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## The probation officer as a key person in probation work

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# Norway in a Nutshell



**One Correctional Service:** Prison and Probation fully integrated since 2001

**Prisons:**

**3 400 cells**

**12 000 entries per year**

**Prison-population rate 75**

**Probation:**

**2 700 community sentences per year**

**475 drunk driving programme sentences**

**2 Drug Court pilot projects since 2006**

**And:** 440 offenders with a prison sentence in drug treatment institutions

## Let the wisest person make the decision...



- The court decides on the type and the duration of the sanction



- The correctional service decides on its contents

## **A measure of last resort...**



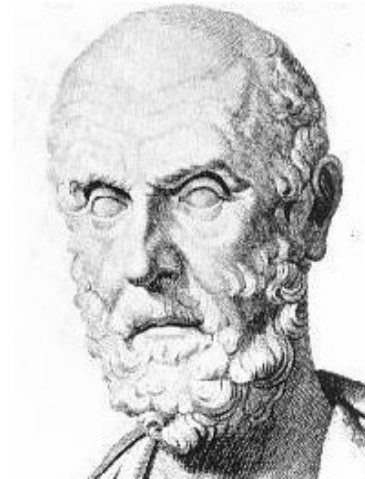
## **What do we want for Norway?**

**“Corrections that really work –  
not just corrections for punishment”**



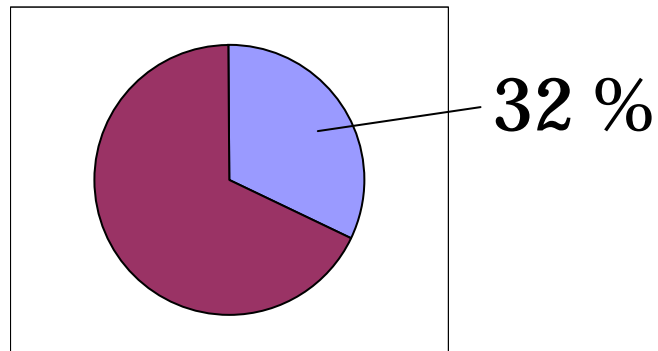
# Principles

- **Breaking the law must never be accepted**
- **In sanctioning we must consider the safety of the community – but save us from myopia!**
- **”Primum non nocere” –  
”above all, do not harm”**



## Sentence and sensibility

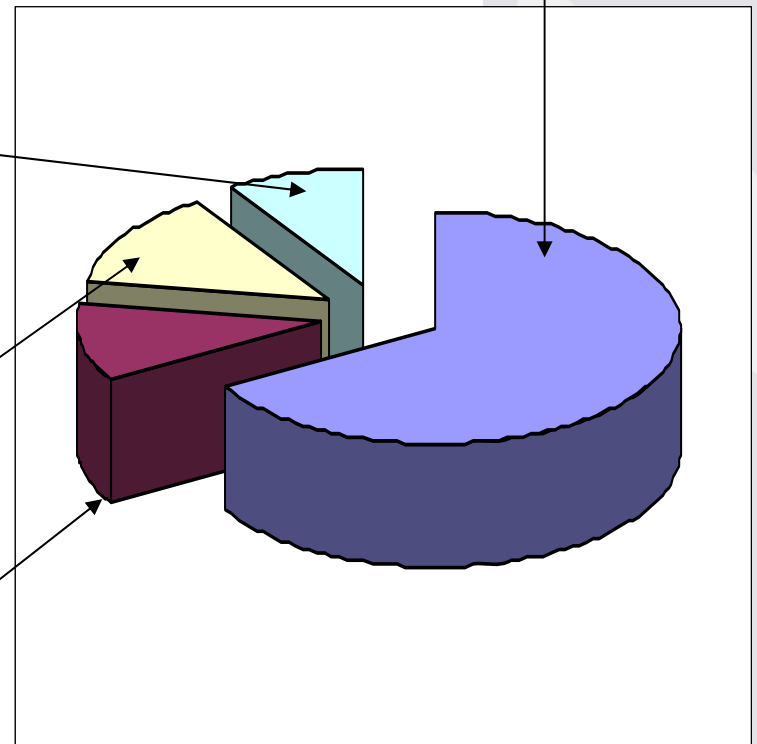
- **12 078** entries to prison in 2006
- **3 934** of these in remand custody
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- **8 144** were new sentences
- **2 622** of these were 1 month or less





# The tasks of the probation officer

- Execution of community sentences (65 %)
- Execution of the Drunk Driving Programme (11 %)
- Preparing pre-trial reports (13 %)
- Supervising conditional release from prison (9 %)





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