

Supervised probationary freedom in practice

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Gradual release towards more open Enforcement



Supervised probationary liberty,
max 6 months

Release unit or
services of the release network

Open prison
Work outside the prison
(possible ankle tag)

Open prison
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Open ward
in closed prison

Closed prison

A prisoner may, for the promotion of his or her social adjustment, be placed in probationary liberty under special supervision effected by technical means or otherwise through special means for at most **six months before conditional**

Criminal Code of Finland,
Chapter 2c, section 8(1)



Conditions for probationary freedom under supervision (Criminal Code of Finland, Chapter 2c, section 8)

- Promotes the implementation of the sentence plan
- It can be supervised – the prisoner is motivated
- The prisoner undertakes to refrain from using intoxicating substances and commits to the intoxicant abstinence control
- The prisoner is willing to maintain contact and comply all the necessary written conditions connected with participating in activities (both day-time activities and leisure) and moving outside home
- The prisoner consents to the prison service authorities being in contact with authorities, private associations and persons in matters related to the conditions for probationary liberty or compliance with the conditions

Supervised probationary freedom

- well planned, secured, supported and controlled release of offenders
- promotes co-operation between staff and offenders
- A fair chance
- Prison service and the community meets

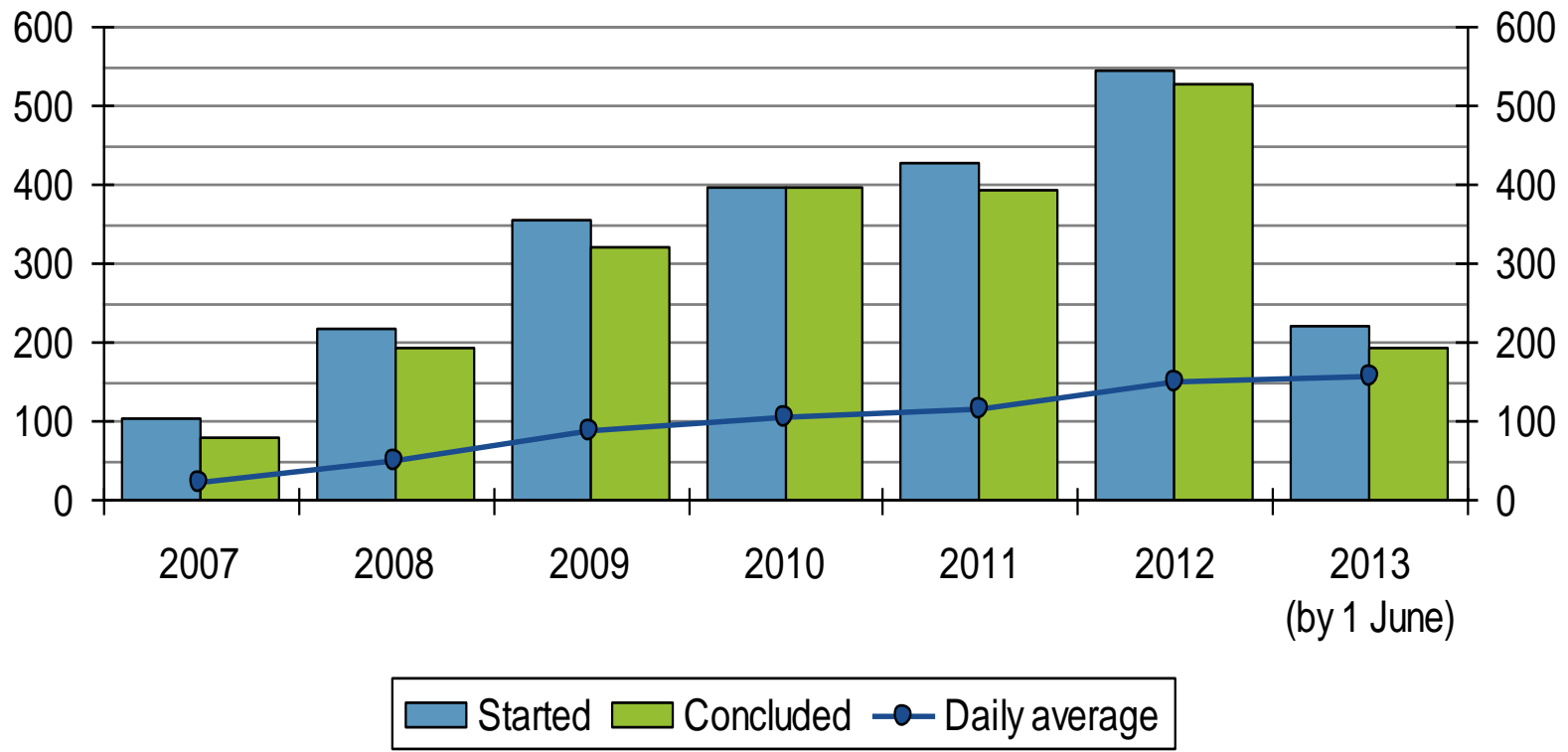
Preparation of Spf

- Mandatory for life sentenced and high risk recidivist serving the full sentence
- Others – Whose idea?
- Big issues first: Where to live, What to do
- What else is important?
- Real networks – face to face
- Time needed: 2 weeks- 6 months

Details on Spf plan

- No alcohol or any other substances
- Obligated activity
- Housing conditions
- Obligated support
- Moving area
- Possible restrictions
- Control and supervision

Started and concluded cases of supervised probationary liberty and their daily average in 2007-2013



Does it work?

- Failure rate in Spf is about 16 %
 - >failure is seldom a total failure
- Positive feedback from offenders, authorities
- First research results: Re-offending 3 years follow up:
 - Regular release: 42-43% new entrance to prison
 - Release after SPF: 26% new entrance to prison
- Has affected to staff's ideas about offenders