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Foreign national offenders in Norway

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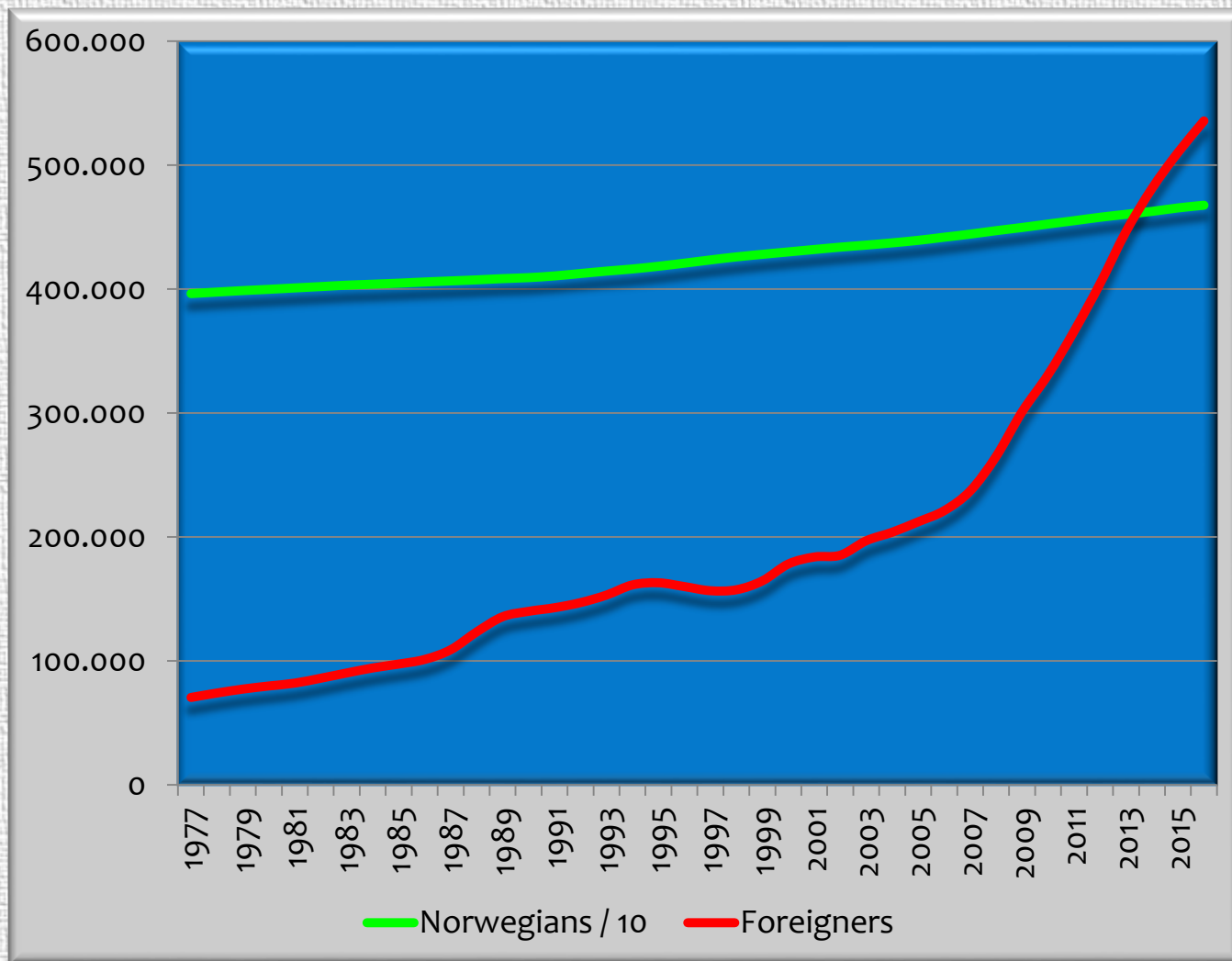
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Number of foreign citizens in Norway per January 1

