



the houses

future and solution-focused prison sentences

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Prisons create illness, foster crime rather than to reduce it and stand in the way of **recovery** and **reintegration**.

Meaningful detention prepares prisoners for a life after their punishment. An individual **solution plan** and a **personal approach** are necessary, just like creating a **positive social role** and **network** for prisoners.

To realise this, we need a **new organizational structure** and a **new infrastructure**: detention houses. These houses will also provide answers to socio-economic needs in their neighbourhood and in so doing bring added value to society.

This **new penitentiary paradigm** not only offers future-oriented solutions for **(ex-) prisoners** and a hopeful perspective for those who professionally deal with crime and punishment, but also equips to society to better deal with her black sheep.

Our organization has formulated business, staff, architectural and local **plans and roadmaps** together with **recommendations** to governments and interested organizations. The Belgian government has picked up on these ideas and will shortly establish detention houses in a pilot project.

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