

7th Workshop of Representatives of Detention Centers

23-24 September 2025

Prague, Czech Republic

Agenda and practical information

1. INTRODUCTION

EMN Luxembourg and EMN Czech Republic are pleased to invite **practitioners** to the **7th Workshop of Representatives of Detention Centers**. This event is co-organised with the Detention Centre of the Luxembourgish Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior and the Refugee Facilities Administration of the Czech Republic.

The workshop will take place in person on **23 and 24 September 2025 in Prague, Czech Republic**.

Participants are invited to register by 12 September 2025 COB via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/Rtix2ivYSJ>

2. AGENDA

23 September 2025	
09.00 – 9.30	Registration and morning coffee
09.30 – 9.45	Opening and welcome words <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavla Novotná, Director of the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic• Petr Pondělíček, Director of Refugee Facilities Administration of the Czech Republic• Nora Scholtes, Detention Centre, Luxembourg• Adolfo Sommarribas, EMN Luxembourg

09.45 – 10.15	Short introduction of the Czech system of detention centers Petr Pondělíček, Director of Refugee Facilities Administration of the Czech Republic
10.15 – 11.00	Presentation on the new legislation in relation to detentions (Pact on Asylum and Migration, Return Regulation) Representatives of the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior Followed by discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 11.45	Presentation by the Belgian Office of Foreigners on learning exchanges between the detention centers
11.45 – 13.00	Tour de table 1: Psychiatric clients
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Tour de table 2: Ways of activation and participation of clients by the provision of chores such as cleaning of common areas, food distribution, minor maintenance and gardening work, etc.
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner at Holešovická sedma (details in the Welcome dinner section below)

24 September 2025	
08.00 – 09.30	Transfer from the Ministry of the Interior to the Detention Center in Balková
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome of participants by the Head of Detention Center Balková
09.45 – 12.00	Tour of the center
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch
12.45 – 13.15	Presentation of the Center by the Head of Detention Center Balková
13.15-14.30	Discussion and Q&A
14.45	Departure from the Detention Center to the Ministry of the Interior

3. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The event will take place **in-person only** on 23 and 24 September 2025:

- **23 September 2025** – workshop at the Ministry of the Interior, meeting room 088, Nad štolou 936/3, Prague 7
(Google location of the venue <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Rrh1iR6jpop9qNFBA>)

! Please come on time and bring your ID for the registration, please note that you may be denied entry to the building without a valid ID.

- **24 September 2025** – visit to the detention center in Balková. (Google location of the venue <https://maps.app.goo.gl/68a7AY1e7E8VaQ4v6>). Transfer to the detention center from the Ministry of the Interior and back will be provided by the organisers. Please note that the detention center is situated in an area with a very limited mobile/data connection.

Detailed information about the visit can be found attached in a separate document.

IMPORTANT: The trip back can take longer due to the traffic situation, so please consider booking your flight for the following day. You should be able to catch a flight departing after 20:00 hours.

4. WELCOME DINNER

A dinner will take place on **23 September 2025** at **19.00** at **Holešovická sedma**, Dukelských Hrdinů 696/43, Praha 7 (Google location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPe82X4nC1WFaLbz9>).

The dinner will be buffet style, with a variety of options.

5. HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Hotel recommendations near the venue:

- [Hotel Belvedere Prague](#)
- [Mama Shelter](#)
- [Art Hotel Prague](#)

The cost of accommodation is covered by the participants.