Foreign national offenders in Norway

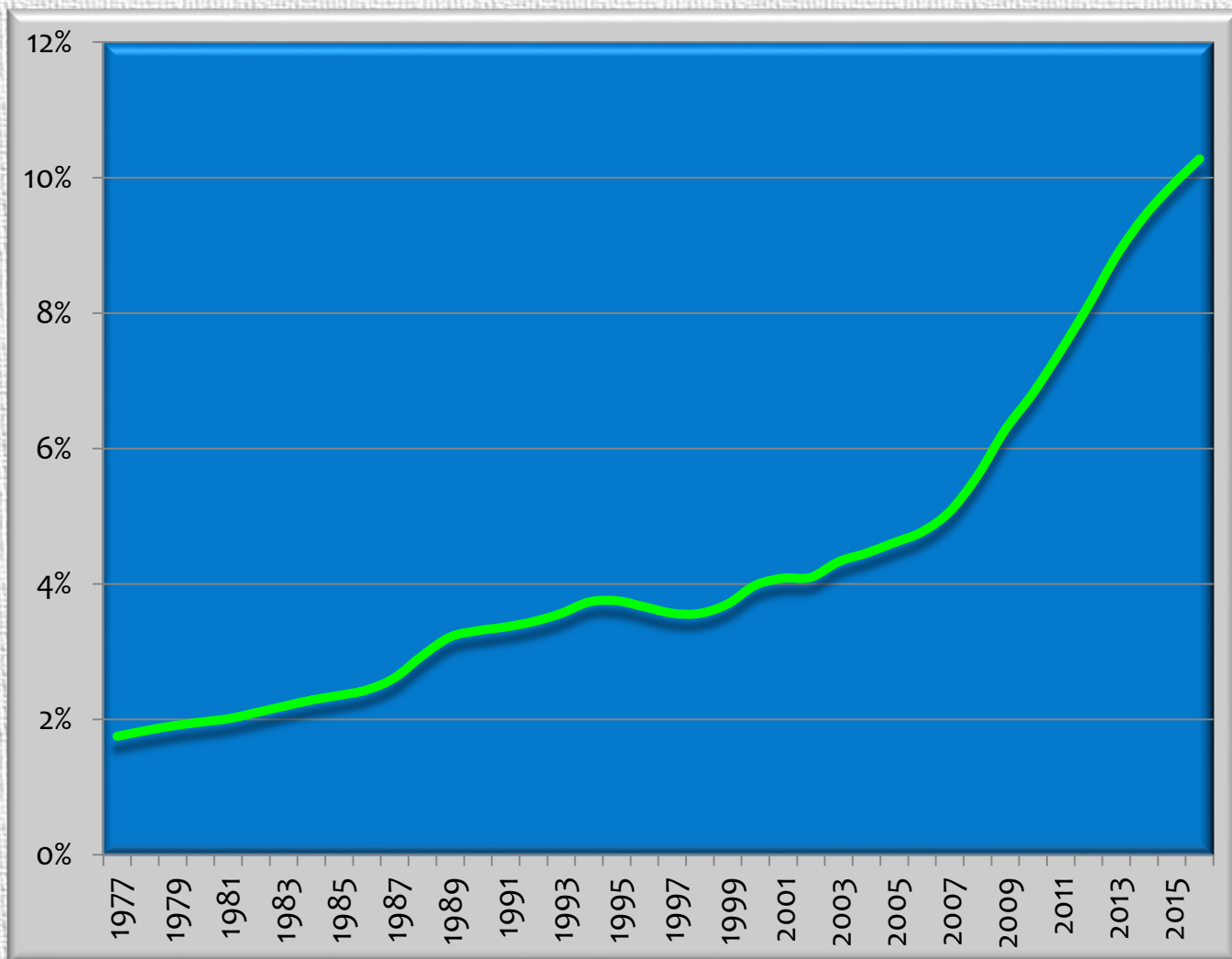




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Percentage of foreign citizens Norway per January 1

Foreign national offenders in Norway



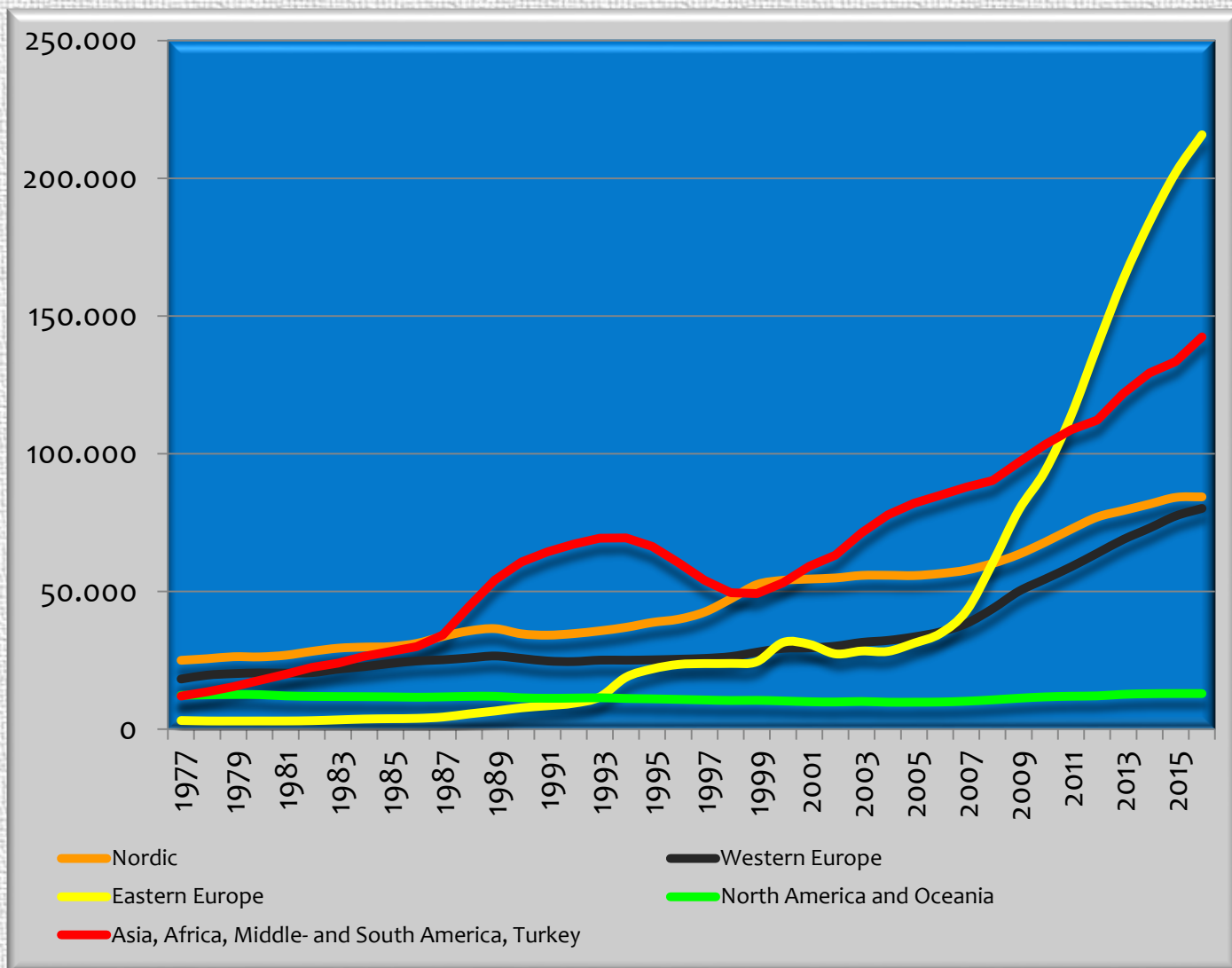


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Number of foreign citizens in Norway

