



STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN PRISONS: Prospects for European Intervention

**Prison reforms in the context of EU accession.
The case of the Republic of Moldova**

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EU - identified Issues in Moldova's Penitentiary System

- Overcrowding of Prisons
- Inhumane and Degrading Detention Conditions
- Limited Access to Adequate Medical Services for Inmates
- Need for Independence of Medical Staff from Prison Administration
- Implementation of Structural Reforms to Align with EU Standards

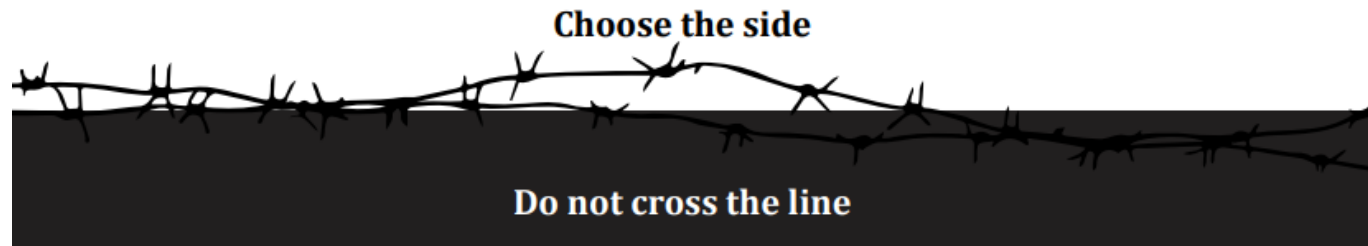
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State's Positive Obligation to Combat Ill-Treatment in Prisons

REPORT

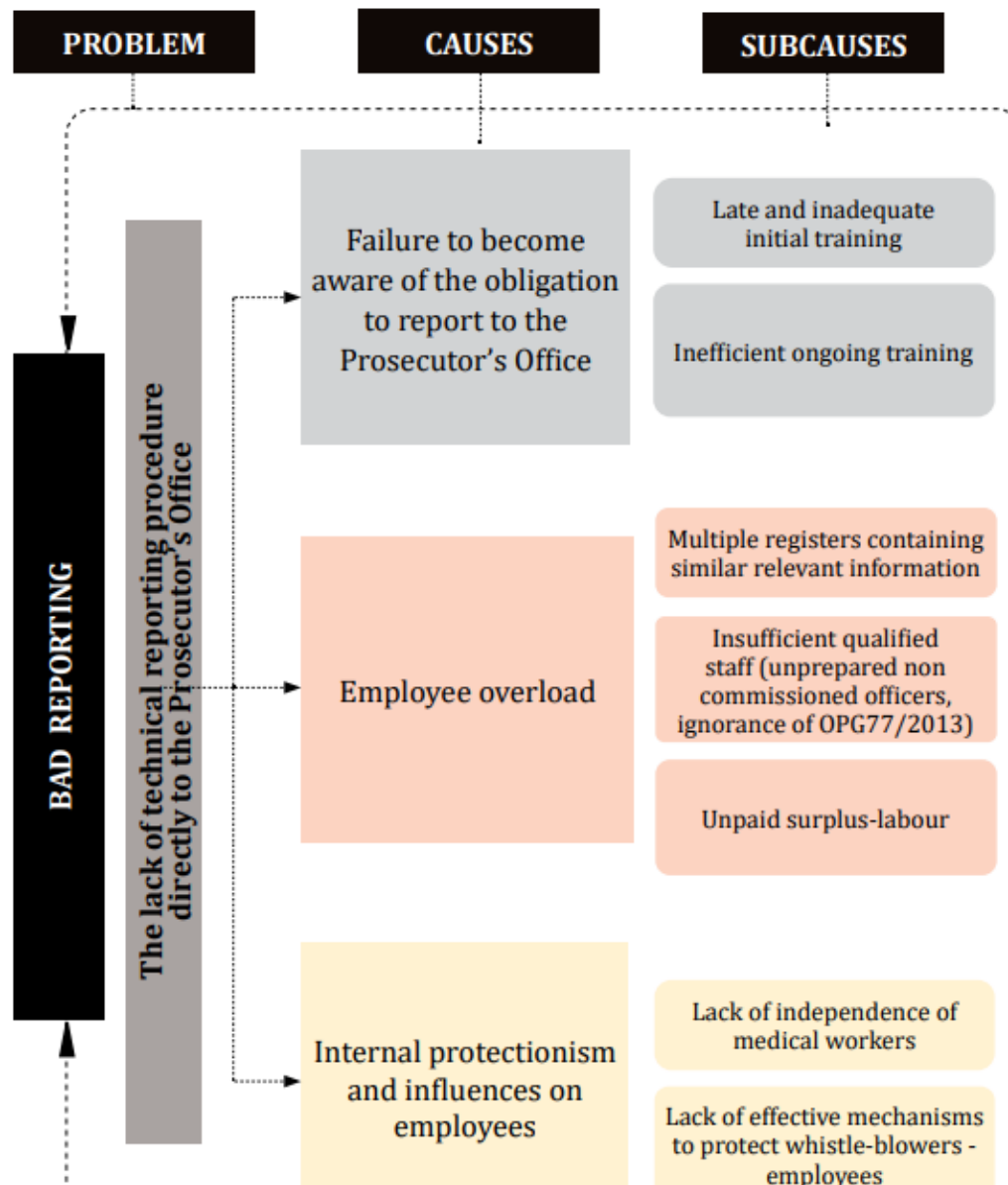
EVALUATION OF THE MECHANISM FOR PREVENTING AND
COMBATING ILL-TREATMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY SYSTEM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



