



**EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Ad-hoc query “Experience of MS in installing modern barriers/fences in their detention centres for irregular migrants”**

Requested by Mantas JERSOVAS on 5th June 2017

**Irregular Migration**

Responses from Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (21 in total)

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### Background information:


State border guard service (SBGS) of the Republic of Lithuania is planning to renovate the Foreigners' registration centre where irregular migrants and returnees are being detained. The SBGS plans to install a fence/barrier around the centre. The aim is to install a modern fence which do not evoke negative emotions to persons hosted in the Center but which at the same time would prevent unlawful departures. The SBGS would like to find and learn from examples of other MS which have installed modern fences/barriers in their detention centres.






We understand that this is a rather non-standard request but since we could not think of any other channel to get requested information we decided to contact the EMN NCPs.




### Questions




1. 1. Has your MS installed modern fences/barriers in migrant detention centres?
2. 2. If yes, could you share any link, photo, description of it?
3. 3. Would it possible to receive a contact of the centre so that the Lithuanian SBGS could contact them directly?





### Responses


	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Belgium	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Yes. A. Caricole: this is the most recent detention centre and was taken into service in 2012. The main building is circular. The inner courtyard can be used for sports or other recreational activities. This way privacy for residents and security is provided in a discrete manner. Around the main building is a fence which is 4 metres high (brand: Betafence). B. 127bis: double fence which is 4 metres high. C. Detention centre Bruges: around the inner courtyard is a fence of 4 metres high. D. Detention centre Merksplas: fence which is 6 metres high. E. Detention centre Vottem: on the inner courtyard there's a double fence (5 and 6 metres high), the fence on the outside perimeter is 2 metres high and covered with plants.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Please see attached document.</p>




			3. emn@ibz.fgov.be (the Belgian NCP will then forward the e-mail to the competent official)
	Croatia	Yes	<p>1. 1. Yes. The yard of the detention center is surrounded by the walls and fences which are 4 meters high.</p> <p>2. 2. See the attached photo.</p> <p>3. 3. uzg@mup.hr</p>
	Cyprus	Yes	<p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. Please see supporting documents</p> <p>3. Name: Ms Pantelitsa PATSALIDOU Address: Mennogia Detention Center, 7578 Larnaca, Cyprus Telephone: +357 24 804906 Email Address: ppatsalidou@police.gov.cy Organisation: Cyprus Police - Aliens and Immigration Unit</p>
	Czech Republic	No	
	Estonia	Yes	<p>1. Detention center in Estonia is a closed center which is surrounded by an external fence with a barbwire. Wood is also used in the construction of the fence.</p> <p>2. See the attachment.</p> <p>3. The director of the detention center is Kristo Lensment. E-mail: kristo.lensment@politsei.ee</p>
	Finland	Yes	<p>1. No. The two detention units in Finland, Joutseno and Metsälä, are surrounded by traditional chain-link fences, forced by razor-wire.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>

			3. N/A
	France	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> NO Please note that France has no modern fences such as mentioned in the AHQ. French detention centres have 'classic' grid / barriers, with automatic-door opening, which are under control 24 hours a day. Areas around detention centres benefit from traditional fences.</p> <p><b>2.</b> n/a</p> <p><b>3.</b> n/a</p>
	Germany	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Before answering the questions asked, it has to be made clear that the answers will only concern detention centres in Germany. Other means of housing immigrants, such as reception centres or registration centres will not be covered by the answers, since migrants are not being detained there. Detained persons are housed in separated areas in a limited number of prisons in accordance with the conditions of detention specified in Article 16 of the EU Directive 2008/115/EC. No new barriers or fences have been installed, since the security measures of German prisons are deemed more than adequate for housing detained persons.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Since any fences and barriers of the detention centres are part of regular German prisons, it is not seen as necessary to provide photos or descriptions.</p> <p><b>3.</b> The administration of detention centres falls under the jurisdiction of the federal states (Bundesländer). Further information should be requested at the Ministries of the Interior of the states maintaining detention centres. The following federal states maintain detention centres: Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria (Bayern), Bremen (Freie Hansestadt Bremen), Hamburg (Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg), Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), North Rhine-Westphalia (Nordrhein-Westfalen), Rhineland-Palatinate (Rheinland-Pfalz)</p>
	Hungary	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Yes.</p>

			<p>2. Please see the attached document with pictures.</p> <p>3. If there are any questions regarding detention centers, please contact the following person: dr. jur. Gergely Bajnóczi pol. major executive officer National Police Headquarters General Directorate of Law Enforcement Department of Border Policing Division of Alien Policing tel.: +36-1-443-5445 or +36-1-443-5063 e-mail: idrendo@orfk.police.hu or bajnoczig@orfk.police.hu</p>
	Ireland	Yes	<p>1. Ireland does not operate immigrant detention centres.</p> <p>2. N/A</p> <p>3. N/A</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. There are 2 detained foreigners accommodation centres in Latvia: one in Daugavpils city and another in Riga region (centre Mucenieki). Both centres are provided with fences. There is a brick made wall in Detained Foreigners Accommodation centre "Daugavpils" which is 3 metres high. There is a concrete fence in Detained Foreigners Accommodation centre "Mucenieki" which is 3 metres high.</p> <p>2. It is not possible to provide photos and links of the above-mentioned centres, fences. The Lithuanian SBGS are welcomed to contact the State Border Guard of Latvia in case of willingness to visit the above-mentioned Detained Foreigners Accommodation centres.</p> <p>3. Contact information is provided to LT NCP by email.</p>
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. No. The Luxembourg Detention Center is a closed center so it has an external fence with barbwire.</p> <p>2. N/A.</p> <p>3. Vincent Sybertz  26755-100 . Fax (+352) 26755-540      -105 Directeur Centre de rétention  E-mail : vincent.sybertz@cr.etat.lu</p>

