

Prison Conditions Monitoring Index: Methodology and Pilot Results

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Enhancing the Role of the Civil Society**

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Objective

- To meet the arising need for a comprehensive monitoring tool, which combines the human rights approach of visitation mechanisms and other known tools at national, regional or local level with a more managerial perspective

Methodology

- Based exclusively on statistical data
- Universally applicable: not dependent on the specificities of countries and prisons
- Linked to international standards
- Reflecting comparable situations outside prison
- Focused on (material) conditions only
- Designed to assess entire prisons
- Best applied on annual basis
- Producing comparable results

Indicators

- Main indicators
 - Living conditions (21 sub-indicators)
 - Social work, free time and contacts with the outside world (20 sub-indicators)
 - Security and safety (16 sub-indicators)
 - Employment (12 sub-indicators)
 - Healthcare (23 sub-indicators)

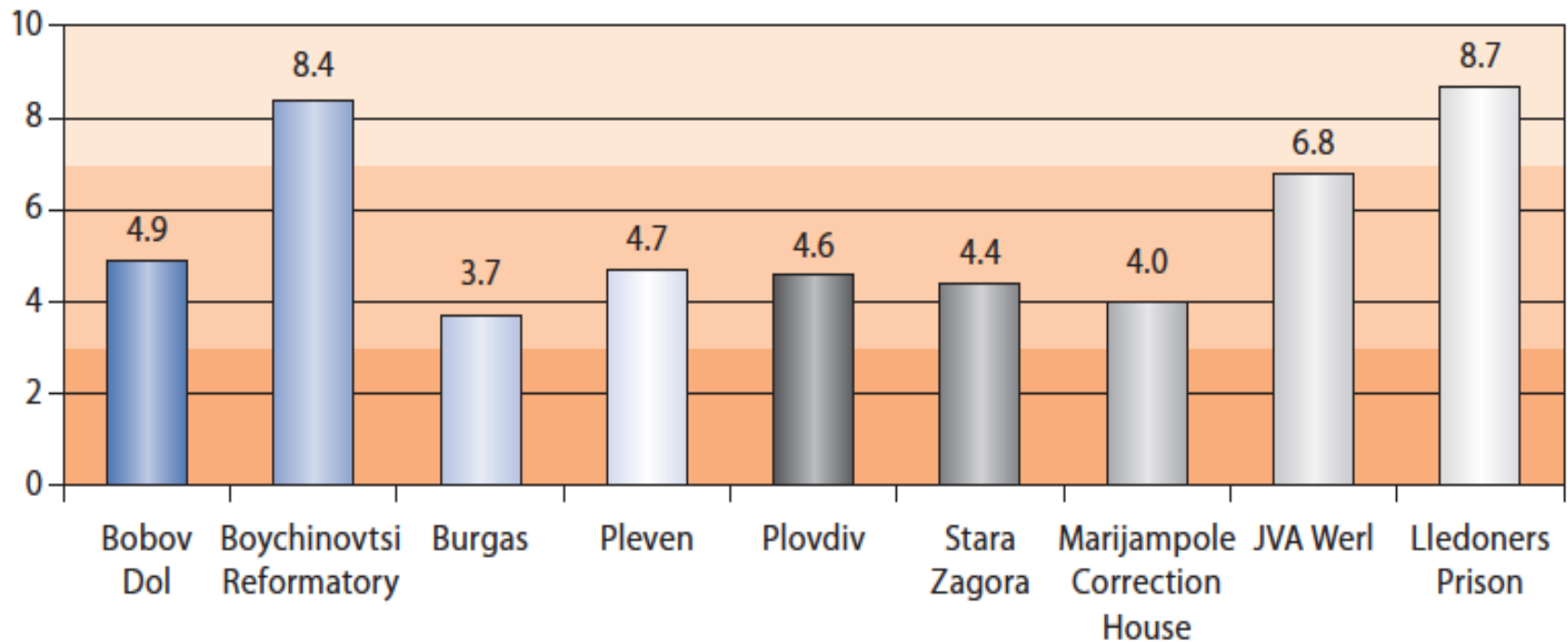
Pilot implementation

- **Bulgaria**
 - Bobov Dol Prison
 - Burgas Prison
 - Pleven Prison
 - Plovdiv Prison
 - Stara Zagora Prison
 - Boychinovtsi Reformatory
- **Germany**
 - Werl Prison
- **Lithuania**
 - Marijampole Correction House
- **Spain**
 - Lledoners Prison

