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Abstract: The National Administration of the Penitentiaries is part of Romania's system of public order and national safety. Regarding the penitentiary system applied to the cabined persons, Romania is in the swim of alignment to the European standards. At present, The National Administration of the Penitentiaries has in custody 28455 prisoners. They are distributed in penitentiaries and 3 reformatory centers. Bearing in mind our integration in EU, The National Administration of the Penitentiaries unreels a series of collaborations for the development of the penitentiary units and for the improvement of the activity of the penitentiary system, having some well-established projects with Germany, Holland, Hungary and the Republic of Moldavia.