Per January 1, breakdown per area

Foreign national offenders in Norway





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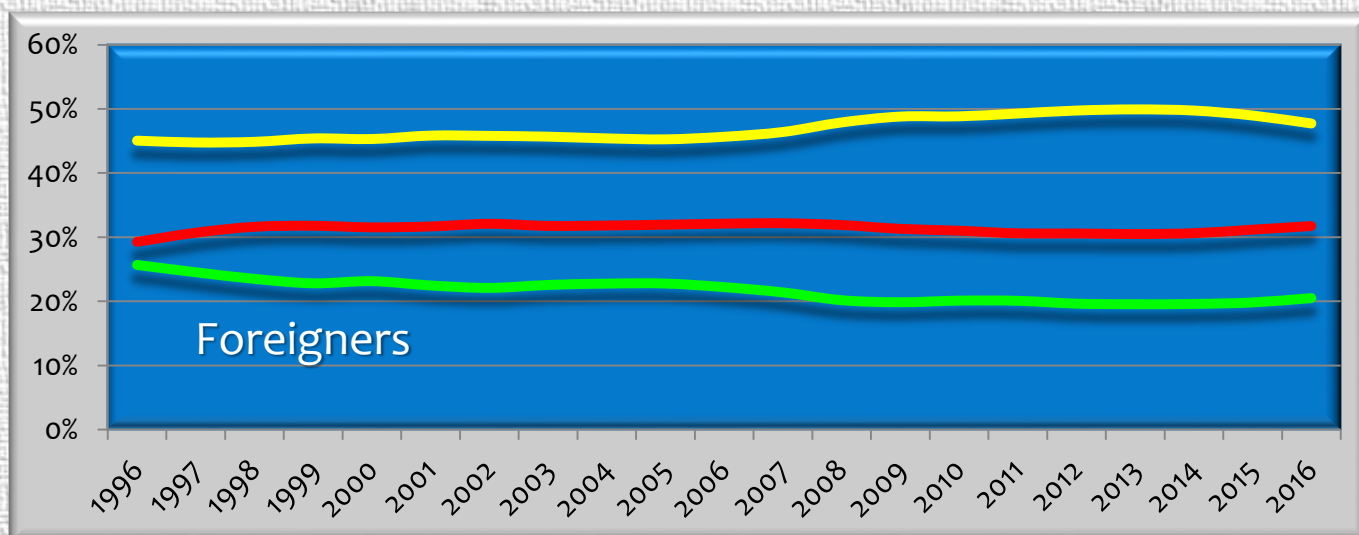
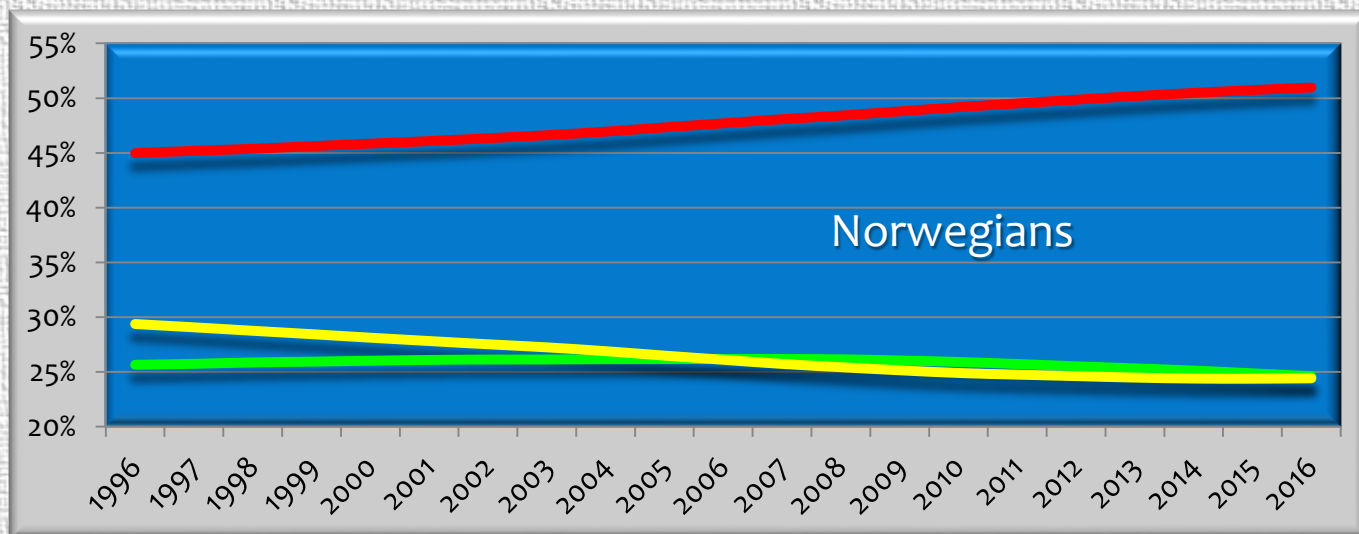
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The role of age categories