Living conditions: sub-indicators

- Living area
- Occupancy
- Inmates in one cell
- Heating & ventilation
- Toilets
- Running water
- Alarm system
- Bath/shower
- Toiletries and cleaning materials
- Food
- Facility to obtain goods
- Windows (light, air, see-through)
- Clothes and shoes
- Bedding
- Complaints
- Access to the prison management

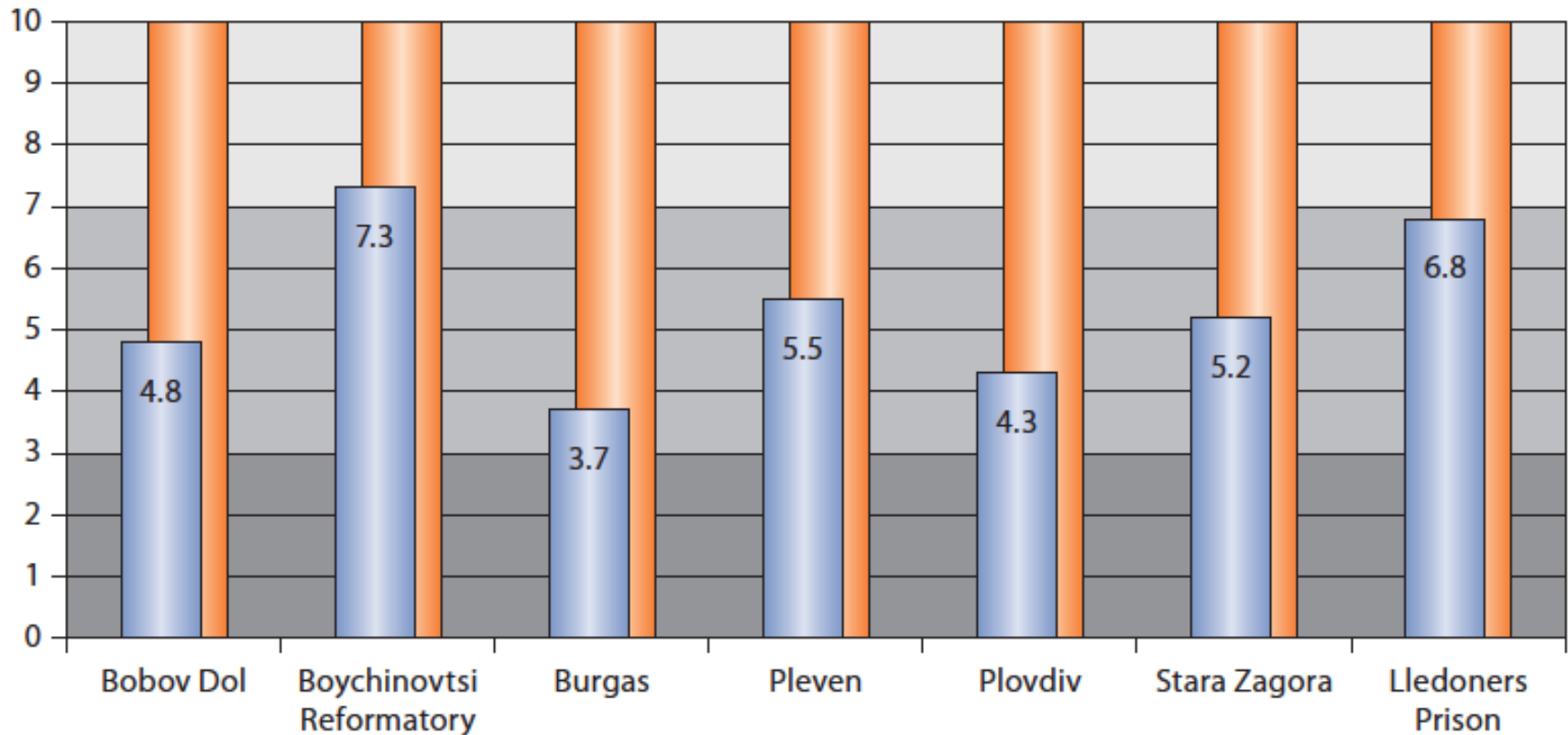
Living conditions: pilot results



Social work, free time and contacts with the outside world: sub-indicators

