



U.S.-European Criminal Justice Innovation Program: Lessons from Norway

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Background

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- U.S.-European Criminal Justice Innovation Program
- Sponsored by the Prison Law Office and the University of California San Francisco
- Goals are to:
 - Improve conditions of confinement
 - Improve systems for meeting the health care and social service needs of criminal justice-involved individuals
 - Reduce the use of incarceration
- Oregon & Alaska were selected to participate



Oregon Team

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- ❑ Rob Persson, DOC
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- ❑ Rep. Williamson
- ❑ Rep. Stark
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Program Components

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- Tours of six prisons
 - 3 maximum security
 - 1 halfway house
 - 1 open prison
 - 1 women's prison
- A tour of the staff training academy
- Multiple speakers from other European correctional systems
- Intensive work sessions to develop goals and an action plan



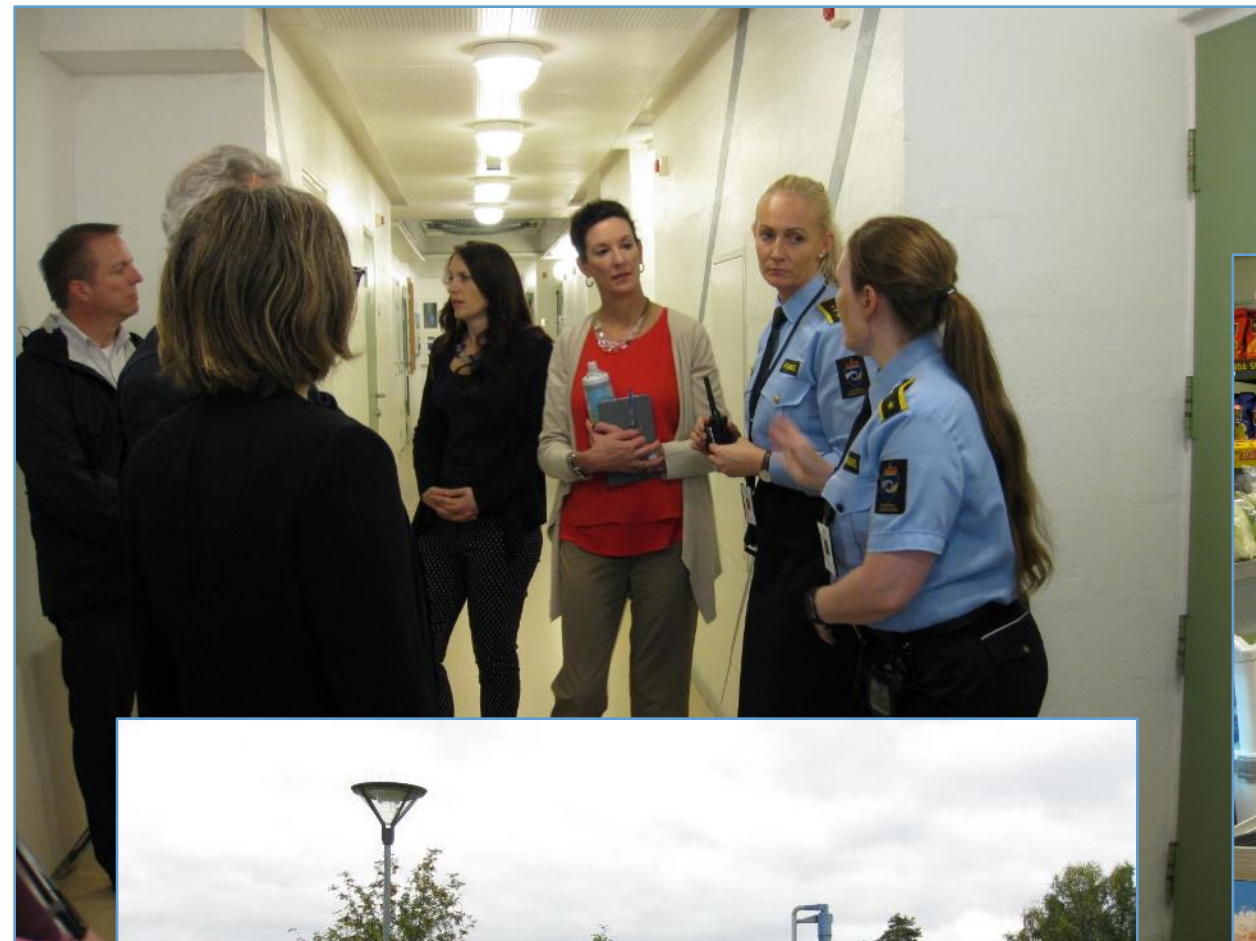
Norwegian Prison Concepts

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- Safety and security first
- Normalization
- Dynamic security
- Democratic security
- Reducing incarceration



Halden Prison



Ringerike Prison



Bastoy Prison



Sandaker Halfway House



Staff Training Academy

“Officers need to have a good heart and believe people can change. It’s not our job to judge people.”

–Governor,
Sandaker Halfway
House

“We work together with staff everyday. It’s like we’re colleagues.”

–Inmate,
Bastoy Prison

“The punishment here is loss of freedom and nothing more.”

–Governor,
Bastoy Prison



Next Steps

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- Developing recommendations for implementation
- 6-week meetings with program sponsors
- Engaging DOC Leadership Team

Questions?

