



Probation Service in Lithuania

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History of Probation in Lithuania

- Until **2000** the enforcement of criminal penalties was the competence of the Ministry of Interior (Department of Correctional Affairs) and the punishment carried out by the police.
- Since **2000**, the governance of penal system was transferred to the Ministry of Justice (52 Correctional inspections subordinated to Prison Department under the Ministry of Justice).
- In **2001**, 5 regional correctional inspections were established, (consisted of 48 territorial units).
- On 1 July, **2012** the new Probation Law came into force. 5 regional probation services were established.

Institutional Organization of Probation in Lithuania

The Ministry of Justice

Prison department

Panevėžys
Region
Probation
Service

Kaunas
Region
Probation
Service

Klaipėda
Region
Probation
Service

Šiauliai
Region
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Vilnius
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Total 49 Probation Units

260 Probation staff: 227 Probation officers and 33 Administrative staff

Funding ~4 million eur.

Probation services are responsible for enforcement:

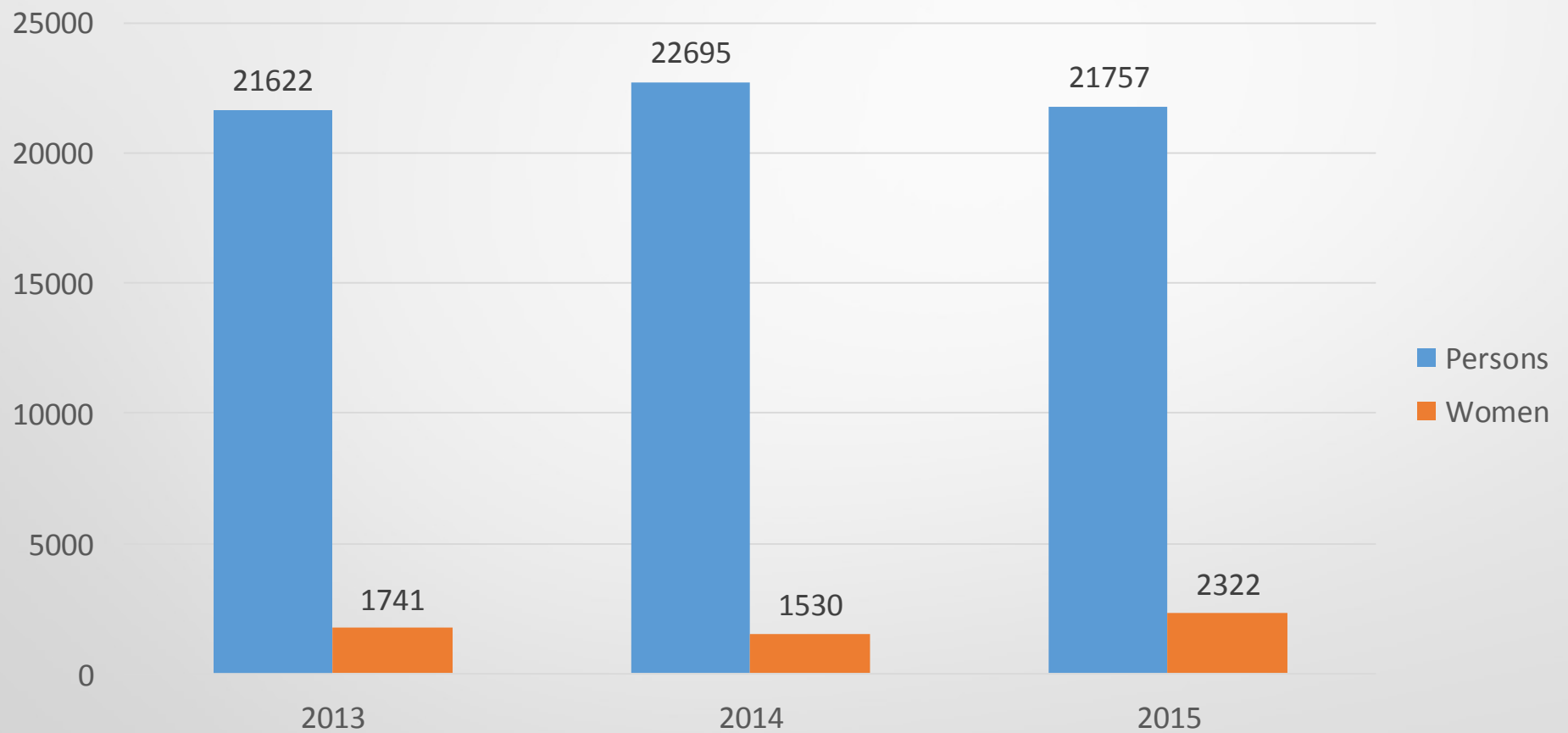
Probation (~51 % of clients)