- Social workers
- Education capacity
- Time locked in the cell
- Prison leave
- Correspondence & phone calls
- Visits: regular & intimate
- Adaptation programme: upon entry & before release
- Time in the open
- Sport facilities
- Library
- Legislation and legal literature
- Newspapers
- Computers
- Internet
- Television

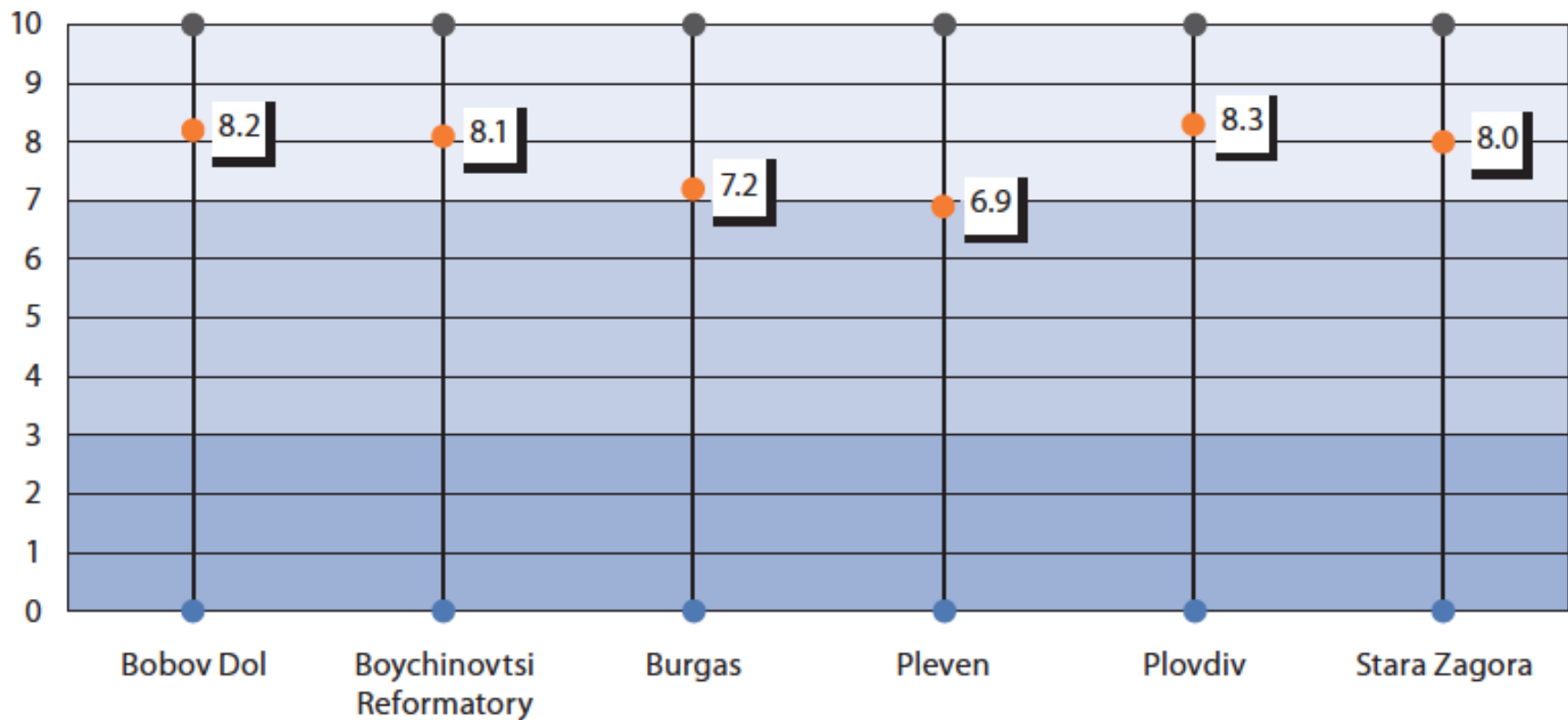
Social work, free time and contacts with the outside world: pilot results



