



European Union



International Conference "Global, regional and national mechanisms for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment: learning from one other"

Celebrating 25 years of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture

12-13 November, Riga, Latvia

Venue:

Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Elizabetes iela 55 12 November
Ministry of Interior, Čiekurkalna 1. līnija 1, korp. 2 13 November

Target groups: representatives of independent monitoring bodies, decision makers, civil servants, prosecutors, prison and police officials, civil society actors

Conference aims:

- to assess the impact of CPT and other human rights mechanisms on the developments in prisons and police detention facilities in the Latvia and other Baltic States
- to raise awareness on the UN OPCAT and existing NPM models in the region
- to share the experiences among the Baltic states how to ensure independent monitoring of places of detention at national level
- to raise the awareness about CPT standards to practitioners (prison doctors, policemen, etc.)

12 November

9:00-9:30 *Registration, coffee*

Opening

9:30-9:40 Jānis Iesalnieks, Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Justice, Latvia

9:40-9:50 Latif Huseynov, President of the CPT

9:50-10:00 Anhelita Kamenska, Director, Latvian Centre for Human Rights

Moderated by Ilvija Pūce, project coordinator, Latvian Centre for Human Rights
member of CPT in respect of Latvia

10:00-10:40 Silvia Casale, independent consultant, former president of the CPT and SPT
*Global (UN SPT), regional (CoE CPT) and national independent monitoring mechanisms,
their role and importance*

10:40-11:10 Latif Huseynov, President of the CPT

CPT and Latvia; future prospects of the CPT

- 11:10-11:40 Questions and discussion
- 11:40-12:10 *Coffee*
- 12:10-12:30 Olga Zeile, Director of Division on Sectoral Policy of the Ministry of Justice, Latvia
Impact of the CPT and other CoE mechanisms on the developments in the Latvian prison system
- 12:30-12:50 Dimitrijs Trofimovs, Director of Division on Sectoral Policy of the Ministry of Interior, Latvia
Impact of the CPT and other CoE mechanisms on the developments in the Latvian police
- 12:50-13:15 Ineta Piļāne, Head of Civil and Political Rights Department, Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia
Achievements, problems and prospects of the Office of the Ombudsman in monitoring places of detention
- 13:15-13:45 Questions and answers
- 13:45-15:15 *Lunch*
- 15:15-17:15 *Panel presentations/discussion on the ratification of UN OPCAT, NPM models and effective NPMs*
- Latif Huseynov, President of the CPT
 - Mari Amos, SPT Member and Europe Focal Point, Estonia
 - Ivan Šelih, Deputy Ombudsman, Head of the NPM, Slovenia
 - Vincent Delbos, Controller, French National Preventive Mechanism (Contrôle général des lieux de privation de liberté)
 - Kristina Brazevič, Advisor of Human Rights Division, the Seimas Ombudsmen's Office, Lithuania
- 17:15-17:30 Closing of the 1st day of the conference - summing up

13 November

- 9:30-10:00 *Registration, coffee*
- 10:00-10:10 *Opening, Ilvija Pūce, project co-ordinator, LCHR*
- 10:10-11:20 *Introduction into the CPT's work, relevant standards and key concerns regarding prisons and police establishment, Michael Neurauter, Head of Division of the Secretariat of the CPT*
- 11:20-11:40 Questions and discussion
- 11:40-12:00 *Coffee*
- 12:00-12:40 *Cases against Latvia at the European Court of Human Rights, based on Art 3 of European Convention of Human Rights, Kristīne Līce, Representative of Latvia before European Court*

of Human Rights

12:40-13:00 Questions, discussion

13:00-13:40 *Effective investigation into cases of alleged ill-treatment by police or prison officers: Norwegian experience*, Guro Glærum Kleppe, Deputy Director of the Norwegian Bureau for the Investigation of Police Affairs

13:40-14:00 Questions, discussion

14:00-15:00 *Lunch*

15:00-16:45 Working groups

- *Healthcare in prisons - a key contributor to safe custody*, Alan Mitchell, Medical Expert to the CPT and both Former Police Doctor and Head of Healthcare, the Scottish Prison Service (for prison administration and staff)

- *Prevention of police violence during demonstrations*, Jan Swaan, Dutch National Police, Unit Amsterdam Police Commissioner, Chief of Operations, District South (for police officials)

16:45-17:00 Closing of the 2nd day of the conference - summing up

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