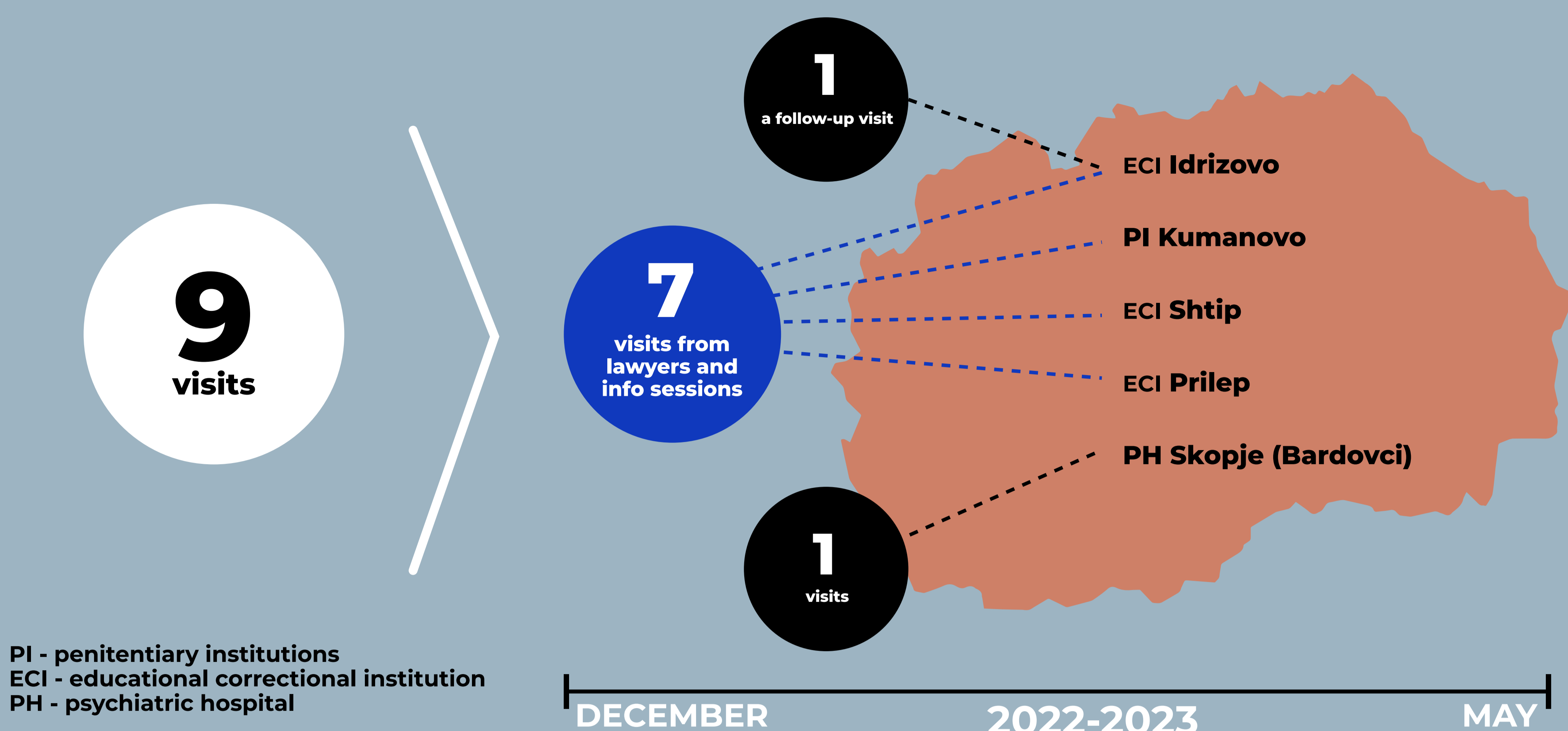
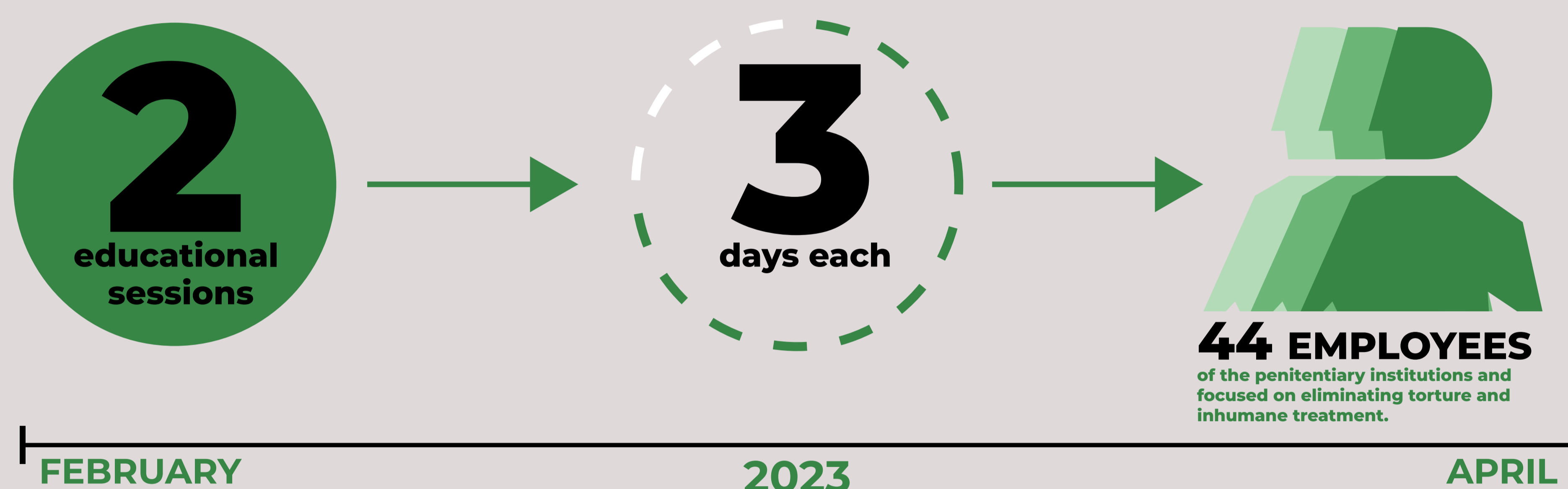


