

Prison overcrowding - THE SOLUTIONS

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The SOLUTIONS to Prison Overcrowding in the EU

- # Political leadership to move away from 'fear agenda'
- # One prisoner - One Cell
- # Decrease numbers of pre-tried prisoners
- # Invest in social and criminal justice system for fairer and speedier trial process
- # Moratorium on private sector involvement in prisons
- # Apply trade union rights in line with EU Charter of Fundamental rights
- # Use prison staff and trade union representatives' expertise thru actionable consultation
- # Increase in prison staff numbers
- # More resources to train prison staff
- # Apply the Council of Europe prison rules

Interesting fact! In Sweden, offenders who have a sentence of less than 6 months can apply to serve sentence electronically tagged rather than in prison. Sweden has one of the lowest prison populations and one of the lowest crime rates in Europe.

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