

Objective

This seminar will focus on the work of the Council of Europe and international bodies in improving conditions related to detention.

Key topics

- Pros and cons of the revised UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners ('Nelson Mandela Rules')
- The work of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) and its cooperation with the National Preventive Mechanisms (NPM)
- The Council of Europe's legal body of recommendations, conventions and resolutions, in particular the European Prison Rules
- The work of the Council of Europe, its Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), and Council for Penological Cooperation (CP-PC) in the field of detention
- Initiatives and solutions regarding prison overcrowding, the prevention of radicalisation in prison, and foreign national prisoners
- Looking beyond: the situation regarding immigration detention and alternatives to immigration detention in the EU

Who should attend?

Officials from prison administrations, the probation system and prison monitoring bodies, ministry officials, and officials from judicial training institutions, judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in private practice.

Speakers

Catalin Bejan, Director General, National, Administration of Penitentiaries, EuroPris Board Member, Bucharest

Marija Definis-Gojanović, Medical Doctor, Member of UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), Geneva

Marie De Pauw, Prison Governor, Representative of the Belgian Prison Service, Brussels

Natacha De Roeck, Head of HELP Unit, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Mauro Palma, former President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, National Ombudsman for the Rights of Persons Detained or Deprived of their Liberty, Rome

Xavier Ronsin, Director of the French National School for the Judiciary (ENM), Paris; Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Olivia Rope, Programme Officer, Penal Reform International, London

Alessio Scandurra, Coordinator, Antigone (Observatory on Prison Conditions in Italy), Rome

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SUPERVISING MATTERS RELATED TO DETENTION

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES' WORK IN IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS

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Thursday, 23 June 2016

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Natacha De Roeck and Cornelia Riehle

I. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WORK IN IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS
Chair: Cornelia Riehle

09:20 **The Council of Europe standard-setting work related to prisons and probation and its impact in practice**
Iliana Taneva

09:45 **Preventing torture and ill-treatment of persons in detention: the impact of the Council of Europe's anti-torture committee (CPT) on detention facilities in Europe**
Xavier Ronsin

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **The role of prison and probation services to identify, prevent and deal with radicalisation and violent extremism: new guidelines of the Council for Penological Cooperation**
Mauro Palma

11:30 **The need to improve education, mental healthcare and restorative justice in prison and probation in Europe**
Catalin Bejan

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

II. UN STANDARDS TO PROMOTE BETTER TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND EFFECTIVE MONITORING
Chair: Mauro Palma

14:00 **The Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) and its cooperation with the National Preventive Mechanisms (NPM)**
Marija Definis-Gojanović

14:30 **The influence of National Preventive Mechanisms (NPM) on legal and practical reforms regarding detention conditions – a practical example**

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **The 'Nelson Mandela Rules': novelties under the revised UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners**
Olivia Rope

16:45 **Panel discussion: Tools of international supervision – comparing the Nelson Mandela Rules with the European Prison Rules**
Marija Definis-Gojanović
Olivia Rope (Chair)
Alessio Scandurra
Iliana Taneva

17:15 Discussion

17:45 End of the first day

19:30 Dinner

Friday, 24 June 2016

III. ACTIONS ON IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS: BEST PRACTICE ON THE BASIS OF MEMBER STATES' EXPERIENCES
Chair: Marija Definis-Gojanović

09:00 **From contracting prisons abroad to alternatives to imprisonment: solutions to prison overcrowding in the EU Member States**
Alessio Scandurra

09:45 **Foreign national prisoners – the Belgian experience**
Marie De Pauw

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

IV. THE BIG PICTURE: THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING IMMIGRANT DETENTION IN THE EU
Chair: Cornelia Riehle

11:30 **Similarities, differences and best practices regarding immigrant detention and alternatives in the EU Member States**

12:15 Discussion

12:45 End of seminar

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