



# Foundation for Life After Imprisonment



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# Penalty enforcement in Norway

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- The proximity principle
- Normality
- Dynamic security
- Punishment is lack of freedom.
- You keep all your civil rights

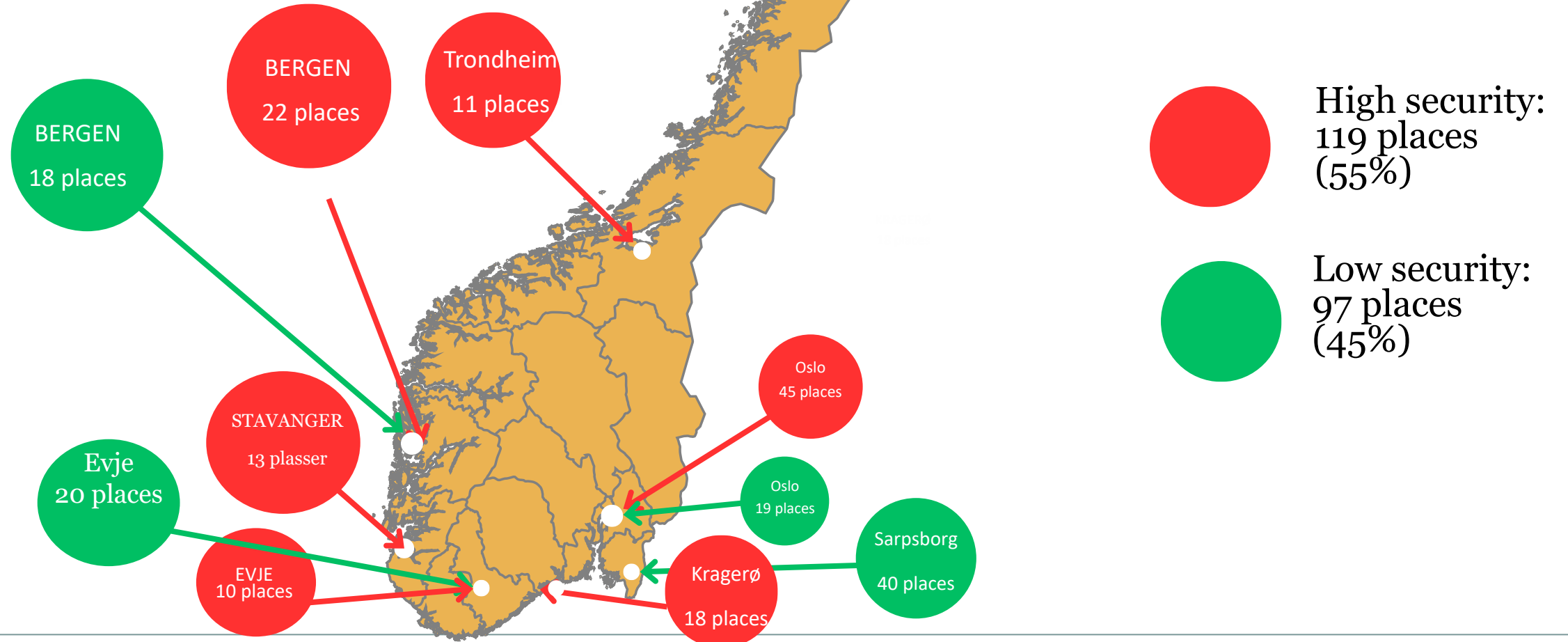
# Human rights in Norway

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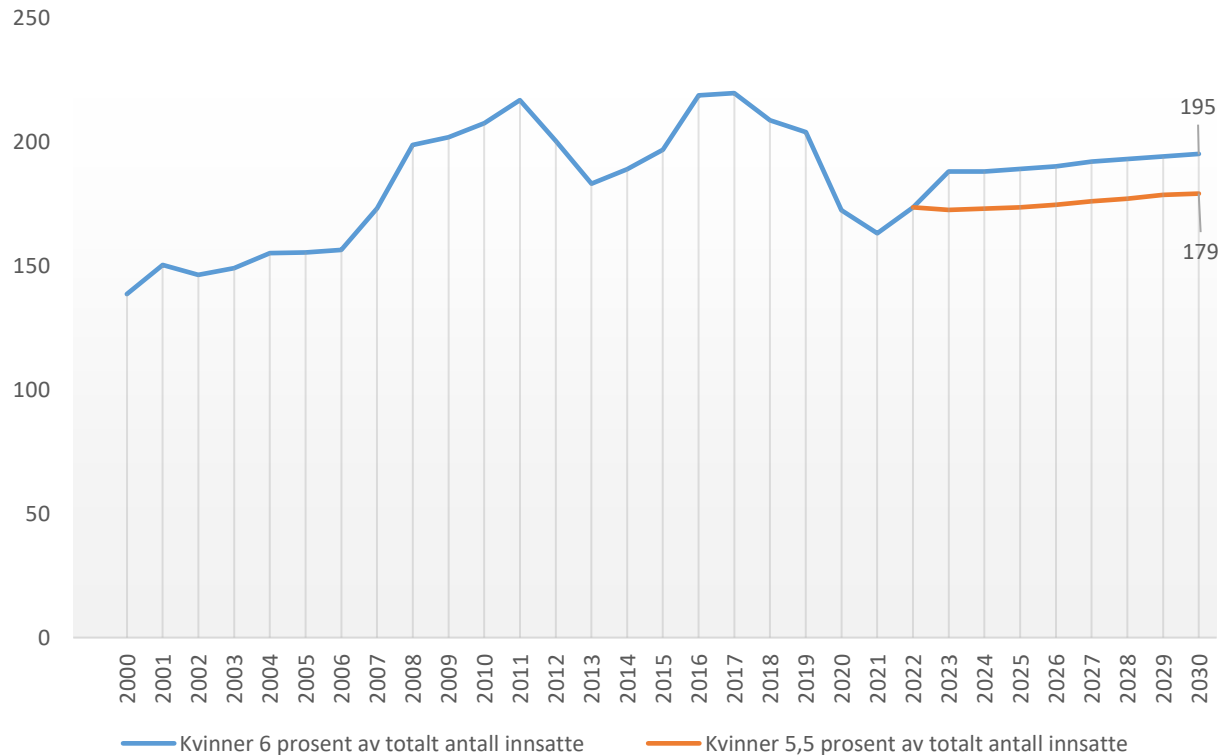
- ECHR (European Convention on Human Rights.) article 3
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- Naked inspection – highest court
- Ombudsmann – report 2019
- Solitary confinement in prison



# WOMEN IN PRISON



# Forecast - number og women in prison 2023



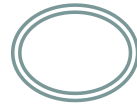
- Estimated that women counts for 5,5% – 6 % of the prison population
- Alternativ to custody 4-5 places
- Given an estimate that 6% of the prison population are women in 2030

Prognosene tar ikke høyde for endringer i lovverket med tanke på økt bruk av elektronisk kontroll og økt gjennomføringstid for elektronisk kontroll. Dette vil kunne påvirke etterspørselen etter fengselsplasser i negativ forstand.

\* Basert på høringsnotat om 60-80 plasser totalt, hvorav 7 % er kvinner i varetekt



