

**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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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of European NPM Contact Persons**

Padua (Italy), 27-28 January 2010

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

A meeting co-organised with:



**University of Padua  
Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights  
and the Rights of Peoples**

Tuesday, 26 January 2010

*Arrival of participants*

20.00 *Dinner at the Hotel Plaza*

Wednesday, 27 January 2010

9.30 – 10.00 **Opening Session**

**Welcome address**

Marco Mascia, Director, Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and Peoples Rights, University of Padua

**Opening of the meeting**

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

Raphaël FIŠERA

Human Rights and Democratisation, Directorate General for External Relations, European Commission (tbc)

10.00 – 12.30 **Working Session on substance: the concept of preventive monitoring (as opposed to the complaints-based monitoring)**

10.00 – 11.00 **The concept of preventive monitoring**

Tanya Norton, Detention Monitoring Adviser, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Combining complaints handling with preventive monitoring**

Silvia Casale, Consultant (London), Project Advisor

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch at Hotel Plaza*

14.00 – 17.30 **The concept of preventive monitoring and the respective roles of the SPT, the CPT and the NPMs**

14.00 – 14.45 **The role of the SPT**

Hans Draminsky Petersen, Vice-President of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT), and Malcolm Evans, Member of the SPT

14.45– 15.30 **The role of the CPT**

Renate Kicker, Former Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 16.45 **The role of the NPMs**

Teo Batsikadze, Contact Person of the NPM of Georgia, and Ewa Dawidziuk, Contact Person of the NPM of Poland

16.45 – 17.30 **Discussion on respective roles**

20.30 *Dinner at Restaurant “alle Piazze da Giorgio”*

Thursday, 28 January 2010

9.30 – 17.00 **Second Working Session: Deciding the work-programme of the European NPM Network in 2010-2011**

9.30 – 10.00 **Introduction to the envisaged workplan**

Francesca Gordon, Project Manager of the European NPM Project, National Human Rights Structures Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

10.00 – 11.00 **Agreeing on dates, places, modalities and themes of the thematic workshops in 2010 and 2011**

**Introduction of ideas for themes for thematic workshops**

Silvia Casale

**Tour de table on themes and discussion:** All participants

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Tour de table and discussion (con'd):** All participants

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch at Hotel Plaza*

14.00 – 15.15 **Discussion of modalities of the On-site exchanges of experiences with NPMs in 2010**

**Introduction and summary of NPM Pilot Project in Estonia**

Mari Amos, Contact Person of the NPM of Estonia

**Practical modalities of co-organising an On-site exchange of experiences**

Markus Jaeger

**Discussion:** All participants

15.15 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.00 **Outline of the other activities of the European NPM Project: Heads of the NPM meetings, Annual meetings of the NPM Contact Persons and the regular European NPM Newsletter**

Markus Jaeger, Francesca Gordon and Stefano Valenti, Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and Peoples Rights, University of Padua

17.00 – 17.30 **Winding-up**

Markus Jaeger, Francesca Gordon and Stefano Valenti

20.00 *Dinner at Restaurant "alle Piazze da Giorgio"*

Friday, 29 January 2010

*Departure from Padua*

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***Please note that exceptionally the only language used at the meeting will be English***