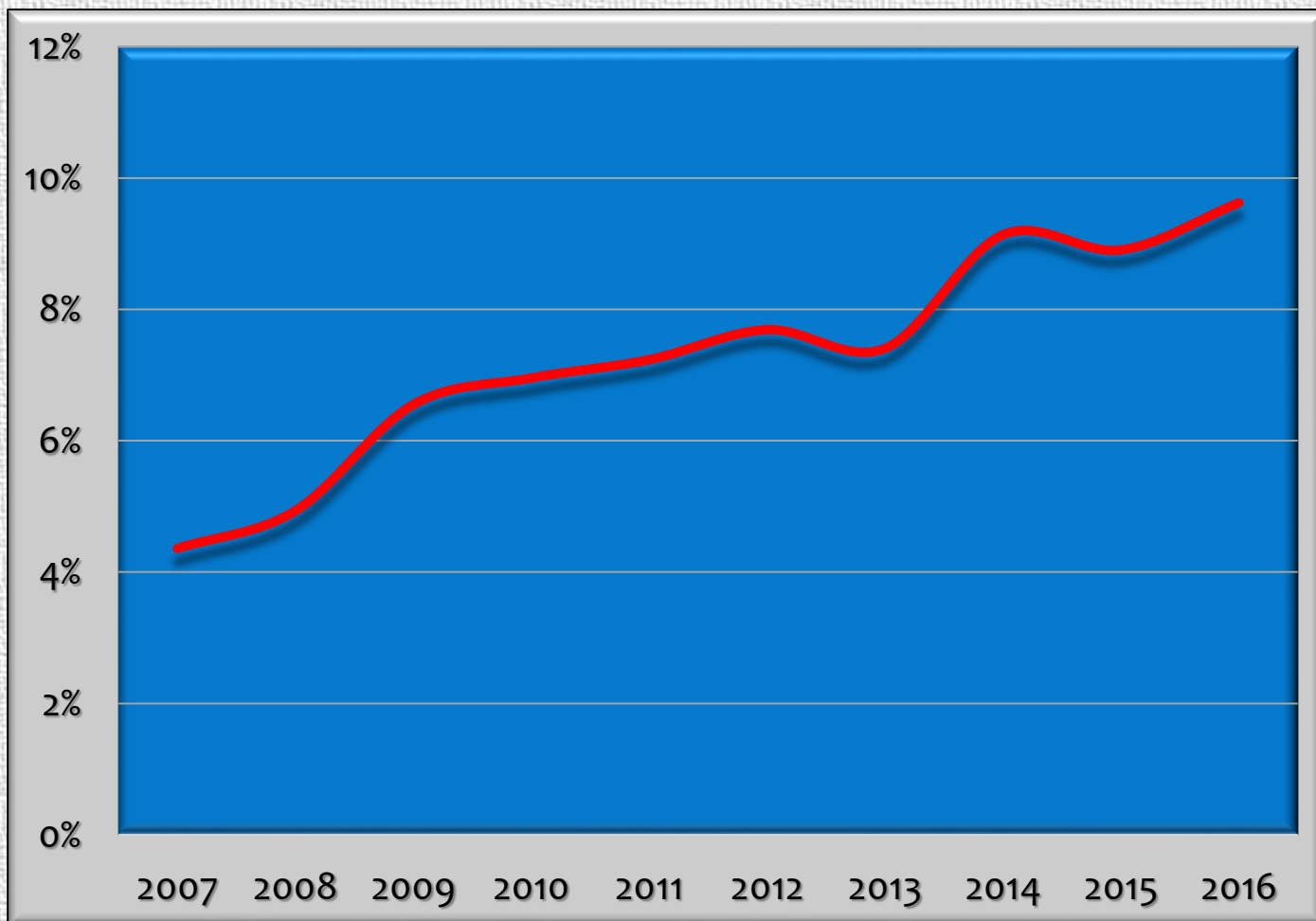




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Percentage FNO in probation Norway, initiated activities

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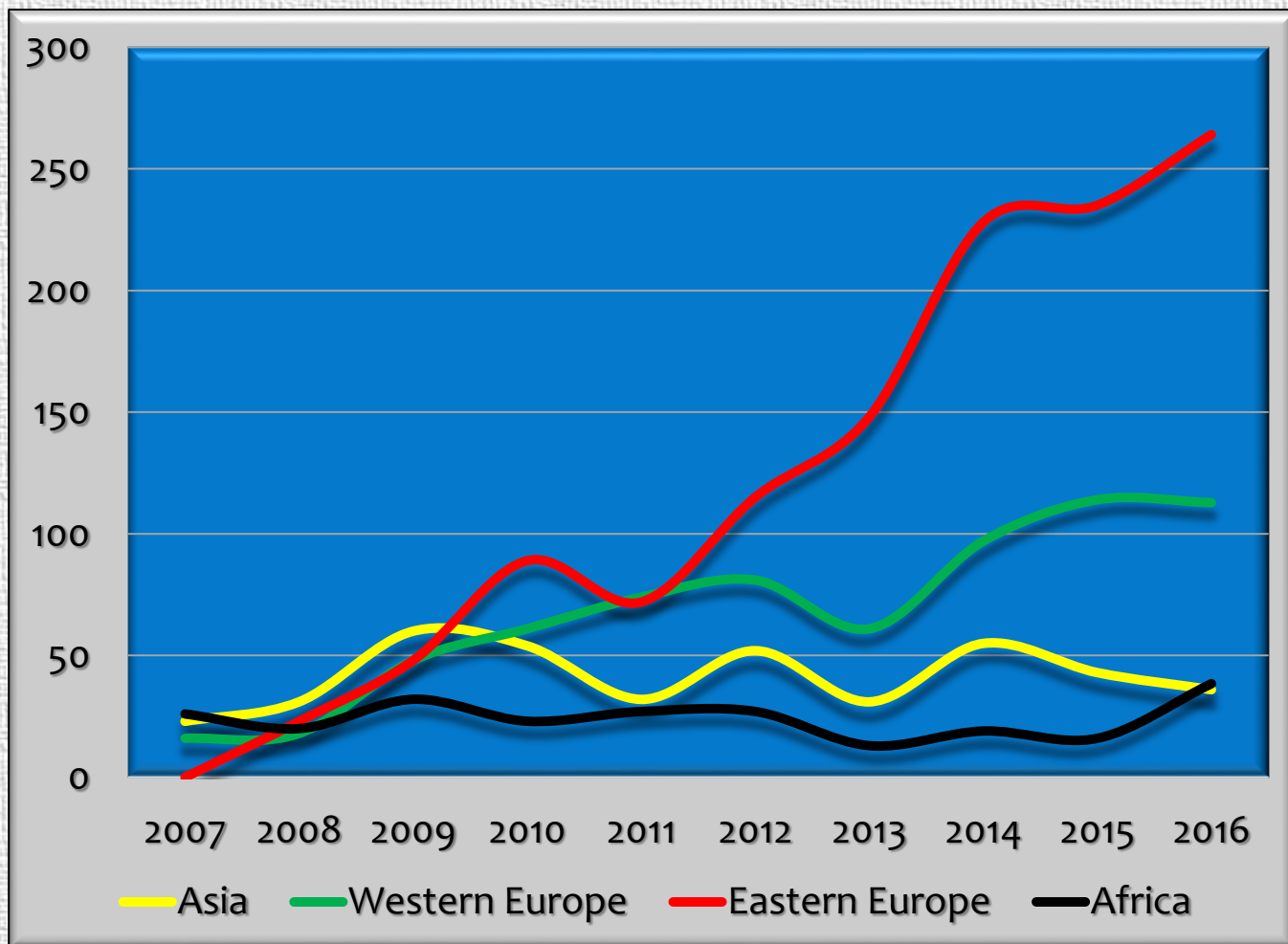




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Number of FNO's in probation Norway, initiated activities, per area

Foreign national offenders in Norway





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Foreign offenders in probation