## Wayback Mapping - Major Findings

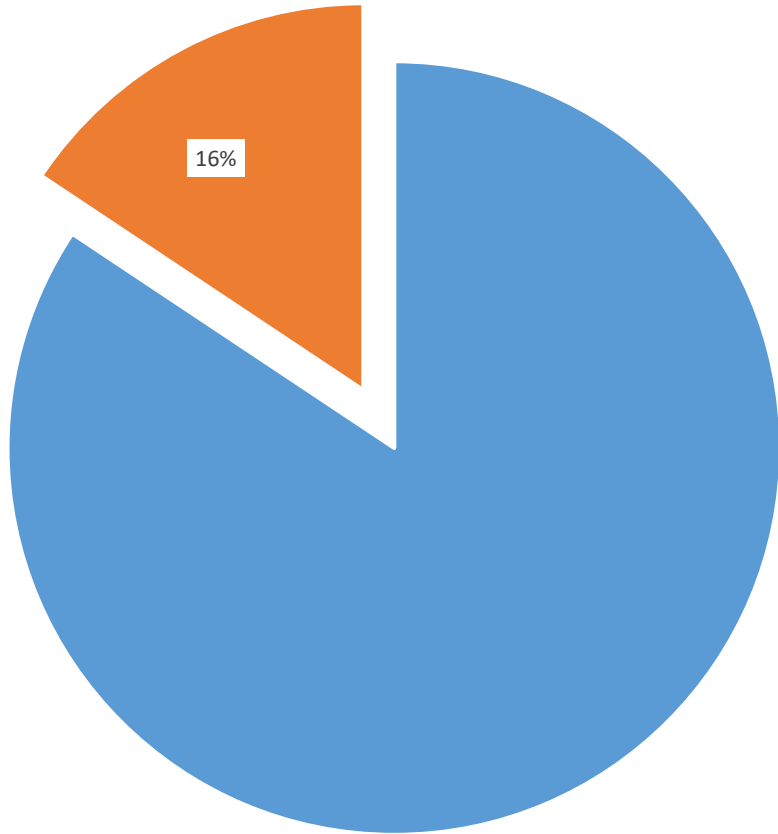


- Prisons for women are old, outdated and not built to purpose
- The proximity principle - not valid for women.
- Lack of adequate health service
- Sound through the walls (lack of isolation)
- Not defined low security and high security
- Space and not where you belong to, defines where they serve your sentence

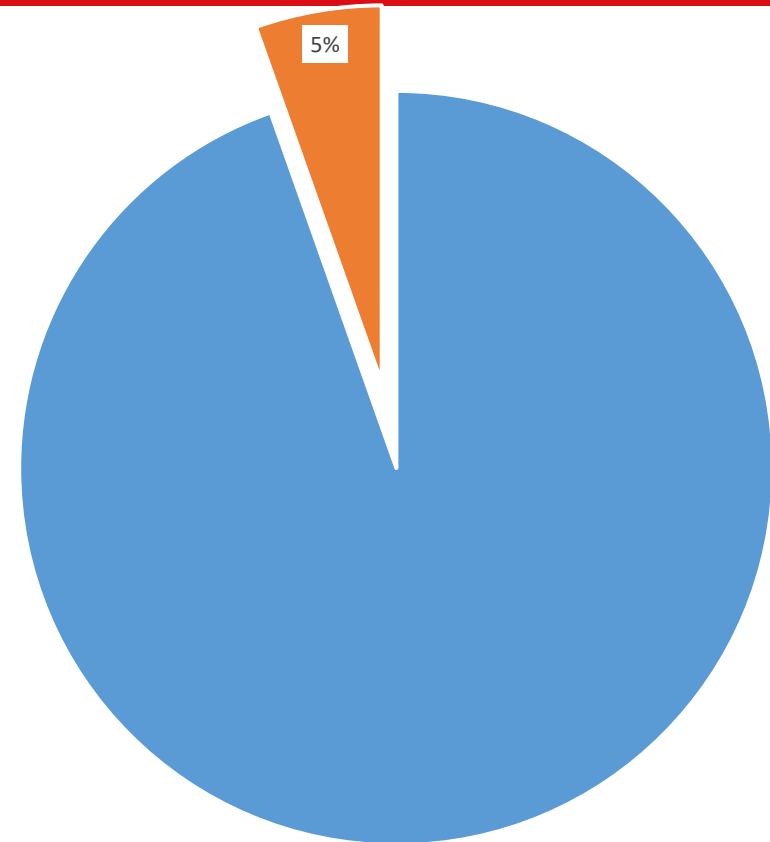
# Relation men/women



## Electronic control



## Prison





# Psychiatric diagnoses among women in prisons (Norway)



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# Kriminalomsorgen: Psykisk syke innsatte forsøker stadig å ta livet av seg

Kriminalomsorgen mener det sitter alvorlig psykisk syke personer i norske fengsler, som heller burde fått behandling i psykiatrien. Enkelte forsøker stadig å begå selvmord.