	Malta	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> We do not have any modern fences. Our fences are made of chain link or iron bars.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Mario Schembri Head t +356 22493324 e mario.a.schembri@gov.mt</p>
	Netherlands	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Yes, all of our detentions centres have a modern fence and/or barrier.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Please see the attached document.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Please send an e-mail to EMN@ind.minvenj.nl for the contact details.</p>
	Poland	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Area of the Guarded Centres for Foreigners is protected by a fence (of metal or concrete) with a height not lower than 3 m. The fence is finished with inward-facing cranked extensions (1 to 1.5 m long) and stretched barbed wire. Moreover, an internal fence is made of metal mesh with a height not lower than 2 m, which terminates with cranked extensions 0.5 m long with stretched barbed wire, is used. Between the fences (external and internal) there is a well-lit protective strip at least 3 m wide.</p> <p><b>2.</b> This is not a modern solution. It is used in most Guarded Centers for Foreigners in the EU, hence we do not attach the photos. In Polish Border Guard's opinion a good option (additional but not to replace the fence) is the installation the montion sensor on the external fence.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Jacek Dederko Head of the Guarded Centers for Foreigners in Białystok tel. +48721960848 email: jacek.dederko@strazgraniczna.pl</p>
	Portugal	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> PT (SEF - Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service) is currently remodelling a building which will become a temporary migrant detention centre. A modern fence has already been installed.</p> <p><b>2.</b> PT (SEF - Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service) is currently remodelling a building which will become a temporary migrant detention centre. A modern fence has already been installed.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Yes, please see the annex for photos. The description is the following: DESCRIPTION This</p>

			<p>Description refers to one of the most important requirements for installing a Lodging Unit for foreign citizens, that is, the facilities' perimeter security using net panel fences. Very much used in European facilities, these security fences must have: - Approximately 4 m high; - Discreet visual impact in the environment - A structure designed to prevent climbing, presenting a higher delay factor when compared to conventional fences; - Good frontal or even angle visibility, which is important so that surveillance cameras may be used; - Compatibility with electronic alarm devices and surveillance systems, e.g. sensors, and to equipments that allow cables and optic fibre to pass through;</p> <p><b>4.</b> Yes, please see the annex for photos. The description is the following: DESCRIPTION This Description refers to one of the most important requirements for installing a Lodging Unit for foreign citizens, that is, the facilities' perimeter security using net panel fences. Very much used in European facilities, these security fences must have: - Approximately 4 m high; - Discreet visual impact in the environment - A structure designed to prevent climbing, presenting a higher delay factor when compared to conventional fences; - Good frontal or even angle visibility, which is important so that surveillance cameras may be used; - Compatibility with electronic alarm devices and surveillance systems, e.g. sensors, and to equipments that allow cables and optic fibre to pass through;</p> <p><b>5.</b> Since the centre is not yet in function, contacts may be made through PT EMN NCP, which is a department (GEPF) within SEF.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Since the centre is not yet in function, contacts may be made through PT EMN NCP, which is a department (GEPF) within SEF.</p>
	Slovak Republic	No	
	Slovenia	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> We apply the panel fences with barb wire on the top. The height of the panel fence is 2.5 meters. It can be set or removed quite quickly. It stands on the ground support, which is placed into the ground in a solid manner.</p> <p><b>2.</b> see the attached photo</p>

			<p><b>3.</b> The contact mail address is smp@policija.si</p>
	Sweden	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> Sweden has not installed fences/barriers in the past, but are in the process of installing fences in some centers where the building layout presents a problem with courtyard areas or otherwise weak spots. No fences are in place at the moment.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Swedish Migration Agency are considering the following type of fence with a high security-level and a good degree of see-through. Non-climb fences of the type Securifor type 358  <a href="https://www.betafence.com/en/securifor-358-singleskin-0">https://www.betafence.com/en/securifor-358-singleskin-0</a> <a href="http://www.fhbrundle.com/fenc-securifor358.htm">http://www.fhbrundle.com/fenc-securifor358.htm</a></p> <p><b>3.</b> All security-installations and other security related concerns should be addressed to the Department of Detentions security coordinator Johan Lusth <a href="mailto:Johan.lusth@migrationsverket.se">Johan.lusth@migrationsverket.se</a></p>
	United Kingdom	No	
	Norway	Yes	<p><b>1.</b> This measure is not considered relevant in Norway</p> <p><b>2.</b> See reply to question 1</p> <p><b>3.</b> See reply to question 1.</p>