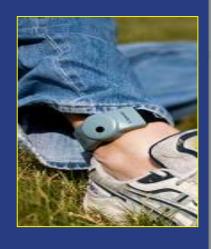


# Running EM in a rural versus urban environment in Norway

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# EM in Norway



- Pilot project started in 2008
- Capacity of 342
- Front door and back door, up to 4 months
- Administrative decision, execution of prison sentence
- Voluntary; the offender has to apply
- RF technology only
- 11 units, integrated in probation offices, 7am-23pm (10-17)
- One night watch-unit and one control centre monitoring the whole country, 24/7



## The Norwegian standard



- National rules, regulations and policy for EM
- "the level of control and supervision should reflect the fact that this is a prison sentence"
- Well-qualified staff of both prison officers and social workers
- Close and dynamic supervision; both support and control
- Quick and consequent reaction to breach (zero tolerance to alcohol and drugs)
- The Correctional Services have the superior responsibility of all parts



# Challenging conditions

- Geographical
- Long distances
- Mountains and fjords
- Weather conditions
- Demographical
- Widely spread settlements
- Variable infrastructure







# Practical consequences

- Time consuming, for both offenders and officers
- Use of private supervisors to do the control visits
- Use of other agencies as police, social workers
- Less dynamic and personal supervision
- Costly



# Both rural and urban areas











## Possible different impacts and effects

- Legally?
- Imposing and revoking
- Requirements for accommodations and occupation
- Experience for the offender?
- Intrusiveness
- Help and support
- Organization?
- Risk for officers
- Economy
- Technical





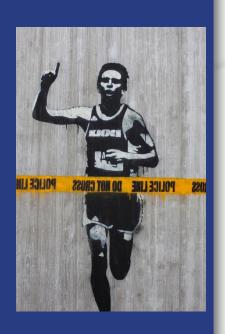
#### Measures to decrease differences



- Legal possibilities to decline application
- Administrative possibility to postpone the implementation
- Local adjustments and flexibility
- Making use of local, social network, supervised by the Probation Office
- Flexible organisation, with cooperation with other units in the Correctional Service
- Extended use of technology
- All measures in the frame of national legislation



#### A matter of:



- Understanding of local conditions
- Making use of local knowledge
- Acceptance of some local judgement
- Willingness of paying the costs
- Aim for equality in the end

Not possible to run both a just and cost-efficient national EM-program in Norway – but it's possible to find a good balance!