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## Kvinnefengsel slår alarm: – Flere burde vært innlagt

18 forsøk på selvskading og selvmord i fengselet på Evje ryster ansatte og innsatte. Kvinner som burde hatt psykiatrisk behandling låses inne på fengselsceller uten å få hjelp.



De ansatte og innsatt Marita er enige om at flere på lukket avdeling er feilplasserte.

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# Skyhøg forekomst av psykiske diagnoser blant kvinnelege innsatte

Det har skjedd ein stor auke i andelen kvinnelege innsatte som har ein eller fleire psykiske lidingar med seg inn i fengsel. Det viser ny studie.

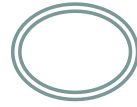


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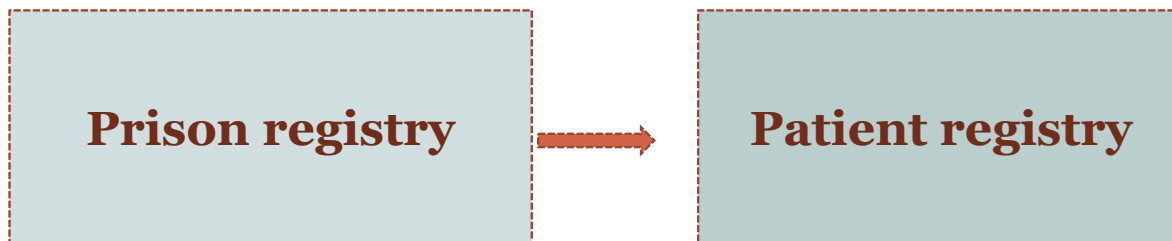
STUDIET: Tilsette i stiftinga Wayback kjenner seg igjen i funna.

# The research



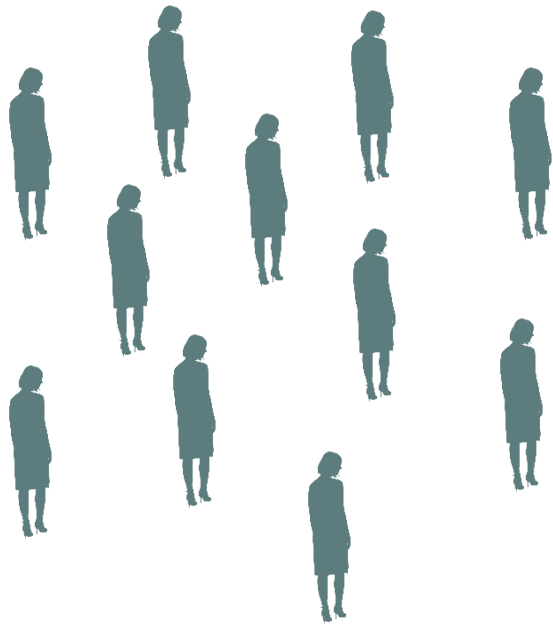
- Do we have severe psychiatric diagnoses in the prison population?
- - Are there important gender differences?
- Changes over time??

