anikó Molnár by Col. Lóránt Laczkó, managing director, on 19 December.



December 22, 2017

Holy Mass

BUDAPEST REMAND PRISON

The rather special Holy Mass for workers and prisoners of the Budapest Remand Prison was celebrated by Cardinal Péter Erdő (Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest), Primate of Hungary in the theatre hall of the prison for the fifth time on 22 December 2017. In addition to the 100 prisoners, staff members of the institution attended the mass service held at the Venyige Street facility. Prison chaplains of the institution have made every effort to make the theatre hall worthy of the holiday ceremony, evoking the Christmas spirit not only by decorating the hall but by providing spiritual preparation for the prisoners.

The Prison Service has been organising charity collection exercises for various foundations and NGOs for years. This year, nearly one tonne of donations was collected, consisting of durable food, toys - including 100 sets of Jenga from BUFA Ltd. - as well as fruit and sweets to be enjoyed by those in need. This year's donations went to the Hungarian Red Cross organisation.



December 24, 2017

Archbishop's Holy Mass

VESZPRÉM COUNTY REMAND PRISON

The exceptional position enjoyed by the clerical activities in Veszprém County Remand Prison is illustrated by the unbroken interest and attention of Father Gyula Márfi, Dr, Archbishop over the past years. The Archbishop of the Veszprém Archdiocese visited Veszprém County Remand Prison on 24 December, where he celebrated a Holy Mass at the Chapel of Divine Grace inaugurated by him earlier, and held informal conversations with a few prisoners.

December 28, 2017

2017: a year of renovations

BUDAPEST STRICT AND MEDIUM REGIME PRISON

Renovation works continued in both facilities of the prison. Prisoner teams work on refurbishing the building complex at several locations each day. In January 2017, the refurbishment work commenced in facility B, handed over some 30 years ago. Accommodation conditions were improved in over twenty cells by virtue of the work. In addition to accommodation spaces, renovation of service rooms and community rooms for prisoners also took place according to a schedule.