Source: Promo-LEX Report on Evaluation of the Mechanism for Preventing and Combating Ill-Treatment in the Penitentiary System of the Republic of Moldova

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**Illustration: Destructuring of the key deficiencies -
BAD REPORTING**



EVA-PASS: A tool for assessment of detention conditions

ASSESSMENT OF DETENTION CONDITIONS IN PENITENTIARY NO. 13

REPORT



Source: [Promo-LEX Report EVA-PASS 2023](#)





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Examples of Evaluation Passports (EVA-PASS) for Each Cell in Penitentiary No.13

EVA-PASS

□ Celula nr. 56

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Suprafața generală (SG):			Standardul de referință		Schema celulei
	Lungimea (m):	4.8	Distanța minimă între pereți (CPT)	2 m	
	Lățimea (m):	4.3			
	Înălțimea (m):	2.9	Înălțimea minimă (CPT)	2.5 m	
	Suprafața totală (m²)			20.2	
Bloc sanitar (BS):			Standardul de referință		
	Suprafața interioară a BS	1.5	Perimetrul blocului sanitar (CPT)	1-2 m²	
	Suprafața exterioară a BS	1.5			
Alte considerente privind condițiile sanitare			Standardul de referință		
	Intimitatea WC	Da	Delimitarea este necesară în cazul detenției multiple pentru a asigura intimitatea minimă (CPT)		
	Apă disponibilă	Da			
	Disponibilitate baie	În afara celulei, de tip comun			
Fereastra			Standardul de referință (Aerisirea / vizibilitatea)		
	Perimetrul (m2)	3.2	ICRC 1 m² / 10 m² podea	1.9	
	Vizibilitatea:	Parțială			

Summary Table of Evaluated Cells in Penitentiary No.13

Cell no.	Overall surface (OS)				Sanitary facility (SF)				Window			Access to persons with locomotor disabilities				Living space (LS)				
	OS overall surface (m ²) (including SF)	Maximum length (m)	Maximum width (m)	Height (m)	SF external surface (m ²)	Internal surface (m ²)	External washbasin (EW) (m ²)	WC privacy	Surface m ² (m ²)	Norm m ² (LS/10)	Visibility Yes /No/Partial	Access door width m ²	WC access door width m ²	WC access for the disabled	Bathroom access for the disabled	Living space m ² (external OS-SF)	Admissible no. of pers. (IS)	Admissible no. of pers. (NS)	No. of pers. accommodated	No of beds
International standard (IS)	-	2 m	2 m	2.5 m	-	1-2 m	-	-	1 m ² / 10 m ² (floor)	-	-	0.8	0.8	-	-	6m ² + 4m ² + 4...	-	-	-	-
National standard (NS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 m ²	-	-	
FUNCTIONAL CELLS CORRESPONDING BY WIDTH PARAMETERS																				
02	10.2	4.9	2.2	2.5	1.4	1.3	0	✓	1.1	0.9	P	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	8.8	1	2	1	4
03	9.9	4.8	2.1	2.5	1.3	1.2	0	✓	1.2	0.9	P	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	8.6	1	2	0	4
07	10	4.8	2.1	2.8	1.4	1.2	0	✓	1.4	0.9	P	0.6	0.6	✗	✗	8.6	1	2	1	4
08	9.8	4.8	2.1	2.9	1.3	1.1	0	✓	1.1	0.8	P	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	8.5	1	2	1	4
13	23.2	4.9	4.8	3	1.5	1.3	0	✓	3.1	2.2	✓	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	21.7	4	5	12	12
14	14.6	4	3.7	2.6	1.1	0.8	0	✗	0.7	1.3	P	0.7	0.5	✗	✗	13.5	2	3	5	6
15	22.4	5.8	4.4	3	1.4	1.4	0	✓	1.6	2.1	P	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	21	4	5	8	10
15a	20.1	5.9	3.5	3	2.2	1.4	0	✓	1.7	1.8	P	0.8	0.6	✗	✗	17.9	3	4	8	8
16	31.5	5.7	5.6	3.2	2.2	1.9	0	✓	3.2	2.9	P	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	29.3	6	7	14	16
23	24.5	5.1	4.8	2.9	2.2	1.4	0	✓	3.2	2.2	✓	0.7	0.6	✗	✗	22.3	5	5	11	12

Code of signs and colors:

✓ Meets the standard

✗ Does not meet the standard

P Partially acceptable; limited visibility by physical obstructions, such as walls or other construction structures

Black within allowable limit of standard

Red Substandard