# Register based study

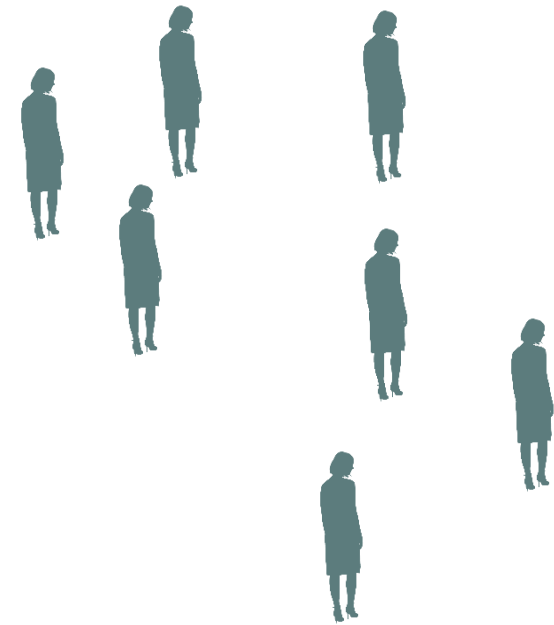


	Women	Men
	n = 5,429	n = 45,432
<b>Demographic variables</b>	n (%)	n (%)
Median Age (IQR)	37 (28, 46)	34 (26, 45)
Low Income Background	3,085 (58)	23,457 (53)
Low education	1,706 (31)	14,250 (31)
Non-Western Background	684 (13)	8,037 (18)
Parent to underage child(ren)	2,365 (44)	16,517 (36)
<b>Variables regarding incarcerations</b>		
History of more than one incarceration	1,019 (19)	12,909 (28)
Median Sentence Length, days (IQR)	30 (20, 77)	49 (23, 121)
<b>History of psychiatric disorders<sup>1</sup></b>		
At least one psychiatric disorder	4,075 (75)	26,666 (59)
Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder	3,031 (56)	19,394 (43)
Alcohol Use Disorder	1,413 (26)	10,031 (22)
Drug Use Disorder	2,614 (48)	15,576 (34)
Any Dual Disorder	2,056 (38)	10,911 (24)
<sup>1</sup> Over the observation period (10 years)		

2010

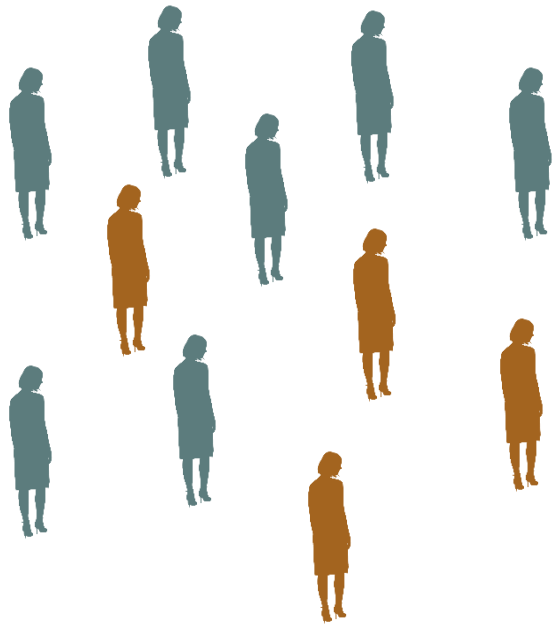


2019

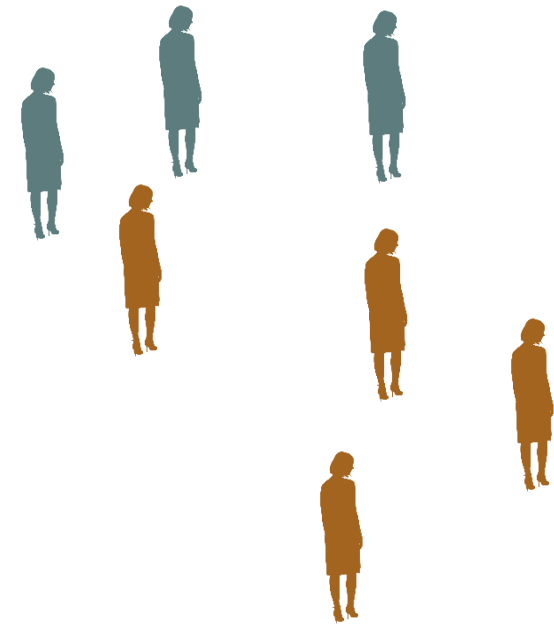


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# Challenges, selfharming, suicide attempts, security cells 2022