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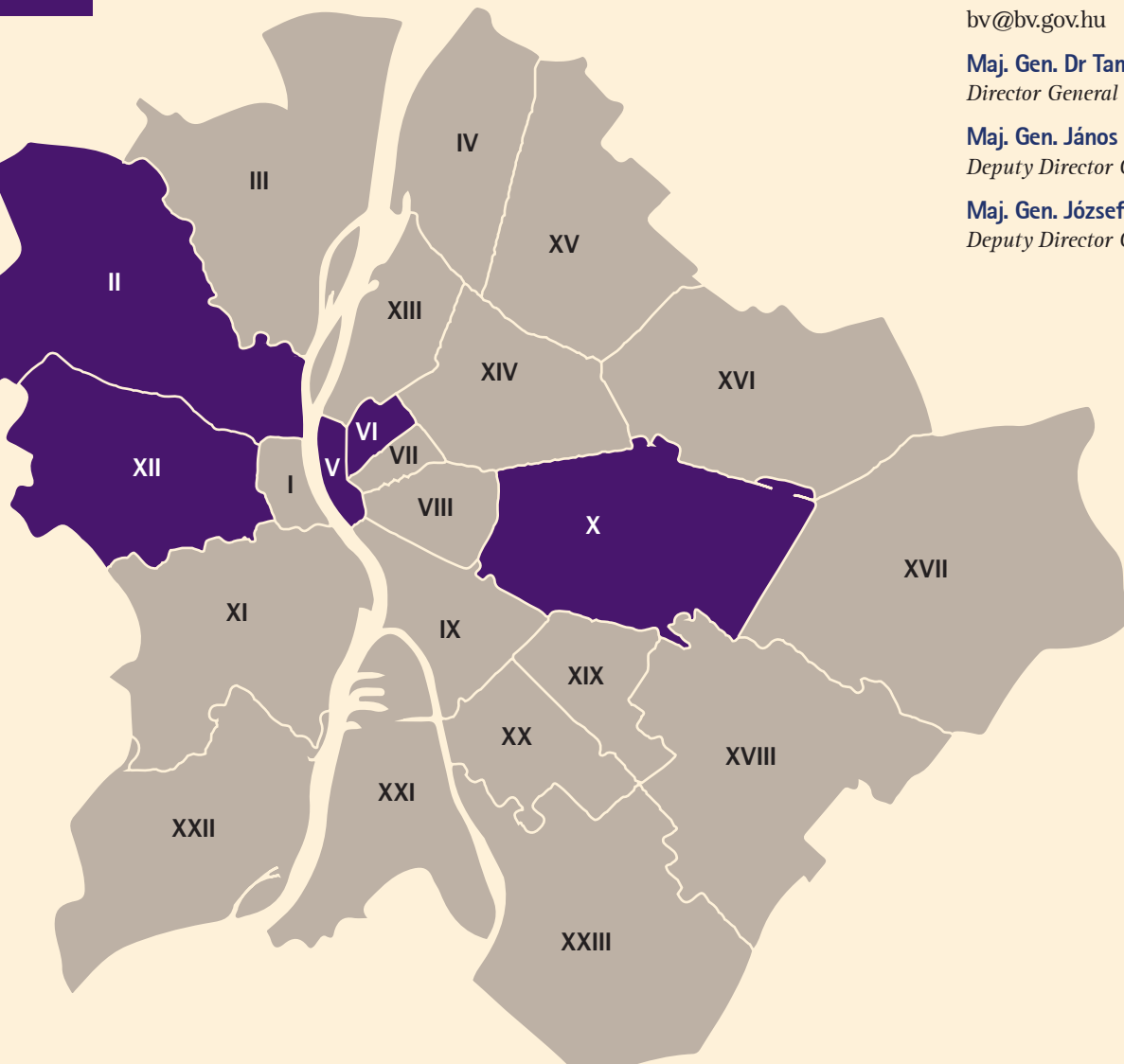
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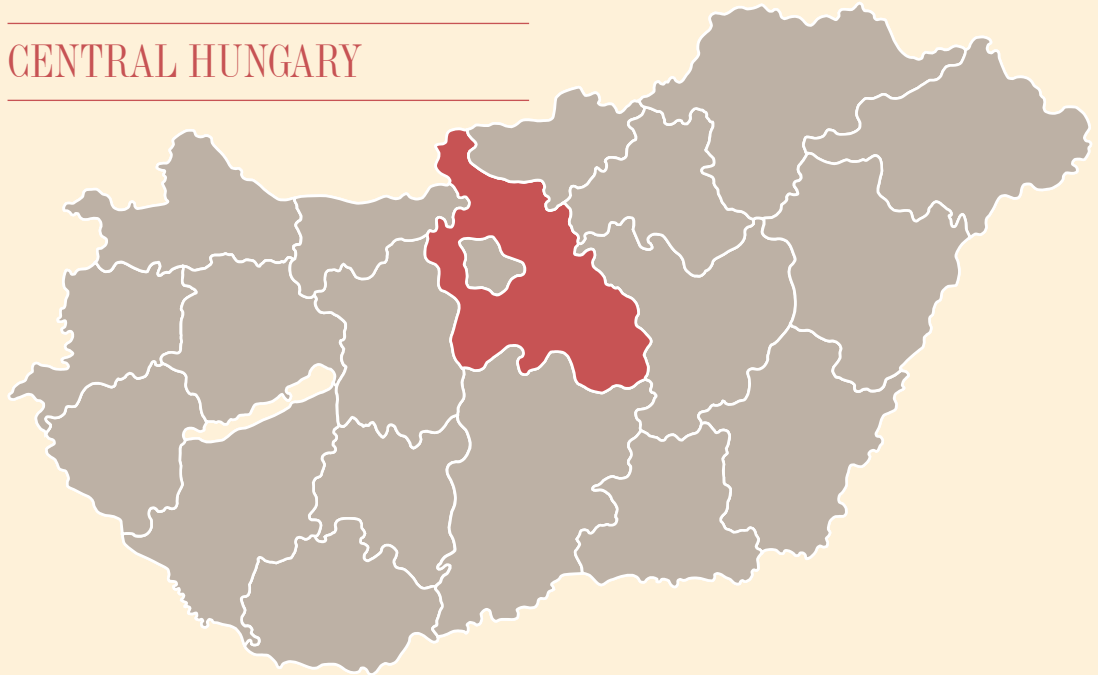
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