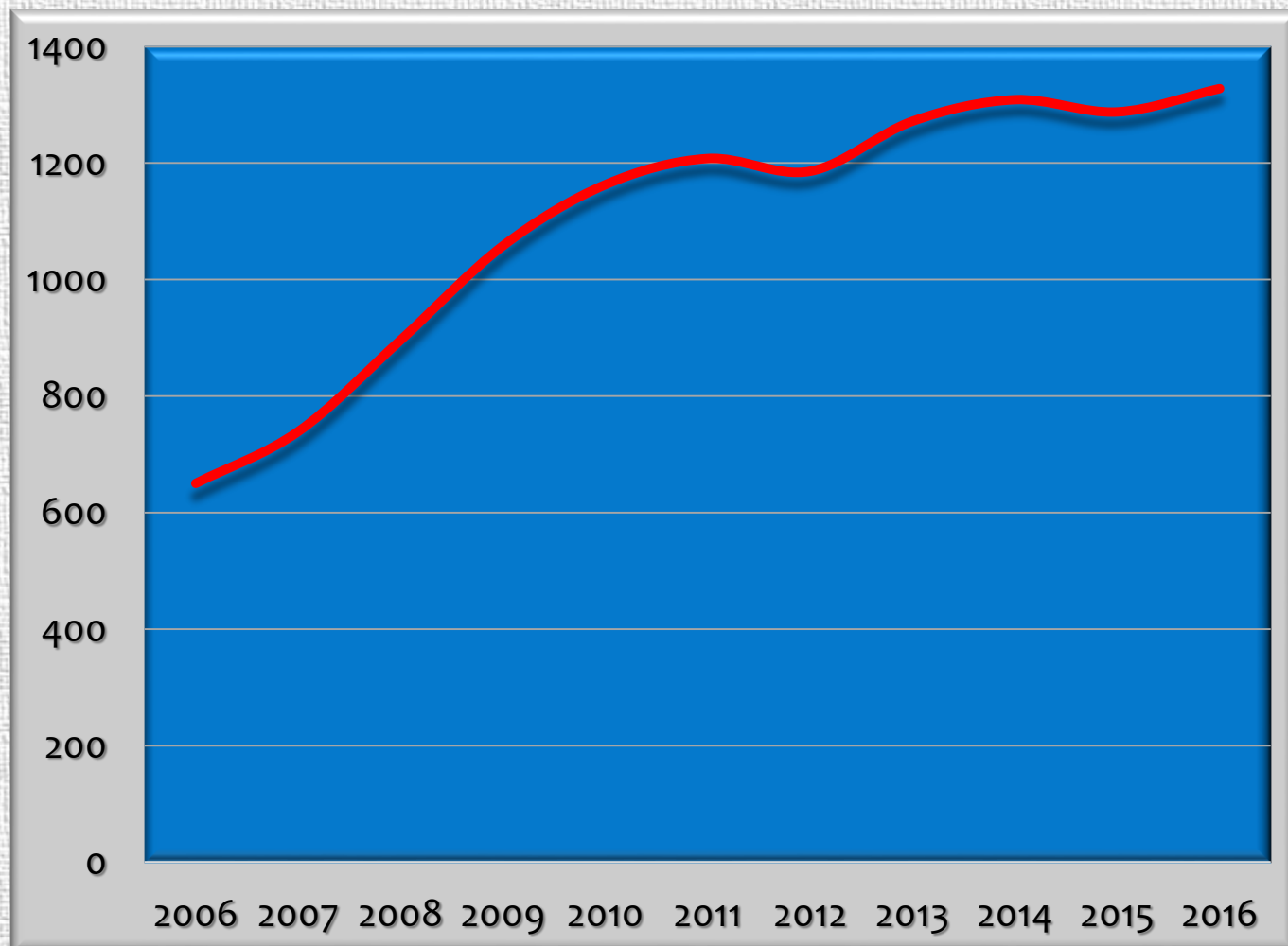
- Community sentence, Electronic Monitoring, Program for intoxicated drivers, Conditional release
- Survey among probation managers shows no specific actions or projects
- Main barrier is language, second is cultural difference and third is legitimacy
- See World Café report



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Number FNP's Norway, per 15/11