- Suspension of custodial sentence for the period up to 3 years with imposed obligations (39 % of clients)
- Conditional release from prison (12 %);
 - Conditional release with application of electronic monitoring (intense supervision).

Sentences and Other Punitive Measures (~49 % of clients)

- Community service (8 %);
- Restriction of freedom for the period from 3 months to 2 years (32 %);
- Punitive measures (6 %);
- Educational measures are administered for juveniles (3 %).

The Number of Clients under the Probation Supervision per year



The Probation is based on these principles

- the balance of the re-socialisation of the client under probation supervision and the security of the society;
- the individualisation of the probation measures;
- respect to personal liberty, minimal intervention and proportion;
- cooperation, the stimulation to become volunteers.
- the realisation of restorative justice;

Forms of Resocialization

- The implementation of the measures including the reduction of risk and the elimination of criminal factors;
- Individual and group work with the client under supervision in order to motivate and stimulate his/her abilities to live without committing crime and the client's social integration;
- The meeting of the client's spiritual and social demands;
- Social help to solve the client's personal and social problems;
- The development of social abilities;
- The realization of the programs on the correction of behaviour;
- Individual and group psychotherapy;
- Psychological help;
- The realization of restorative measures in order to reconcile the victim and the client under probation supervision and compensate the interest.

Our strengths

- Search for innovative solutions and realization:
- Mediation;
- Electronic monitoring;
- Behavior changing programmes.
- The net of social partners.
- Staff experience and competences.

Main officer 's functions

- Performs the social research;
- Evaluated the risk of reoffending;
- Plans the supervision and realizes it;
- Meets the clients in the probation office or at their homes (In 2015 the probation officers visited the clients under probation supervision in their homes for 34756 times)
- Motivates the client for positive social changes and supports the client 's motivation;
- Applies to the court;
- Controls the use of alcohol or drugs;
- Does the programs on the correction of behaviour;
- Participates in the committee of conditional release.

