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Call for commitment to national events on “European Action day on Overcrowding in Prisons” 28 February 2008

On 04 June 2007, the EPSU Executive Committee adopted the EPSU Prison Services Action Plan. This committed EPSU and its affiliates to organise a Europe Action Day on

28 February on the issue of overcrowding/ understaffing in prison services.

Based on this decision, the EPSU Prisons working group meeting of 14-09 adopted and released a statement “**BRUTAL CONDITIONS HAVE BRUTAL RESULTS**”, which

is available [here](#) (*in English, French and Italian*).

EPSU will stage an action/ photo opportunity and press conference in Brussels on 28 February. This will coincide with the meeting of EU Justice and Home Affairs Ministers.

The action will be headed by the EPSU General Secretary Carola Fischbach-Pyttel.

For the Action Day to be *truly European* we need **Events to be staged in as many national cities as possible**. These can be demonstrations, photo opportunities and press announcements of support, seminars/ debates on the issue. It is intended that EPSU material (publication, statistics and campaign image) be used at each of these events to underline the coordinated nature of the day.

EPSU Secretariat would be very grateful for your support in three ways:

1. Those of you who have not yet done so, please let Nadja or Tamara know by 3 December (new deadline) if you can send (at least) one **delegate to Brussels on 28 February**, so that they can be interviewed by Brussels Press Corps Representatives from their country. 6 countries have already signalled they will send delegates to Brussels (Belgium, France, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the UK).

2. Please indicate if you can send (DVD high definition format) **existing video footage of Overcrowded conditions in Prisons** from your country.

3. Please complete the form below to **outline the event** that you intend to carry out, and to return this Call for action to bsynnott@epsu.org

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