

## THE EUROPEAN NPM PROJECT

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**A COUNCIL OF EUROPE/ EUROPEAN COMMISSION JOINT PROGRAMME:**  
“Setting up an active network of national preventive mechanisms against torture,  
an activity of the Peer-to-Peer Network”

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Thematic NPM Workshop**

**“Methodology: Preparation and planning strategies for an NPM Visit”**

Yerevan, Armenia 13-14 October 2010

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

A meeting co-organised with, and hosted by:

**The NPM of Armenia**  
**The Human Rights Defender for the Republic of Armenia**

## **Tuesday, 12 October 2010**

*Arrival of participants*

20.30 *Dinner at the Ani Plaza Hotel, 19 Sayat Nova Avenue, 0001 Yerevan*

## **Wednesday, 13 October 2010**

### **9.00 – 10.00 Welcome address**

Mr. Tigran Sargsyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. Armen Harutyunyan, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia`

Chair: Markus Jaeger, Head of Legislative Support and National Human Rights Structures Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

Victor Rodriguez Rescia, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT)

Mario Felice, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of Malta

### **Working Session I**

#### **Overall legal framework and information gathering and analysis**

#### **10.00 – 11.00 Preparation: collection of information for analysis and knowledge preparation**

Silvia Casale, (former President of the CPT and the SPT) Consultant (London), European NPM Project Adviser

**Question and Answer Session (Q&A):** All participants

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

#### **11.30 – 12.30 Preparation: Sifting and analysis of the relevant information collected; and consideration of tools needed**

Mari Amos, Representative of the NPM of Estonia

**Question and Answer Session (Q&A):** All participants

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch at Hotel*

### **Working Session II: Structuring the visit**

**14.00 – 15.00 Selection criteria of establishments to visit; and Deciding on the focus/objectives of the visit**

Esther Schaufelberger, Programme Officer for the Middle East, the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)

**Q & A and discussion:** All participants

**15.00 - 16.00 Deciding on the type of Visit**

Marcin Kusy, Representative of the NPM of Poland  
*Reasons for choosing to do mostly unannounced visits*

Igor Aljošin, Representative of the NPM of Estonia  
*Reasons for choosing to do mostly announced visits*

**Discussion:** All participants

*16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break*

**16.30 – 17.30 Composition of visiting NPM team and matters for experts; and Medical aspects to planning a visit**

Andres Lehtmets, former Member of the CPT and Head of the Centre of Psychiatry, West - Tallinn Central Hospital, Estonia

**Q & A and discussion:** All participants

**17.30 – 18.30 Distribution of work within the NPM team; and training by the NPM of team members**

Victor Rodriguez Rescia, Chairman of the SPT

**Q & A and discussion:** All participants

*19.30 Dinner at Parvana Restaurant, Yerevan*

**Thursday 14 October**

**09.00 – 10.00 Frequency of visits; and Timeframe of visit**

Ivan Selih, Representative of the NPM of Slovenia

**Round-Table discussion:** with all participants  
Chair to launch a Round-Table NPM discussion: with interventions from international experts

**10.00 - 10.45 Regrouping, debriefing and triangulation**

Mario Felice, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of Malta

**Q & A and discussion:** All participants

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

**11.15 -12.15 Interview strategy**

Tanya Norton, Detention Monitoring Adviser, APT

**Q & A:** All participants

**12.15 -13.00 Preparation & media strategy**

Mario Felice, member of the CPT in respect of Malta

Ervin Karamuco, Representative of the NPM of Albania

**Discussion in Plenary:** all participants

13.00 – 14.15 *Lunch at the Hotel*

**Working Session III: National experiences: the planning of a visit**

Brief introduction to Working Session III: Francesca Gordon, Project Manager of the European NPM Project

**14.15 – 15.45 National experiences in planning a visit**

**14.15 – 15.00 NPM experiences in planning a visit**

Louise Falshaw, Representative of the NPM of the United Kingdom

**15.00 – 15.45 NPM experiences in planning a visit**

Carmen Comas-Mata Mira, Representative of the NPM of Spain

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee Break*

**16.15 – 17.00 Discussion in Plenary on national experiences:** all participants

**17.00 – 17.45 Close**

Mr. Armen Harutyunyan, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

Markus Jaeger, Council of Europe, Chair

Victor Rodriguez Rescia, Chairman of the SPT

Mario Felice, Member of the CPT in respect of Malta

17.45 – 19.15 *Tour of Armenian NPM's offices / and/or Town tour*

19.30 *Dinner at Ashtaraki Dzor restaurant, Yerevan*

**Friday, 15 October 2010**

*Departure from Yerevan or optional tour and excursions on Friday 15 October<sup>1</sup>*

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Interpretation will be in: Russian, Spanish and English

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<sup>1</sup> Optional and self-funded activity day organised by the Armenian NPM