As part of the project "Fight against torture and inhumane treatment," the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights and the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association conducted:

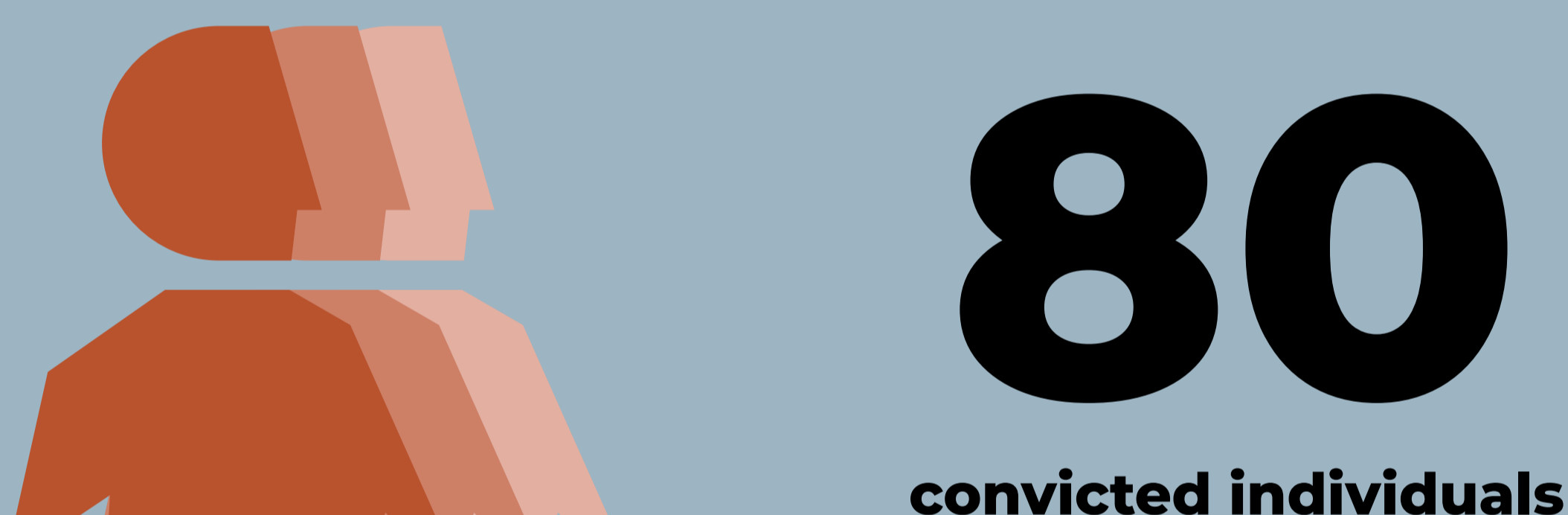


## CAPACITY STRENGTHENING



\* The sessions covered national and international standards and mechanisms for protection against torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, and punishment.

## PROVISION OF LEGAL AID



Access to healthcare during their prison sentences.	
Conditions in the penitentiary institutions.	
Overcrowding in penitentiary institutions.	
Parole.	11 proposals submitted to the court !
Requests for amenities.	8 submitted !
Transfer to another penitentiary institution.	

## COURT PRACTICE FOR CASES REPRESENTED WITHIN THE PROJECT

### MAY

In May 2023, the Court of Appeal in Skopje modified the effective prison sentence of 1 year for a police officer from Bitola who was found guilty of the crime of "Maltreatment in the performance of duty" under Article 143 paragraph 1 c.v. 22 of the Criminal Code. The sentence was changed to a penalty section, meaning that the one-year sentence would not be carried out if the accused did not commit a new criminal offense within 3 years after the verdict became final. The case involved police brutality that occurred in Bitola in September 2020, which was documented and shared on social networks.

In May 2023, the Basic Criminal Court of Skopje made a decision in line with the proposal of a convicted woman for conditional discharge and released her from serving a prison sentence. The parole period lasts six months.

## STRATEGIC REPRESENTATION



Held for a case involving the legal representation of an injured party before the Basic Criminal Court in Skopje. The case revolved around the use of excessive physical force and means of coercion by a police officer.

## INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION

