Criminal Detention in the EU Conditions and Monitoring

National Standard

Country	Detention Issues	Key provision	Legal Instrument	NPM Recommendation	NPM Recommendation year	NPM report URL
Portugal	Foreign nationals	The execution of sentences involving deprivation of liberty applied to foreign detainees or those belonging to ethnic or linguistic minorities must, as far as possible, allow them to express their cultural values, mitigate any difficulties in social integration or in mastering the Portuguese language, namely by providing contacts with consular or diplomatic bodies or migrant support organizations, Portuguese language courses, translation of documents, or the intervention of interpreters.	Code on the Enforcement of Custodial Sentences and Measures	The NPM has suggested to directorates the use of the translation hotline of the High Commission for Migration (recently fused with the new Agency for Integration Migration and Asylum) as a good practice, especially for clarifying issues that require greater command of the language, which does not involve any additional costs (apart from those arising from a normal telephone call).	2022	https://www.provedor-jus.pt/documentos/Relato%CC%81rio_MNP_2022.pdf

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