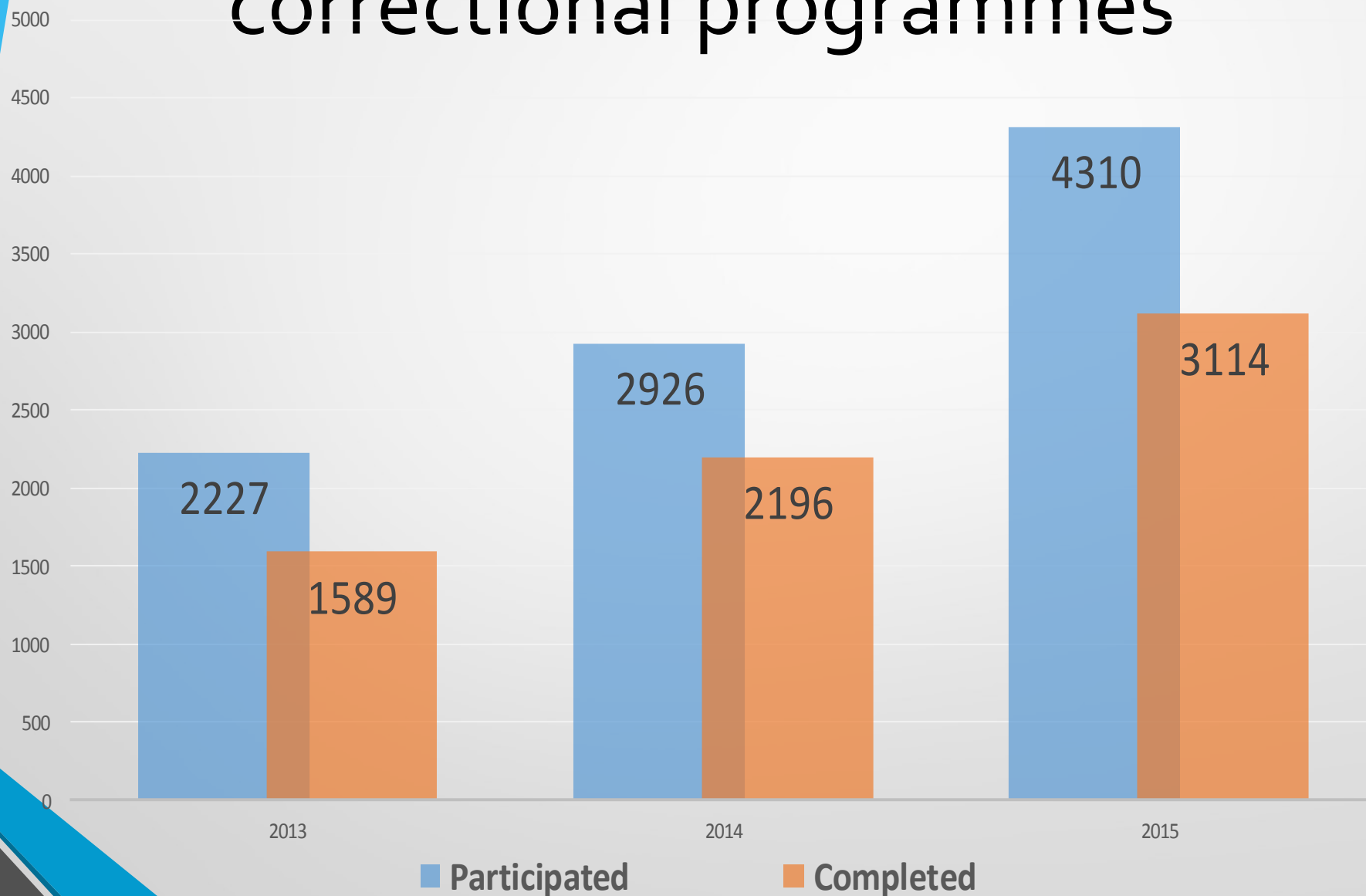
Main probation instruments (measures):

- Risk assessment (OASYS instrument).
- Programmes on correction of violent or problematic behaviour.
- Electronic monitoring.
- Mediation.

Programmes on correction of violent or problematic behaviour

- **“Behaviour - Dialogue – Change”** (BSF (Behavior change talk) semi-structured motivational interviewing program);
- **„One to one“** (3 modules: violent behavior, drugs, criminal conduct);
- **„Equip“** (for juveniles based on anger management, social skills development and mutual assistance, 40 group sessions);
- **„The program of intervention for domestic violence offenders“**;
- **„Youth and psychoactive substances“** (individual educational program for juveniles).

