

Relevant CoE Foreign Prisoners Recs	Country & Description of Initiative	National, regional or Local Initiative	Legal basis, budgetary issues	Further Information
5 21.1 Legal Advice & assistance Foreign prisoners shall be informed, in a language they understand, about their right to legal advice on matters affecting their detention and status.				
5 21.2 Legal Advice & assistance Foreign prisoners shall be informed about possible legal aid and, where necessary, assisted in accessing such legal aid.	Sweden: We always offer information in their language and always an interpreter when needed to explain legal rights and any step in the legal process.	National and local		
5 21.3 Legal Advice & assistance Foreign prisoners who need to communicate with their legal adviser shall be allowed access to interpretation where necessary.	Sweden: We always offer information in their language and always an interpreter when needed to explain legal rights and any step in the legal process.	National and local		
5 21.4 Legal Advice & assistance Prison authorities shall facilitate the provision of administrative and legal assistance to foreign prisoners by approved outside agencies.				
5 21.5 Legal Advice & assistance Foreign prisoners who are subject to disciplinary proceedings shall be assisted by an interpreter where necessary.	Sweden: We always use interpreters where necessary	National and local		
5 22.1 Principles and Initiatives To alleviate the potential isolation of foreign prisoners, special attention shall be paid to the maintenance and development of their relationships with the outside world, including contacts with family and friends, consular representatives, probation and community agencies and volunteers.	European Groups providing services for their nationals imprisoned abroad: There are a small number of groups in Europe providing services for their nationals imprisoned in prisons in and outside Europe. See list 'European Groups working with prisoners abroad'. These groups can be statutory, such as the Dutch Reclassering Nederland, Bureau Buitenland, supported through a combination of government and charitable grants such as Prisoners Abroad (UK), The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO) and Italian Prisoners Abroad (IPA). These 4 groups above are members of the EuroPris/CEP Foreign Nationals in Prison and Probation Expert Group. The Netherlands: International Office of The Netherlands Probation Service, Bureau Buitenland. Dutch Probation Agency working with Dutch nationals imprisoned abroad. Ireland: The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas provides information, support and advice to Irish prisoners overseas and their families. Italy: Italian Prisoners Abroad Works with Italian nationals imprisoned abroad. Offers support to prisoners and their families by giving them information and useful contacts. Makes in loco visits when possible (especially in Europe) and helps the offender in the phase of re-entry in Italy. Spain: Fudacionmas 34 Works with Spanish nationals imprisoned abroad and their families in Spain. Uses volunteers extensively. Works particularly with Spanish prisoners in South America Spain: 'Movimiento por la Paz'. Established group working with Spanish Consulates and other institutions. Offers advice and general information to Spanish prisoners abroad. Advises prisoners on their rights, & provides information on prison transfer applications, post sentence. Can advise and support families in Spain who have family members imprisoned abroad. Spain: 'Asociación Hispano Árabe para el Desarro', support for Moroccan prisoners; Established by Rachid Ismaili. Asociación Hispano Árabe para el Desarro, focuses on the cultural interests of the Moroccan community in Madrid. Since 2015 their volunteers from has been visiting Moroccan prisoners in the Madrid V11 prison. Initially their focus was on music and calligraphy but volunteers have been able to help with translation and more general support where appropriate. Also provides information, advice and support to families of Moroccan prisoners. England & Wales: Hibiscus Initiatives; A UK charity working with refugee migrant women serving a custodial sentence, released into the UK or returned to their home country. Specialist knowledge of women prisoners from the Caribbean, West Africa and Eastern Europe. UK: Prisoners Abroad, UK charity caring for the welfare of British citizens held in foreign prisons Germany: Deutsches Sozialwerch in Frankreich Works with German nationals imprisoned in France. The Netherlands Skype or video conferencing is used to communicate with relatives and friends in home countries.	National National National National National though primarily in Madrid National National National National	All groups have their different criteria for initial & on-going contact with prisoners. Statutory agency Charity Charity with statutory support Charity with statutory support Charity Charity though since 2015 receiving funding from Moroccan government. Charity Supported by UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and charitable donations. Charity Charity	See attachment; '5 22.1 a European Groups working prisoners abroad Jan2017'. For information about the EuroPris/ CEP Foreign Nationals in Prison & Probation Expert Group; http://www.europris.org/expert-groups/foreign-nationals-in-prison/ and http://www.cep-probation.org/foreign-national-prisoners/ General e-mail: buitenland@reclassering.nl Foreign Desk e-mail: buitenlandbalie@reclassering.nl http://www.reclassering.nl/buitenland/bureau-buitenland www.icpo.ie icpo@iecon.ie info@act-bs.it www.act-bs.it http://fundacionmas34.org/que-hacemos/ ayuda@fundacionmas34.org & voluntariado@fundacionmas34.org mpdl@mpdl.org http://www.mpd.org/mas-informacion/espacios-mpdl/atencion-detenido-espanoles/ http://www.mpd.org/mas-informacion/programa-atencion-detenido-espanoles#sthash.2PTsa8le.dpbs Asociación Hispano-Árabe para el Desarrollo y la Cultura Contact Rachid Ismaili http://www.ahadc.org/index.html info@hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk http://hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk/ info@prisonersabroad.org.uk http://www.prisonersabroad.org.uk/ info@entraide-allemande.org www.entraide-allemande.org t.bagchus@dji.minj.us.nl
5 22.2 Principles and Initiatives Unless there is a specific concern in individual cases related to safety and security, foreign prisoners shall be allowed to use a language of their choice during such contacts.				
