

**Network of SPACE national correspondents and network of national prison monitoring bodies  
(especially NPMs)**

**European NPM Forum (I)**

*Project summary*

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| <b>Project title</b>                     | European NPM Forum (I)<br><br>(This project is part of a larger project called “Network of SPACE national correspondents and network of national prison monitoring bodies (especially NPMs)”  |
| <b>Country</b>                           | All EU member states that have national preventive mechanisms against torture (NPMs), except Denmark and the United Kingdom, plus Albania   |
| <b>Budget</b>                            | 125 000 € of which 100 000 € from the European Union, topped up by the Council of Europe’s ordinary budget and various project budgets for participation of NPMs from non-eligible countries.   |
| <b>Funding</b>                           | European Commission, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers and Council of Europe  |
| <b>Duration</b>                          | 18 months (1 October 2016 – 31 March 2018)  |
| <b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>        | The national preventive mechanisms against torture (NPMs) of EU Member States (except Denmark and the United Kingdom) and Albania   |
| <b>Main objectives</b>                   | To offer and nurture a forum where European NPMs can exchange information and expertise between them and with the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) as well as relevant NGOs with a view to steadily harmonizing detention standards, improving the effectiveness of detention monitoring and in the long run improving the detention conditions in the region through combined national and international action. |
| <b>Expected outputs and results</b>      | On-going clarification of the precise contents of standards that govern the various types settings of deprivation of liberty in Europe and identification of monitoring practices that have proven effective.<br><br>Reflection about how to further enhance the impact of NPMs on the living conditions of persons deprived of their liberty.  |
| <b>Implemented or planned activities</b> | One launching meeting<br><br>Two thematic meetings of NPMs<br><br>Three workshop on NPM performance indicators in various detention settings / NPM input in a comparative Detention Monitoring Knowledge Base   |

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|  | <p>Preparation of two country fact sheets on detention conditions in France and Belgium for inclusion in the Prison Insider web site, and expert meeting for quality control thereof</p> <p>Five bi-monthly issues of a European NMP Newsletter</p> |
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