Probationers participation in correctional programmes

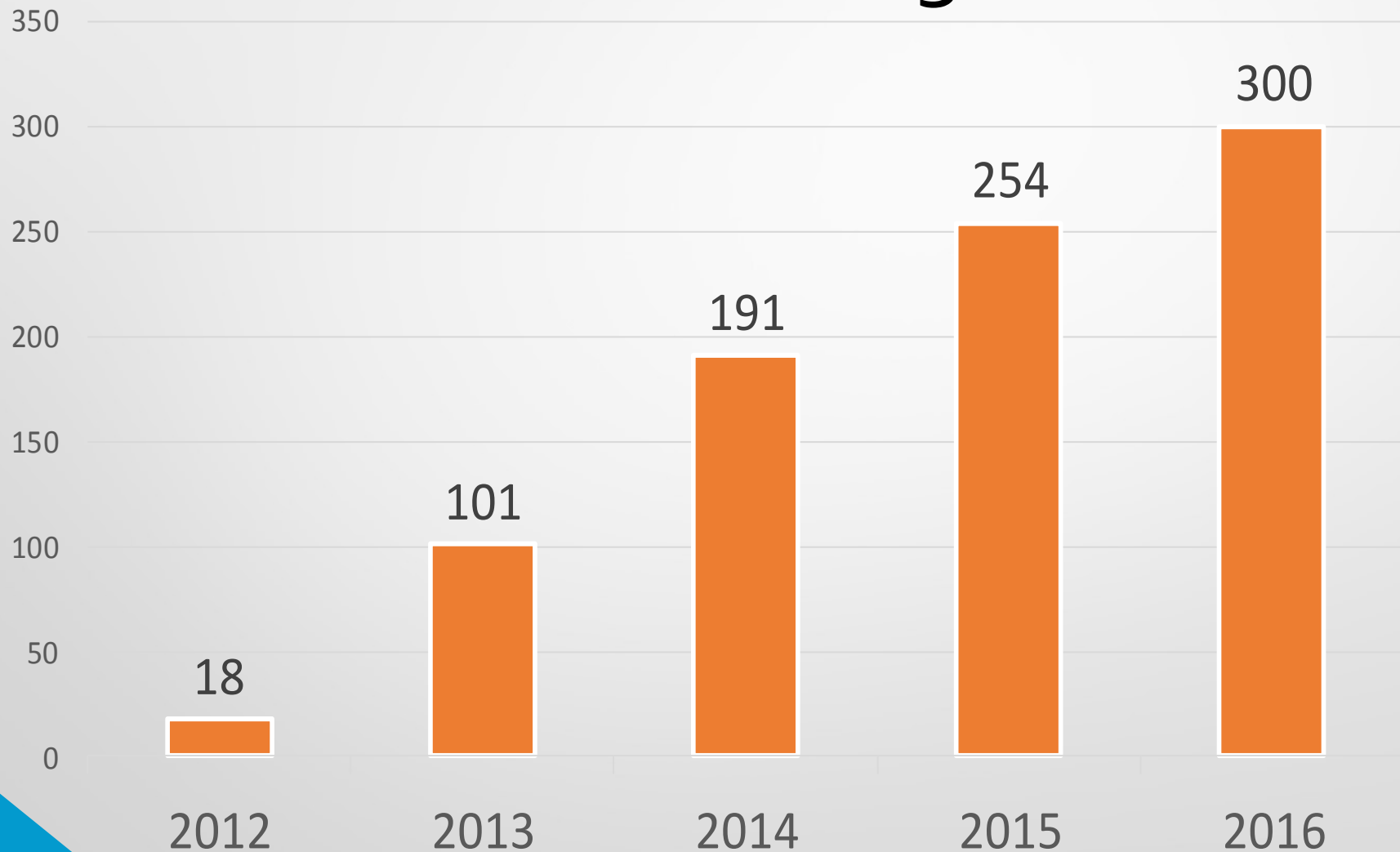


Supervision using electronic monitoring

- Electronic monitoring was started to use in 2012, 1 July. This form of control helps reduce the number of convicts in prisons.
- In 2016, 12 October the Electronic Monitoring Centre was founded. The mission of the Centre is the supervision of the electronic monitoring for 24 hours.



Supervision using electronic monitoring



Mediation (The Project stage)

The Project of mediation implementation in probation services (2014 – 2016) funded by Norway grants;

- **14** mediators and **68** probation officers were trained to apply mediation
- **2084** people participated in mediation (**1011** mediation cases of which **892** successful) during the project

After the project the activities of mediation are continued in probation services.



Mediation in probation system in Lithuania (after the Project)

- **12** mediators work in the probation system since May, 2016.
- **718** persons participated in mediation during the period of May-October, 2016:
- **425** cases of mediations were implemented;
- **295** agreements were reached.



Cooperation (social partners):



Activity aspects

- Development of social skills;
- Change of thinking (future projection), pro social thinking and the promotion of responsibility for their future;
- Reconstruction and strengthening of family relations;
- Promotion of useful and healthy leisure.



Are we effective?



Future challenges and plans

- Social partnership with municipalities to strengthen the help for the persons under the probation.
- Prevention of alcoholism and domestic violence.
- Development of the electronic monitoring.
- Development of the mediation.
- Development of behavior changing programs.





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