Security and safety: sub-indicators

- Guards
- Violations: theft, damage, forbidden items & gambling
- Suicides
- Injuries: inmate-to-inmate, inmate-to-staff, staff-to-inmate & self-injuries
- Escapes
- Video control: perimeter fence, gates, common areas indoors, corridors, staircases & common areas outdoors
- Fire protection system: cells & common areas

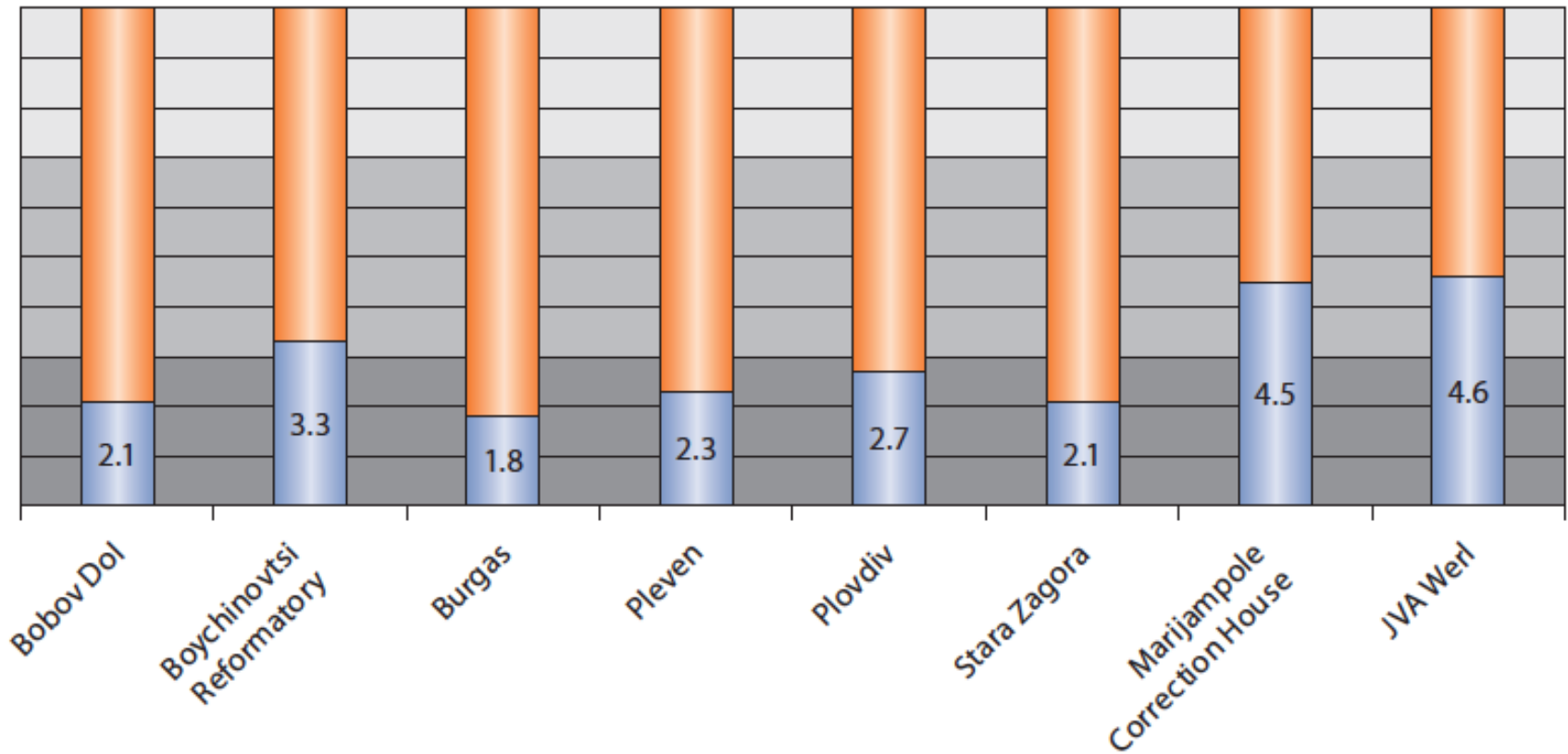
Security and safety: pilot results



Employment: sub-indicators

- Employment capacity
- Choice of job
- Jobs for inmates with disabilities: vision, hearing & mobility impairment
- Salary
- Social security: working & nonworking inmates
- Professional qualification/vocational training capacity
- Allowances for unemployed inmates
- Working time and days off
- Occupational safety and health

