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New Action Plan on Fight Against Ill-treatment



The Council of Europe Office in Georgia and European Union Delegation are assisting the Georgian government in assessment the implementation of the current Action Plan on Fight Against Ill-treatment and review of the new draft for 2017-2018 prepared by the stakeholders.

During the workshop, held on 20 April in Tbilisi, the Council of Europe expert, who commented a draft action plan on its compliance with the Council of Europe recommendations and best European practices, together with the representatives of the Ministry of Corrections of Georgia, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, office of Public Defender, representatives of international organisations and NGOs had the possibility to discuss the draft AP and highlight problematic areas where further efforts are needed.



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Working together for well-being of prisoners and prison staff



On 11-13 April 2017 Council of Europe and European Union organised a 2-day training on so-called cold and hot debriefing tools for two groups, composing of suicide prevention programme coordinators in prisons.

The training was preceded by the off-site work of international experts. They were asked to develop the tool and the protocol aiming at guiding the debriefing for staff right after (hot) and sometime after (cold) an incident happened to minimise stress and burnout as well as to help in analysing the events and improve prevention work.



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Working together for better Healthcare Services in Prisons



During the 2-day workshop, held on 23-24 March 2017 the Council of Europe experts and the representatives from the Ministry of Corrections of Georgia had the possibility to discuss and identify the problems and possible solutions as well as to define the aims, priority areas, objectives, activities, risks, mitigating factors, responsible persons and timeline of the work plan on introducing quality assurance of the health care services in prisons. The meeting also served as a first phase for elaborating the guiding document for quality control methods and mechanisms.



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Working Together for Better Protection of Human Rights of those with Mental Disorders



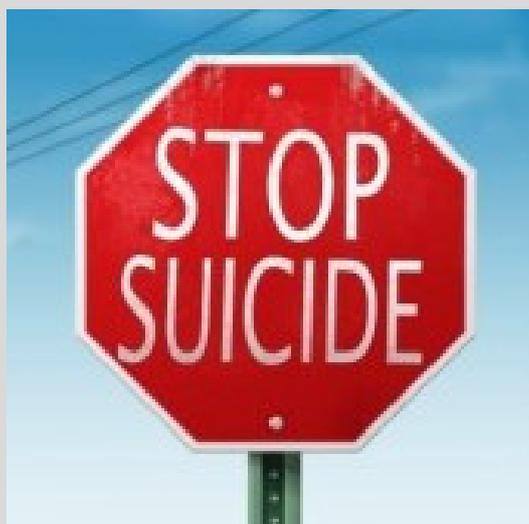
Council of Europe and European Union finalised a series of refresher training sessions on human rights of those with mental disorders and medical ethics, especially designed for the staff of psychiatric institutions.

As a result, 240 personnel of the psychiatric institutions refreshed their knowledge of human rights and medical ethics ensuring a better protection of those with mental health problems. The aim of the training sessions was to consolidate the participants' knowledge and further advance their understanding on the issues of ethical standards, human rights approaches to mental health care, and rights of persons with mental disabilities, so that they can apply them in their daily work with more confidence. .

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Prevention of Suicide in the Penitentiary System



Council of Europe and European Union continue to support the further enhancement of skills of Georgian prison psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers in administering Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons. As a part of this support, on-site supervision of multidisciplinary teams of suicide prevention launched in November 2016 continues. As of the end of April the local experts have supervised the work of the multidisciplinary suicide prevention teams in penitentiary establishments in Tbilisi, Rustavi and Ksani. It is expected that during May experts will visit prisons in West Georgia.

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Introducing mental health screening tools at the admission to prisons and police custody

The work on mental health screening tools at the admission to prisons and police custody is finalised. The developed document focuses on screening for mental health disorders in prison and addresses key objectives, instruments and guidelines as well as an action plan.

As a first stage the workshop with participation of representatives of the Ministry of Correction, Ministry of Internal Affairs, local and international consultants was held. During the meeting the representatives of French, German and Swiss prison services shared the tools used in their respective countries to screen the mental health status of prisoners and detainees as well as the relevant procedures and tasks of the prison personnel.

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Consolidating Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons



Council of Europe and European Union continues to support the successful implementation of the Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons. As part of it the next phase of cascade training was delivered to the staff of penitentiary establishments. Five 3-day sessions were held in different regions of Georgia. Timely identification of persons at risk, their close follow-up and coordinated approach of qualified professionals are necessary for the prevention of suicides in prisons. Therefore the training enabled frontline staff to identify the stress and other factors in prison affecting the emotional state of prisoners and increasing the risks of suicide and self-harm.

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