## Suicide attempts.

- 88 totally,
- 57 of them are women

## Selharming

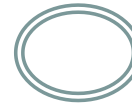
- 265 cases
- 212 are women
- To save lives, women are placed in security cells

## Medical restraint (belts)

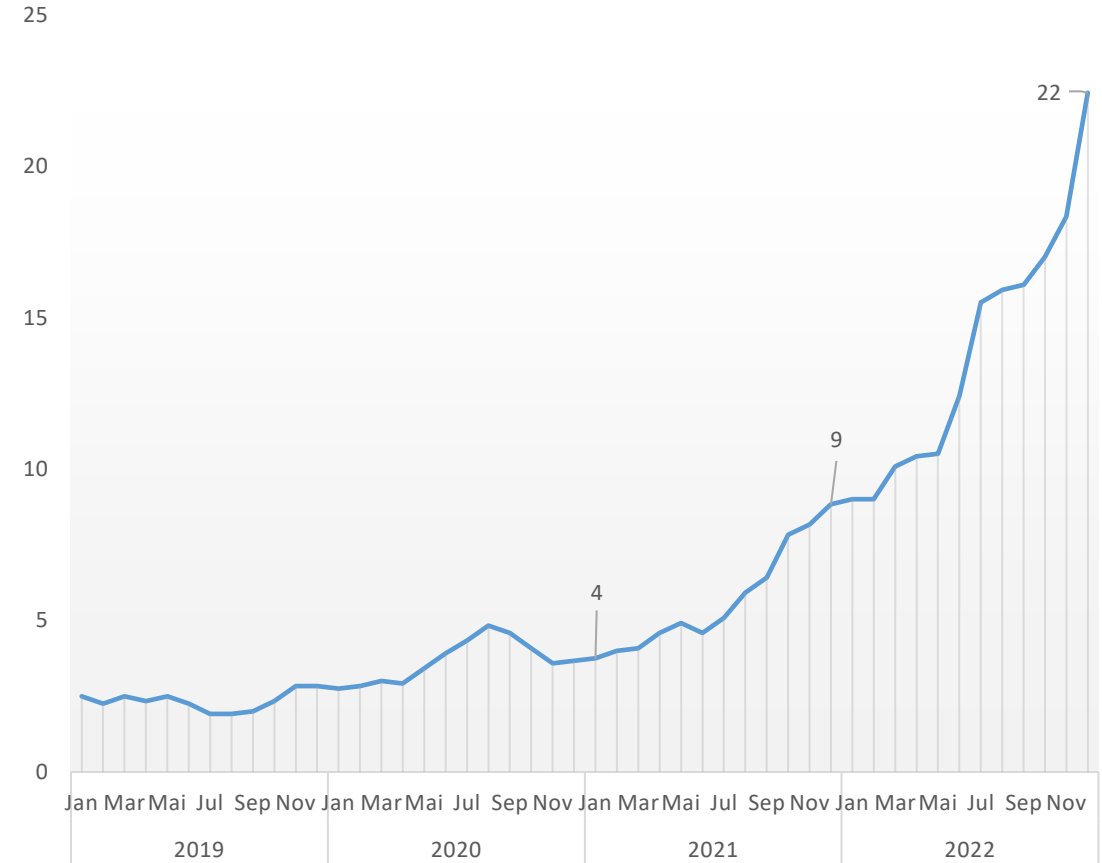
- 43 cases, 42 are women

## Security cells

- 30 % are women



Cases of selfharming and suicide attempts by month



# Conclusion

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- (...) Women's prison institutions need to adjust health and social services, and awareness about substance use and other psychiatric disorders in order to meet the increasing proportion of women facing these challenges.”