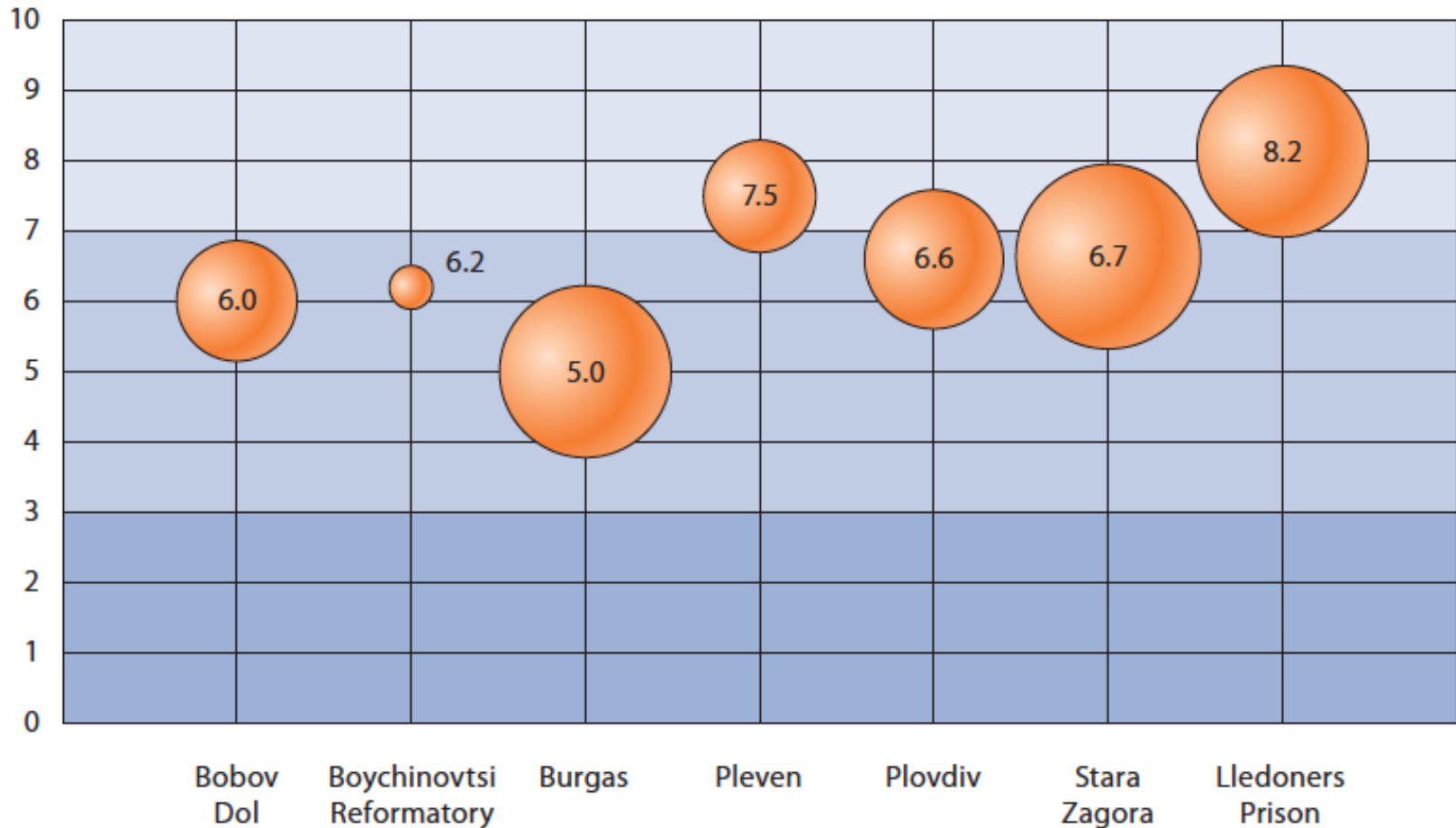
Employment: pilot results



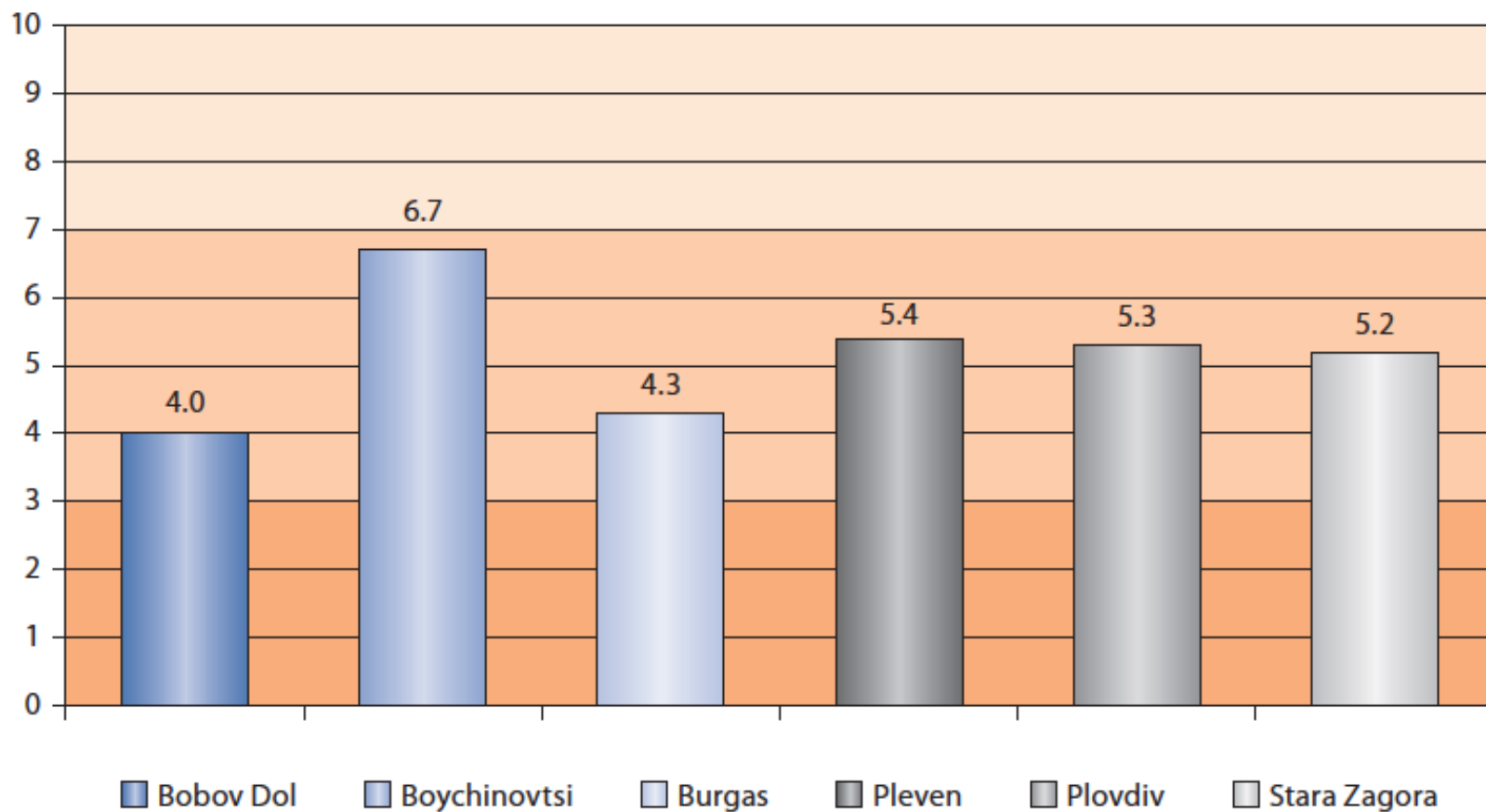
Healthcare: sub-indicators

- Health insurance
- General medical practitioners
- Nurses
- Dentists
- Psychologists