Foreign national offenders in Norway

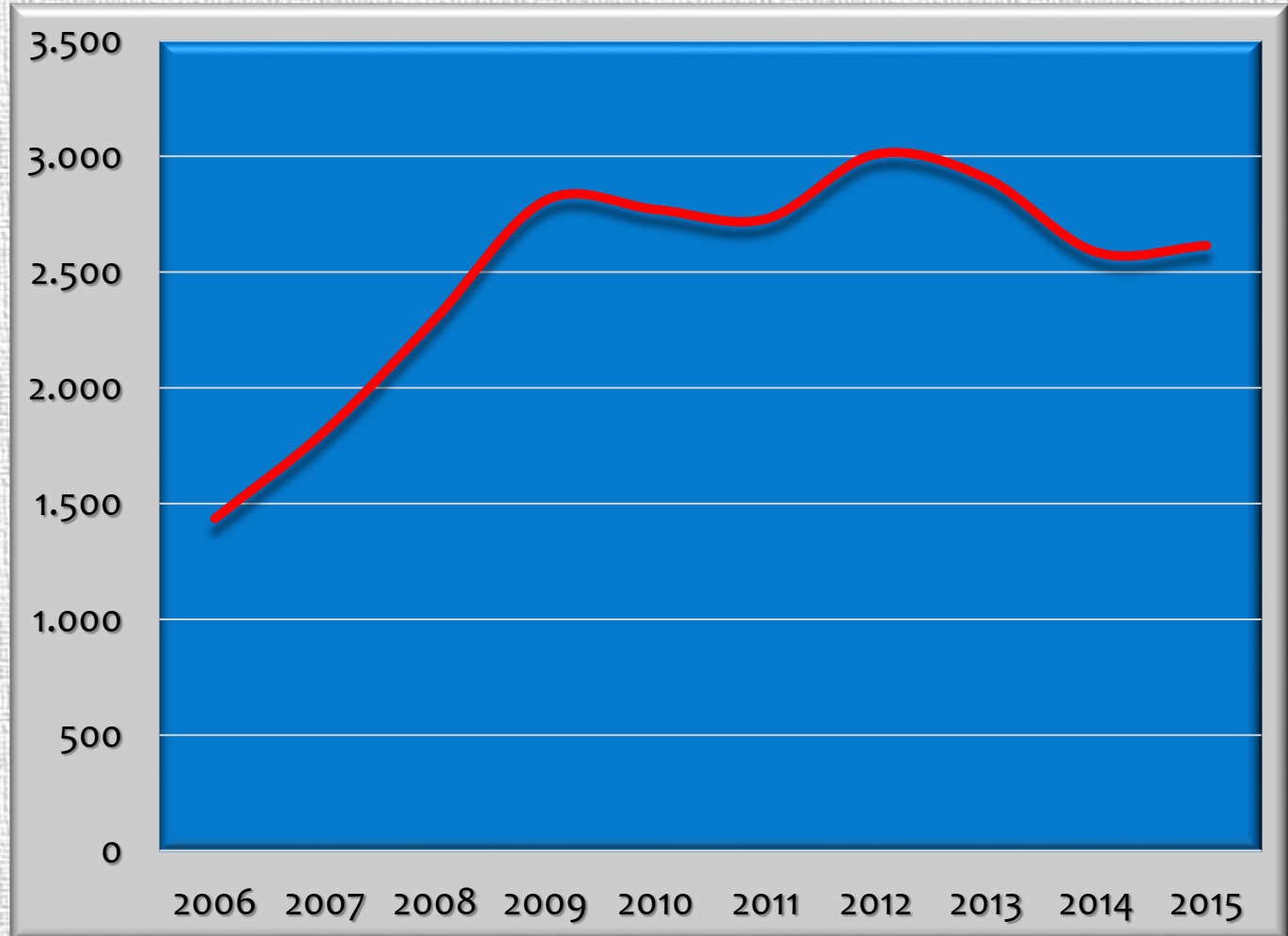




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Number FNP's new entries Norway, per 15/11

Foreign national offenders in Norway



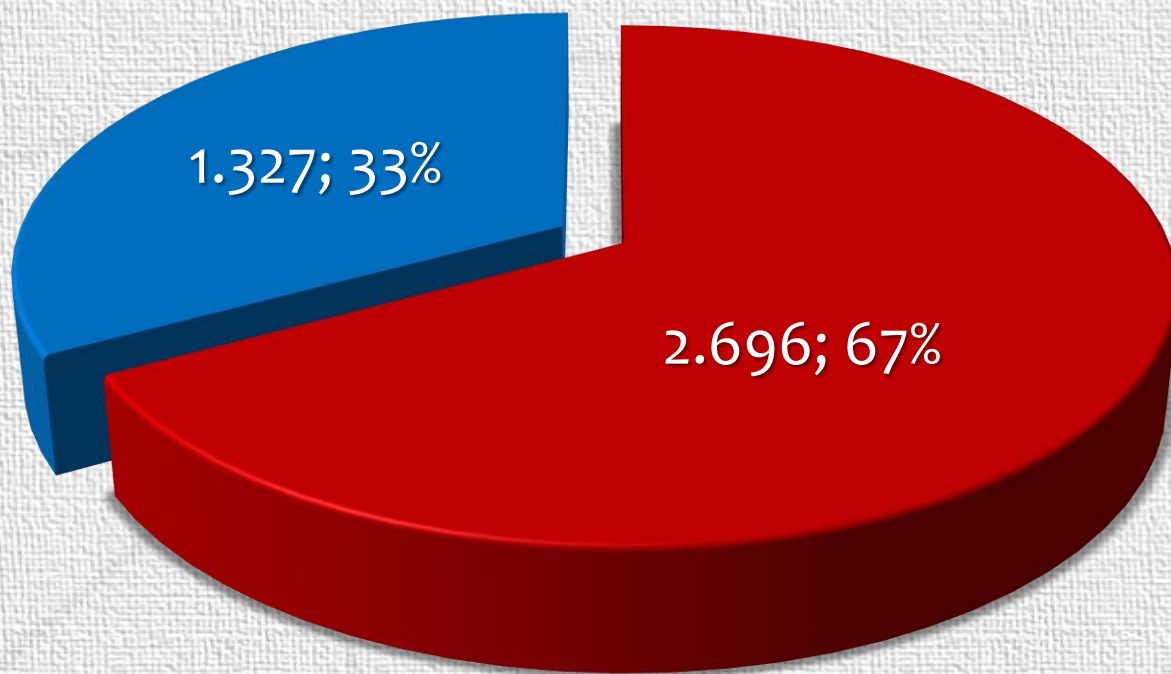


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Foreign national prisoners

per November 15

Foreign national offenders in Norway



■ Norway ■ FNP

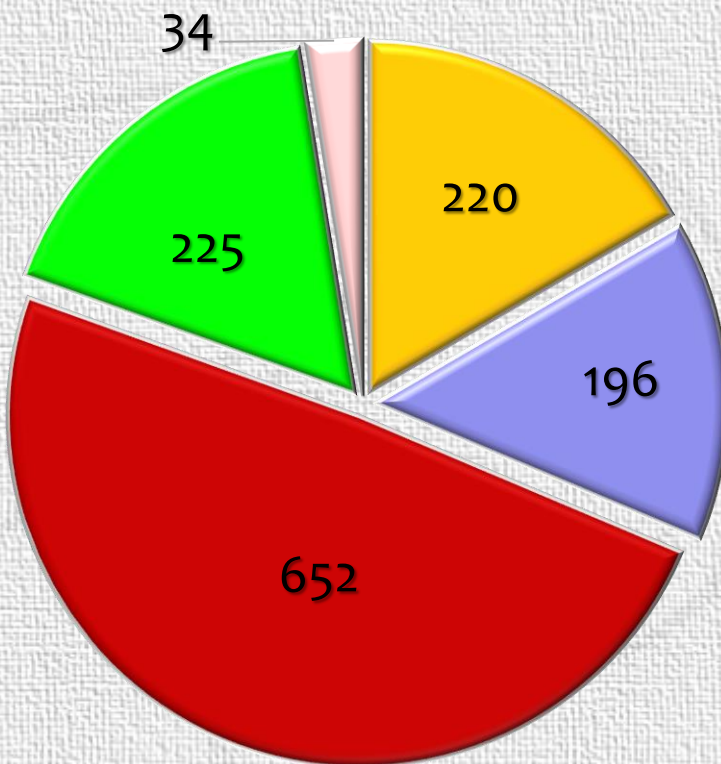


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Origin Foreign National Prisoners

