

prison photo project

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the portuguese prison photo project

provides an insight into seven contemporary prisons of Portugal. From the largest and oldest dating back to the 1880s to the newest ones opened in 2004, these estabelecimentos prisionais represent around a quarter of all detention places.

The photographs have been shot by a Portuguese and a Swiss photographer in 2016/2017. Their photographic approaches offer two completely different views. They are supplemented with historical pictures from state archives.

This exhibition of contemporary and historic prison photography is presented in the former prison building of Porto which accommodates today the Portuguese Center of Photography (CPF).