# Solution

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- Lack of knowledge - education
- Upgrade outdated buildings
- Selfharming is met with security cells, instead of being together
- Flexible detention houses. Need for transformation. High/low
- Tailor made detention houses for women

# Detention house of the future

# RESCALED

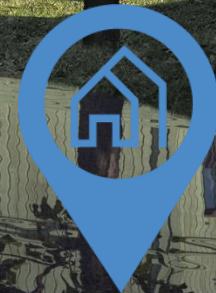
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SMALL-SCALE



DIFFERENTIATION

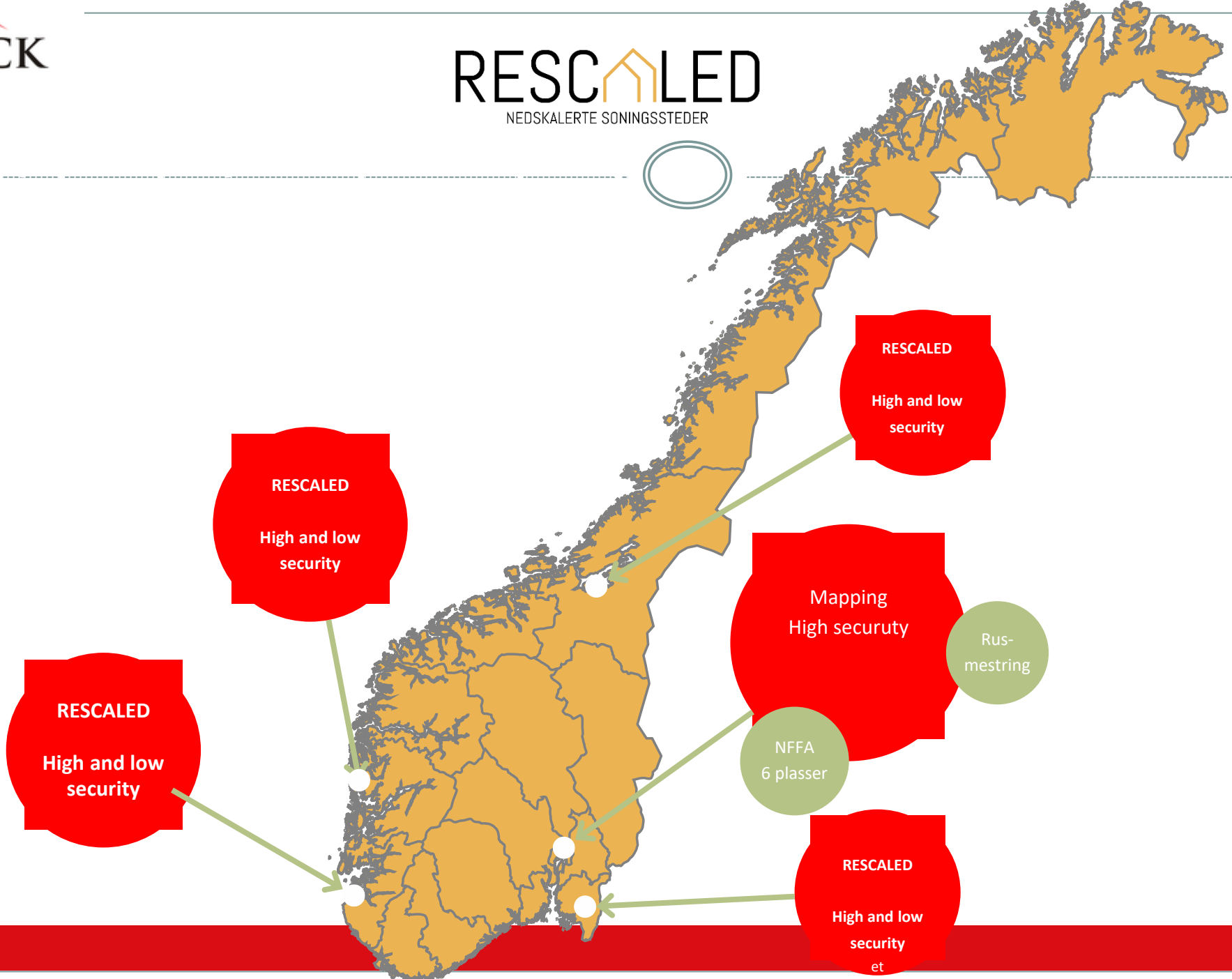


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WAYBACK





**Thank you!**