per November 15

102 nationalities



Poland	163
Lithuania	127
Romania	115
Albania	86
Somalia	64

■ Asia ■ Western Europe ■ Eastern / Central Europe ■ Africa ■ Other

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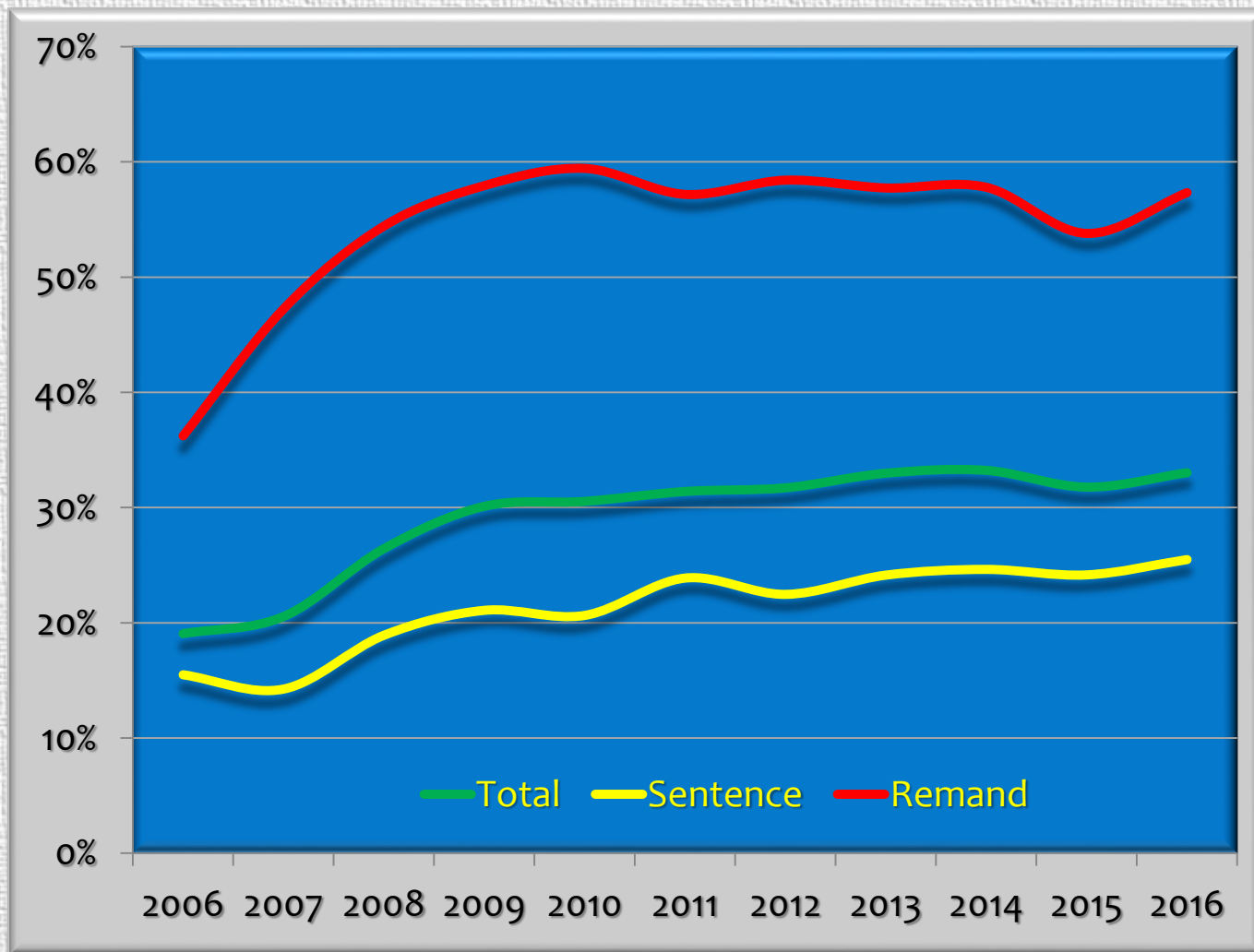


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FNP's –type of incarceration

per November 15

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Offences compared

Foreign national offenders in Norway

	FNP		Norwegians	
	N	%	N	%
Drugs	461	35 %	580	21 %
Property offences	187	14 %	250	9 %
Unlawful entry	166	13 %	0	0 %
Violent offences	114	8 %	494	18 %
Rape	94	7 %	213	8 %
Murder	55	4 %	179	7 %
Robbery	34	3 %	102	4 %
Sexual offences	24	2 %	270	10 %
Smuggling	24	2 %	9	0 %
Human trafficking	3		1	



Main challenges

- Language !!
 - Very much variation in the use of interpreters
 - Budgets, technical equipment, when to use interpreter
 - Criticism from National Ombudsman for Equality
 - Legislate on interpreting
 - Earmarked budgets at prison-level
 - Cultural differences
 - Legitimacy
 - Trust in Correctional Service's employees
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Policy at a national level

- Establishing a specialised prison for FNP's: Kongsvinger
- Gearing recruitment towards a majority FNP prison: Norgerhaven
- Organising courses in multicultural understanding and working with foreign nationals at University College KRUS
- Developing a handbook
<http://hdl.handle.net/11250/2358042>
- Prioritising work with transfer of sentences



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Specialised prison: Kongsvinger

- Transformed to prison for FNP's December 2012
- Close to Oslo city, removal center and airport
- 92 closed capacity, 48 open
- Inmates to be transported out





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Kongsvinger prison

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Some numbers

Total 114 on 15 November 2016 = 81 % occupancy

9 % of all FNP's

Why?

