

Antigone's European and Italian experience in monitoring detention conditions

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Born 1991

National headquarters in Rome

13 regional branches

Staff of 10 people and 250 volunteers

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INDIVIDUAL CASES

Handling around 500 requests per year from detainees and family members regarding issues related to their detention status and, more generally, the protection of fundamental rights in detention

STRATEGIC LITIGATION

Antigone is actively involved in 14 criminal cases across Italy, focusing on allegations of violence, torture, abuse, mistreatment, or deaths within penitentiary institutions

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

Antigone promotes advocacy campaigns and engages in dialogue with national and international bodies to influence penal execution policies and practices

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Antigone communicates about prisons to raise public awareness and sensitivity regarding the rights of individuals deprived of their personal liberty, making the invisible visible

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Antigone conducts research projects and publications, collaborating with national and international networks dedicated to protecting and promoting human rights in the penal sphere

PRISON MONITORING

Antigone directly observes and documents detention conditions in adult and juvenile facilities, then analyzes and shares the data to highlight realities within the penal system



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- 100 visits per year to the 206 adult and juvenile prisons
- Annual authorization by the MoJ with some limitations
- Training at central and local level
- Relationship with the prison administration

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- 16 member organizations in 13 different countries
- Coordinated researches
- Advocacy, at European and national level
- Information exchange

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