5 22.3 Principles and Initiatives Rules for making and receiving telephone calls and other forms of communication shall be applied flexibly to ensure that foreign prisoners who are communicating with persons abroad have equivalent access to such forms of communication as other prisoners.	England & Wales; from HMP Huntercombe 'Prisoner Voicemail', private provider funded by prisoners' family, no direct cost to prisoners or prison. Contributes to maintenance of family contact. Estonia; All prisoners including foreigners, have the right to use the phone and call family members and others. There is also the possibility to call abroad.	National National	Free-private provider	Contact Mark James Hatch hmgs.gsi.gov.uk merike.tartu@just.ee
5 22.4 Principles and Initiatives Indigent foreign prisoners shall be assisted with the costs of communicating with the outside world.				
5 22.5 Principles and Initiatives In order to optimise contact, visits to foreign prisoners from family members who live abroad shall be arranged in a flexible manner, which may include allowing prisoners to combine their visit entitlements.	Sweden: They offer apartments or rooms for visits inside our prisons and we give the foreign prisoners priority to use these when needed for family travelling far we also give them extra time. Estonia; Prison enables longer than the 24-hour long-time visits for prisoners whose loved ones are living in another country, and visiting is expensive and / or time-consuming.	Local National		merike.tartu@just.ee
5 22.6 Principles and Initiatives Support and information shall be provided to the extent possible to enable family members who live abroad to visit foreign prisoners.				
5 22.7 Principles and Initiatives Special measures shall be taken to encourage and enable foreign prisoners to maintain regular and meaningful contact with their children.	England & Wales; HMP Huntercombe Day-long family visits arranged for foreign prisoners so that they can spend a full day with family members who have travelled long distances, including from overseas, to visit. They can eat together, and support is provided to facilitate children in activities with their parents.	Local	Minimal	Phil Goulalos at HMP Huntercombe.
5 22.8 Principles and Initiatives Arrangements shall be made to facilitate visits, correspondence and other forms of communication by children with their imprisoned parent, in particular when they live in a different State.	Sweden: They work hard with the children's rights to their parents and always with consideration to what is the best for the child/children.	National and local		Stina.sjodin@kriminvalvarden.se
5 22.9 Principles and Initiatives The authorities shall endeavour to ensure that foreign prisoners are able to inform family members about the prison or other facility in which they are held or to which they have been transferred.				
5 22.10 Principles and Initiatives In cases of emergency and where the foreign prisoner has given prior consent, the prison authorities shall endeavour to inform family members of the death, serious illness or serious injury of such a prisoner.	Estonia; Each prisoner is given a prison contact person. Prison will also have contact information about a prisoner's family members. Where appropriate, the prison contact person will communicate with the prisoner's family members. It is also possible for family members to contact the prison contact person when it is necessary to inform the prisoner about extraordinary occasions (i.e. death of a family member, serious health matters).	National		merike.tartu@just.ee
5 22.11 Principles and Initiatives The authorities shall endeavour to keep up-to-date contact details of family members of foreign prisoners.	England & Wales: 'Prison Voice Project' at Huntercombe Prison; 2 initiatives to maintain family contacts, (1) using a private provider, Prison Voicemail, to facilitate prisoner's families leaving 'Voicemail' messages for foreign prisoners from callers abroad. Assist to family contacts being maintained. (2) Full-Day visits permitted for families of foreign prisoners given their especially long, often international, journeys to attend. Meals taken together normalizing visits as far as practical.	Local Initiative agreed nationally. Plans to rollout nationally	No costs to prison or prisoners.	Further Information from; https://prisonvoicemail.com/prisons kieran@prisonvoicemail.com or contact Mark James Hatch hmgs.gsi.gov.uk
5 23.1 Principles and Initiatives Foreign prisoners shall be allowed to keep themselves informed regularly of public affairs by subscribing to newspapers, periodicals or other publications in a language they understand.	Estonia; All detainees including foreigners, have the opportunity to subscribe to newspapers and journals (except for prohibited content). Newspapers and magazines can be in prisoner's mother tongue.	National		merike.tartu@just.ee
5 23.2 Principles and Initiatives To the extent possible, foreign prisoners shall be given access to radio or television broadcasts or other forms of communication in a language they understand.	Estonia; Prisoners can watch Estonian, Russian, and German-language channels on television	National		merike.tartu@just.ee
5 23.3 Principles and Initiatives Probation agencies, approved associations and volunteers providing support to foreign prisoners shall be given access to such prisoners who wish to have contact with them.				
5 24.1 Consular Representatives Foreign prisoners have the right to regular contact with their consular representatives.	Estonia; Foreign detainees always have the possibility to ask for contact information of their embassy from their contact person or any prison officer. Representatives of the embassy can come to prison to have a visit with the prisoner.	National		merike.tartu@just.ee
5 24.2 Consular Representatives Foreign prisoners shall be given reasonable facilities to communicate with their consular representatives.				
5 24.3 Consular Representatives Foreign prisoners who are without consular representation in the country in which they are detained have the right to regular contact and to facilities to communicate with representatives of the State which takes charge of their interests.				
5 24.4 Consular Representatives Foreign prisoners who are refugees, asylum seekers or stateless have the right to communicate with representatives of the national or international authorities whose task it is to serve the interests of such prisoners.				
5 25.1 Consular Representatives Prison authorities shall inform foreign prisoners about their right to request contact with their consular representatives or representatives of national or international authorities whose task it is to serve their interests.				
5 25.2 Consular Representatives Prison authorities shall, subject to the prisoner's request, inform consular representatives about their nationals held in prison.				
5 25.3 Consular Representatives Prison authorities shall co-operate fully with consular representatives and national or international authorities whose task it is to serve the interests of foreign prisoners.				
5 25.4 Consular Representatives Prison authorities shall keep a record of instances where foreign prisoners waive their right to contact their consular representatives and of visits by consular representatives to foreign prisoners.				