- Remands and transport
- Soon opening a ward for female FNP's

29 - Poland

13 - Albania

12 - Lithuania

11 - Romania

44 on remand = 39 %



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Advantages Kongsvinger

- Reduced isolation as a small group
- Developing specific activities
- Concentrating competencies
- Developing policy and collaboration with relevant organisations
- More synchronised removal / extradition
- Close to Oslo airport

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Kongsvinger prison

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- Production work for general skills
- Collaboration with local school
 - Short courses, esp. after Norgerhaven
 - English, digital skills, vehicle driving, cooking, personal hygiene
 - All with a diploma
- Leisure time activities with professional guidance
- Tuesday break – for those who isolate themselves
- Brochure: «What can I do alone in a cell»



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Kongsvinger prison

- Much internal communication in order to «catch» as much information as possible
- Most religious activity of all prisons
- Long-distance on-screen interpreters
- Feelings and relationships more important than among other prisoners
- Many with PTSD



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Program «Planning for resettlement»

- Developed in collaboration with inmates
- At least two weeks left of sentence
- Goal is to make FNP's better equipped for returning to the community – anywhere
- Groups of 3-4, but also individual if necessary
- Psycho-educative approach, motivational interviewing
- Little text, many illustrations



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Program «Planning for resettlement»

8 Sessions:

1. Presentations and expectations
2. Goal setting
3. Life areas
4. Stages of change
5. There is a connection.... (thinking – emotions - physical reactions - behavior)
6. Risky thinking
7. Planning – why and how
8. Finish plans and Tie everything together



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Program «Planning for resettlement»

- Language and culture can be challenging
- Works with only few participants
- Treat just a few themes per meeting – time is important for reaching understanding
- Stronger taboos
- Less narcotics
- More and different mental health problems
- Participants feel more «normal», say they learn to think differently



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Majority FNP prison: Norgerhaven

- Located in The Netherlands
- Dutch staff, Norwegian management and regime
- Opened September 2015
- Only sentenced prisoners
- Last two months in Norway





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Norgerhaven prison

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Some numbers

Capacity of 242

Total 239 = 99 % occupancy

57 - Norway = 24 %

Less than 10 % entry ban

28 - Poland

20 - Albania

17 - Lithuania

22 - Romania



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Advantages Norgerhaven

- Extended functioning for prison
- Jobs remain
- Reduce the pressure on the Norwegian system
- No time lost in building
- No remaining investment and overcapacity
- Motivated staff
- Opportunity to serve sentence asap
- For those with no immediate ties to Norway
- For many: closer to family
- Extras



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Extras inmates Norgerhaven

- + More, longer and flexible visiting hours; may be over more days
- + 3 x more telephone / Skype time per week
- + Facilities for training and yard time
- + Different work schedule with two shifts
- Dutch habits (food!)
- Transfer for last two months

<http://www.kriminalomsorgen.no/norgerhaven-fengsel-nederland.5777803-237612.html>



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Transfer of sentences

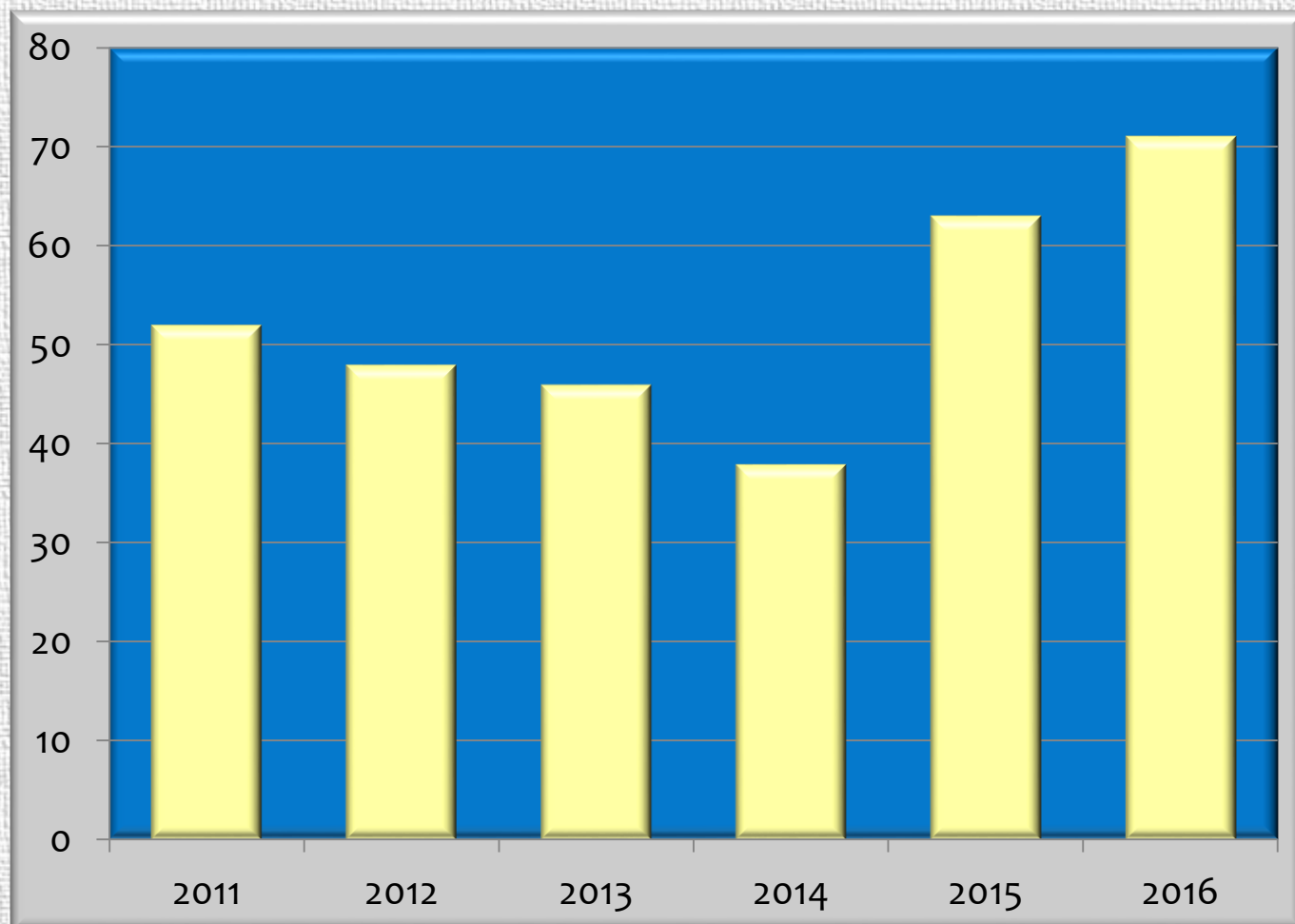
- Between Nordic countries
- European Convention
- Bilateral agreements with
 - Romania
 - Lithuania
 - Latvia
 - Thailand
- Not signed FD 909 (or 947) yet



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