- Choice of doctor
- Inpatient treatment
- Medical examination: regular, upon entry & before release
- Transmittable diseases: tuberculosis, hepatitis B, hepatitis & HIV/AIDS
- Voluntary HIV testing
- Quarantine
- Medical visits to solitary confinement
- Sanitary inspections
- Prevention: syringes, substitute programmes & condoms

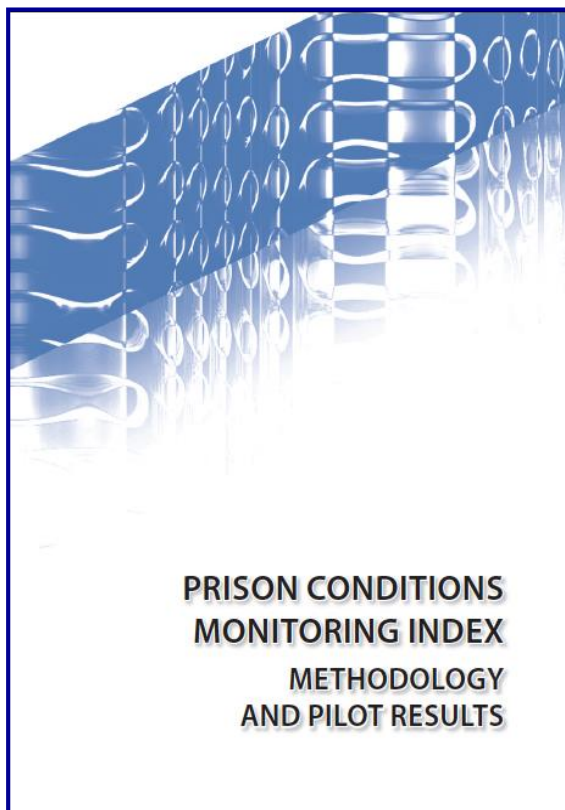
Healthcare: pilot results



PCMI: pilot results



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