

## Objective

This second seminar in a series co-funded by the European Commission will focus on the work of the Council of Europe and international bodies in improving conditions related to detention.

## Key topics

- Work of the Council of Europe and its European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) in the field of detention
- The Council of Europe's legal body of recommendations, conventions and resolutions, in particular the European Prison Rules
- UN Optional Protocol against Torture (OPCAT) and national preventive mechanisms
- Alternatives to imprisonment, actions on improving detention conditions and improving prison monitoring coordination among key actors.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, ministry officials and officials from prison administrations, the probation system and prison monitoring bodies.

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

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## Thursday, 7 May 2015

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction**  
*Ramin Farinpour*
- I.** **THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WORK IN IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS**  
*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*
- 09:10 **Setting the scene: Managing prisons in Europe – practical implications**  
*Ilvija Puce*
- 09:45 **The Council of Europe's body of conventions and recommendations: from the European Prison to the Probation Rules and their implementation in the EU**  
*Mauro Palma*
- 10:30 **The Council for Penological Cooperation and its impact in developing European standards in the prison and probation field – an overview**  
*Mauro Palma*
- 10:50 Discussion
- 11:05 Coffee break
- 11:30 **The CPT's work under the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment – reporting on ill-treatment**  
*James McManus*
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

## II.

### UN STANDARDS TO PROMOTE BETTER TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND EFFECTIVE MONITORING

*Chair: Ilvija Puce*

- 13:30 **The UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, OPCAT and the need for National Preventive Mechanisms (NPM)**  
*Andrea Huber*
- 14:00 **The Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) – monitoring and reporting on detention conditions**  
*Marija Definis-Gojanović*
- 14:30 **The functioning of an NPM and its relationship with the SPT: the example of Spain**  
*Esther Pino*
- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee break

## III.

### ACTIONS ON IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS: BEST PRACTICE ON THE BASIS OF MEMBER STATES' EXPERIENCES

*Chair: Esther Pino*

- 16:00 **Prison overcrowding: the Latvian experience**  
*Ilvija Puce*
- 16:30 **The role of the judiciary in handing down alternative sanctions in sentences**
- 17:00 **Women, children and juveniles: the need for special care**  
*Cédric Foussard*
- 17:30 Discussion
- 18:00 End of the first day
- 19:30 Dinner

## Friday, 8 May 2015

- 09:00 **Foreign national prisoners: a Member State's perspective**
- IV.** **ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT**  
*Chair: Mauro Palma*
- 09:30 **The need for alternatives: the impact of physical prison conditions in the context of pre-trial detention – video case studies**  
*Jemima Hartshorn*
- 10:00 **Probationary measures as an effective alternative**  
*Willem van der Brugge*
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Panel discussion: The most effective way forward to ensure better prison monitoring coordination and possible alternatives to detention**  
*Willem van der Brugge, Alessio Bruni, Cédric Foussard, Nick Hammond, Esther Pino, Ilvija Puce*
- 12:45 **Participant discussion: Identifying important features to enhance prison conditions, monitoring and possible alternative sanctions on the basis of participants' own experiences**
- 13:30 Lunch and end of seminar

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